

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH FUNDS

Bar and Bat Mitzvah funds give teens first-hand experience in the joy of charitable giving. This unique program helps to empower young men and women as they take their place in the community as responsible adults.

AT-A-GLANCE

- Teaches tzedakah
- Encourages a lifelong habit of giving
- Fund may be established with a minimum of \$1,000

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Beyond the family. Beyond the service. Beyond the party. Beyond the gifts.

How do we make a child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah the life-changing, meaningful experience that we know it should be? What can families do to make this important rite of passage an introduction to life as a responsible Jew and human being?

This youth philanthropy program of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto offers an engaging solution. By giving youth the opportunity to be philanthropists, we place in their hands one of the most valuable Bar or Bat Mitzvah gifts we can – the gift of giving.

As Jews, we want our children to care about the world they live in. But the truth is – they already do. They just need a way to express how much they care. Their Bar or Bat Mitzvah is the perfect time to empower them – to allow them to begin making their voices heard.

HOW IT WORKS

- The fund may be started with a minimum gift of \$1,000. Families may include a card with the invitation (see below), suggesting a gift to the child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah Fund in place of a personal gift. Alternatively, a child may take a portion of his or her gifts to create a fund.
- Each year, our young fund holders are given the opportunity to learn about the needs of the Jewish community locally and in Israel. Armed with this information, he or she can make an educated decision about where to allocate the interest generated by his or her fund.

SAMPLE LANGUAGE FOR INVITATION INSERT:

In celebration of my Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the _____ Fund has been established at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. I would be honoured if you would make a donation to this Fund in place of a personal gift. Each year, when I distribute income earned from this Fund to worthy causes, I will be reminded of the mitzvot of tzedakah and tikkun olam. Thank you.

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