

A place for every child

IN answer to Rosie Hersch's statement (*AJN* 22/05) regarding my article about the inclusivity of Jewish schools that "he is trying to tell me that a family with a combined income of \$100,000 will be subsidised to the extent that they can still afford a mortgage, food on the table, a necessary break like a holiday" – my answer, quite simply, is "yes".

There is a school place for every Jewish child – Jewish schools include many families with precisely these circumstances. I encourage Mrs Hersch to get in touch with a local Jewish school.

Additionally, while I thank Yossi Goldfarb for putting words into my mouth, please be assured that when parents decide upon schooling, they are not making "better" or worse choices about their lifestyle. Every family's choice will be informed, and right, for them.

However, having (until my current role at Bialik) only worked in the state education system, I have been bowled over by the inclusivity – from a financial as well as a special needs perspective – of our Jewish schools in Melbourne, which make adjustments to support children that would be unheard of in the government sector.

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