



... B'NAI TZEDEK
...
... Teen Philanthropy

You've already learned about tzedakah at home or in Hebrew school or day school. It is a life-long habit, the responsibility of the Jewish people to give to charity.

Since 2001, Kansas City teens have given more than \$100,000 to charity from their B'nai Tzedek funds.

Join the growing group of Jewish youth in Kansas City who have used their Bar or Bat Mitzvah money to make a difference. Complete and return the enclosed form and start giving!

For more information about the B'nai Tzedek program contact Beatrice Fine at 913-327-4618 or bfine@jcfkc.org



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Smarter Giving. Your Way.

B'nai Tzedek

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.

How does it work?

- 1** Donate \$125 to your fund, and the **Jewish Community Foundation will add \$375** to your gift. You now have a B'nai Tzedek fund in your own name in the amount of \$500.
- 2** Learn about the needs of our Jewish community, locally and in Israel. The JCF hosts an annual B'nai Tzedek Shuk where you can meet representatives from community organizations and learn about how you can make a difference.
- 3** Once a year, grant 10% of your fund to any Jewish charity in Kansas City or in Israel. If you need help finding an organization that interests you, we are happy to help.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can open a fund?

Anyone who is having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is eligible to open his/her own B'nai Tzedek fund. There are more than 400 young individuals in our community with funds.

How will my fund grow?

Your fund will receive investment income annually. As your fund grows, the amount of money you can grant (10% each year) will also grow. In addition, anyone can donate to your fund at any time, in any amount - on your birthday, for Chanukah, etc.

What charities can I give to?

You may make a grant from your fund to any Jewish charity, locally or in Israel. You can even give to a university Hillel.

How long can I keep my fund?

Your fund remains open for 20 years. At that point, if it has a balance of \$2,500, you may convert it to a Donor Advised Fund, a charitable giving account for adults. If the balance is less than \$2,500, your fund will become a part of the JCF's Community Legacy Fund and will be used to support a variety of community needs.

B'nai Tzedek Enrollment Form

Teen's Name _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Birthday _____

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date _____

Synagogue _____

Email Address _____

We agree to the rules of the B'nai Tzedek program as outlined in this brochure.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Please print, sign and mail this form with your check to:

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