

Gray Academy
OF JEWISH EDUCATION



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**INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER TALKS TO STUDENT BODY AT
GRAY ACADEMY OF JEWISH EDUCATION**

October 24, 2006 – Rory Paul, Head of School and CEO, Gray Academy of Jewish Education, is proud to present, in partnership with Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS), a morning presentation with inspirational speaker Alvin Law.

Mr. Law was born without arms after his birth mother took Thalidomide in the early 1960's due to morning sickness. Faced with no hope, Alvin's birth family gave him up for adoption, hoping and praying that someone else may be better prepared for the welfare of this newborn. Their prayers were answered when Hilda Law, a 55 year old foster mother, along with her husband, Jack, took baby Alvin into their home and hearts.

What may have become a tragic life-story did not turn out that way. Through the Law's faith, dedication and infinite belief, little Alvin learned to use his feet for hands.

Today, Alvin is a completely independent, remarkably successful professional speaker who is proof positive that out of nothing can arise one of the most inspiring stories you will ever witness.

Alvin attended regular schools in a day when handicapped children were relegated to institutions or to schools that segregated them from the rest of the students. Remarkable teachers saw his potential and worked with his family to encourage it. He was recognized for his musical ability and joined a band; became an award winning musician; and graduated from high school with honours.

Since 1976, Alvin has played a direct role in raising over \$150 million for charity.

Alvin often says he always knew angels existed and in 1991 he met his wife. Mr. Law resides in Calgary; Alberta with Darlene, his son Vance and three dogs and a cat.

Mr. Law will be speaking to Gray Academy students (grades 7-12) on Thursday October 26 in the Multi-Purpose Room from 9:30 - 10:30 am about Alvin's Laws of Life: Attitude, Learning, Value, Imagination and Never (as in never give up!).

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He will also be speaking at The Adoption Journey Conference '06 from October 27-29 at Delta Winnipeg. For more information, please contact Randee Pollock (477-7438) at Jewish Child and Family Service.