



TIDEWATER JEWISH FOUNDATION



Caleb

Member since 2017

"I am using my fund to help the homeless through the NEST program at Congregation Beth El"



Joshua

member since 2017

"I love being able to help out and give back to my Jewish community!"



To enroll online visit

JewishVA.org/TJF

For questions about the

B'nai Tzedek

Teen Philanthropy Program,

contact Barb Gelb,

Director of Philanthropy, at

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Guide to



Learn more

B'nai Tzedek

Teen Philanthropy Program encourages teens to become involved in tzedakah by establishing a fund for Jewish charitable giving. Opening a B'nai Tzedek fund gives you a chance to play a part in improving your community and the world.



Mazel Tov!
on your bar/bat mitzvah.

You are now eligible to start a B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Fund. With this fund **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** and show the world what you care about. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

- 1.) Donate at least \$250
- 2.) Tidewater Jewish Foundation will match your gift, up to \$250. You now have a \$500 B'nai Tzedek Fund in your own name!
- 3.) Each year, grant 5% of your fund to a Jewish charity.



FAQs

Who can open a fund?

Anyone who is having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is eligible to open a B'nai Tzedek fund. This program is also open to any Jewish person (under the age of 18) in Tidewater. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles can start a fund in honor of your simcha!

How will my fund grow?

Your fund will be invested in the market. As your fund grows over time, the amount of money you can grant (5% each year) may also grow.

What charities can I give to?

You may make a grant from your fund to any Jewish charity of your choosing. TJF will provide you a comprehensive list of charities, so you can pick what is meaningful to you!

How do I make the distribution?

Each December we'll send you a letter with instructions on how to make your distribution.

How long can participants keep their funds?

Your fund remains open until you turn 25, if you've continued to utilize it each year. At that time, if it has a balance of \$2,500, you may convert it to a Donor Advised Fund, a charitable giving fund for adults. If your fund is less than \$2,500 at age 25 and you are actively engaged with giving, please call TJF to discuss options. If your fund is inactive for 5 consecutive years, the balance will become a part of TJF's Community Impact Fund and will be used to support a variety of community needs.

How can teens increase their impact?

In addition to having a B'nai Tzedek fund, teens can join the Emerging Philanthropists Council to learn about and vote on grants for the Jewish community.