

# Help Bialik College honour the 1.5m children's lives lost in the Holocaust

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On Yom Ha'Shoah, Bialik College launched a very important project that commemorates and honours the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust.

Over the past few years, Bialik's Primary School has collected more than 700,000 buttons - each one to represent the life of a child that was tragically stolen just because they were Jewish.

By launching the Button Project, Bialik aims to collect the remaining buttons to make up the 1.5 million, with help from the entire Melbourne Jewish community. Once the target is reached, the buttons will be placed in specially designed tubes that will form part of a permanent installation as a memorial to be housed at the college.

As leaders of their respective sub-schools, the year 5s and year 9s have assisted in taking this meaningful project out into the community.

Each year 5 and year 9 student was given two boxes, which they were asked to place in various locations of their choice. The aim is to have members of the public donate their buttons by placing them in the boxes, which will eventually be sent back to Bialik. We are grateful to acknowledge that many individuals and businesses have already stepped forward to support us by displaying the boxes and donating their buttons.

Dan Sztrajt, head of Jewish life at Bialik, spoke to the year 5s and 9s on the morning of Yom Ha'Shoah. He reminded the students that in Judaism, we place great value on life, as well as on remembering those whom

have passed on.

This heart-warming project emphasises both these things, and in Dan's words: "Each button will remind us of the life of a child that may have otherwise been forgotten."

You can read more about the project at [bialik.vic.edu.au/community/buttonproject](http://bialik.vic.edu.au/community/buttonproject)

*To donate your buttons or request a collection box for your business call Bialik College, 9822 7981, to arrange for buttons to be collected or drop off at 429 Auburn Road, Hawthorn East.*

