



UJA Women's Philanthropy is proud to present **UJA Lion Cub**: a program for young women celebrating their bat mitzvah.



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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A LION CUB?

UJA Lion Cubs (LC) are young women in their bat mitzvah year who are eager to give back, explore their Jewish identity, and build their leadership skills through fun social and educational initiatives. By the end of the program, LCs will have a strong sense of identity and purpose as the next generation of community leaders—as well as a cohort of likeminded peers.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A LION CUB?

Each Lion Cub is:

- Sponsored by a current Lion of Judah\* or a Lion in the Step-Up program\*\*
- Based in the Greater Toronto Area
- Able to commit to the scheduled sessions throughout the year, to the best of their ability

*Please note: to enrol a Lion Cub, a gift to UJA's Annual Campaign is required in their honour.*

## WHY BECOME A LION CUB?

Throughout this program, Lion Cubs will:

- Establish a strong network of future community leaders
- Be engaged in meaningful opportunities to give back to the community
- Be empowered to make a difference in the lives of others through philanthropy and volunteerism
- Grow lasting friendships and social connections through shared experiences together

*\*A woman who contributes a minimum of \$5,000 to UJA's Annual Campaign*

*\*\*A five-year journey as one makes their way to becoming a Lion of Judah*

To register a future Lion Cub or if you have any questions, please contact Jasmine Banton at [jbanton@ujafed.org](mailto:jbanton@ujafed.org).

Visit [jewishtoronto.com/womensphilanthropy/lion-cub](https://jewishtoronto.com/womensphilanthropy/lion-cub) to register a future Lion Cub.



## A message from Lion Cub Founder, Ilana Mazur

For many years, I've proudly embraced being a Lion of Judah, driven by my passion for philanthropy and creating positive change. As a mother to two daughters, I'm increasingly mindful of the importance of nurturing the next generation of women who will lead our community and tackle the world's challenges head-on.

Before every Lion of Judah event—whether a night out or a day of volunteering—my eldest daughter excitedly asks many questions. Where am I going? What will I be doing? Can she come too? As she was approaching her bat mitzvah year, I began to wonder how she might meaningfully mark this milestone. Then I thought: what if she can truly be part of a Lion of Judah experience? Before long, the idea of creating a program for future generations—who will carry on the incredible Lion of Judah legacy—was born.

It is with great excitement that I introduce the UJA Lion Cub program not just to my daughter, but to all of you. This is a special group of young women in their bat mitzvah year, who will come together for volunteering opportunities, unique learning experiences, and tailored social activities. Together, Lion Cubs will foster a network of like-minded peers who value Jewish identity and a deep sense of community, all while having a blast.

I cannot wait to see what future UJA Lion Cubs will achieve together. I have no doubt they will be the future changemakers of our Toronto Jewish community.

With love

*Ilana*

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Take a peek at what the 2024 Lion Cub cohort has been up to!



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Lion Cubs creating vision boards for their future at the first session.



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Lion Cubs with influencer Danielle Michaelov (@YesCoffeeNoDecaf), creating shabbat candle holders while learning how to authentically represent themselves.



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Lion Cubs sharing their goals for the future at the 2024 Lion of Judah Signature Event with guest speaker Debra Messing.

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