

B'nai Tzedek Program

THE BEGINNING OF A GIVING FUTURE

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A program of the Jewish Foundation of
Greater Nashville and the
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The B'nai Tzedek Program

redefines what it means to be a Jewish philanthropist by showing young people that they have the power to change the world through a personal and engaged relationship to lifelong tzedakah. By giving kids the opportunity to be philanthropists, we place into their hands the most valuable gift—we teach them how to give.

The B'nai Tzedek Program is a partnership between parents, their Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens, and the Jewish Foundation of Greater Nashville that provides the opportunity to create a fund for Jewish charitable giving in the teen's name. The program helps teens articulate their values and give tzedakah to charities that reflect those values, deepen their commitment to social action and become caring philanthropists.

B'NAI TZEDEK ENCOURAGES TEENS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN TZEDAKAH BY CREATING 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.



Sure we love our movies, sports, computers and iPhones, but we love our community too. In the midst of the good we see, there is hunger, prejudice, homelessness and hopelessness. As Jewish teens, we believe we can make the world a better place. And this is how we are doing it at the Jewish Foundation of Nashville... the B'nai Tzedek Program.


How Does a B'nai Tzedek Fund Work?



- 1. Make a tax-deductible contribution of \$125 or more to the Jewish Foundation of Greater Nashville .** Your contribution is then matched with \$125 from the Al Feldman Memorial Fund and \$250 from the Feldman/Hassenfeld Fund for B'nai Tzedek housed at the Jewish Foundation. You now have a B'nai Tzedek fund in your own name in the amount of \$500.

\$125 Teen Donation
\$125 Al Feldman Memorial Fund
\$250 Feldman/Hassenfeld Fund for B'nai Tzedek

\$500 Starting B'nai Tzedek Fund Total

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- 2. Fill out the simple form on page 6 of this brochure and return it to the Jewish Foundation of Nashville.**
 - 3. At your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you will receive a Certificate of Recognition presented by your synagogue.** Your synagogue announces to all of your guests that you are on your way to “The Beginning of a Giving Future!”
 - 4. Learn about inspiring non-profit organizations working to meet needs in Nashville, Israel and around the world.** The Jewish Foundation hosts an annual B’nai Tzedek Program to help you discover the many Jewish and secular charities that need your help. Through B’nai Tzedek you can choose the charities that are the best match for you as a philanthropist.
 - 5. Once a year, you will pick a charity and recommend a donation of 5% of the fund value, which we anticipate to be the interest earned (\$25 minimum distribution).** Once the fund is established, you can contribute more to it at anytime – your friends and family can contribute, too. The more the fund grows, the more tzedakah you can give each year. Once the fund grows to \$1,500, you can make a yearly recommendation of 10%. The great thing about starting a fund is that you can always have access to the money for donations. If you need help finding an organization that interests you, we are happy to help.

Who can open a B'nai Tzedek fund?

Anyone who is having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is eligible to open his/her own B'nai Tzedek fund. To date there are more than 400 young individuals in our community with funds...and that number keeps growing!

How will the fund grow?

The fund grows as a result of interest earnings, investments, and additional contributions. Additions to the fund may be made at any time and are an EXCELLENT way to commemorate a special occasion, like a great report card, Chanukah, admission to college, a birthday, etc...and are always tax deductible.

How long does a B'nai Tzedek fund last?

Fund holders can continue to give tzedakah from the fund for the rest of their lives! If the fund is at least \$2,500 by the time the fund holder reaches the age of 33 (20 years after Bar/Bat Mitzvah age), the fund will remain a named unrestricted fund within the Jewish Foundation of Greater Nashville.

Once the fund balance reaches \$5,000 and the fund holder is at least 18 years old, it is converted into a Donor Advised Fund in their name. The fund holder will then be able to recommend contributions from the fund to charities for their lifetime in accordance with the policies governing the Jewish Foundation of Greater Nashville's Donor Advised Funds.

When the fund holder is 33, if the balance is less than \$2,500, the fund becomes a part of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Nashville's Unrestricted Fund and is used for vital needs within the general Jewish community.

Who owns the fund?

B'nai Tzedek funds are considered the property of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Nashville, held by it in its normal corporate capacity. All recommendations with respect to distributions from B'nai Tzedek funds are solely advisory.

**JOIN
OTHERS WHO
CELEBRATE
THEIR BAR/
BAT MITZVAH
ANNIVERSARY
AND ADD TO
YOUR B'NAI
TZEDEK FUND
EACH YEAR!**

Join the growing group of Jewish youth in Nashville who have decided to make a difference. Complete and return the enclosed form and start giving!

Bar/Bat Mitzvah's Name:	
Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah:	
Name of Synagogue:	
Current Age:	Date of Birth:
Grade:	School:
Parents' or Guardians' Names:	
Address:	
Parents' Cell & Home Phone Number:	
Bar/Bat Mitzvah's Phone Number:	
Parents' Email:	
Bar/Bat Mitzvah's Email:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I do OR <input type="checkbox"/> I do not give my permission to use photographs of my child and his/her name in the B'nai Tzedek acknowledgments or publications.	
Date:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	

**Mail this completed form along with your \$125 donation to:
(Bar/Bat Mitzvah's Name) B'nai Tzedek Fund
Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville
801 Percy Warner Boulevard, Suite 102
Nashville, TN 37205**



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