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B'nai Tzedek Program

OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF
GREATER NASHVILLE



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

offers a modern perspective on what it means to be a Jewish philanthropist, aimed at engaging and educating young people about their potential to influence the world through lifelong tzedakah commitment. We provide Jewish Teens with the opportunity to become philanthropists, providing them with the invaluable skill of giving.

This program represents a partnership between parents, their Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville. Together, we enable the creation of a charitable fund in the teen's name, fostering a sense of responsibility and involvement in Jewish charitable giving.

Our approach helps teenagers articulate their values and direct their tzedakah contributions towards causes that align with those values. Through this journey, we aim to strengthen their commitment to social action and nurture a sense of compassion and philanthropy. Join us on this meaningful path of exploration and growth.

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“ Serving on the B'nai Tzedek board has been incredibly rewarding. It's given me an opportunity to help impact the Jewish community of today and help the future leaders take their first steps as philanthropists. ”

- Max, B'nai Tzedek Teen Board Member

“ B'nai tzedek has taught me the value of giving back to my community with not only the action of giving back, but also seeing it's impact on so many people around me. I love to be able to see my friends and other teenagers learn the value of service and philanthropy as they start their B'bai tzedek journey! ”

- Sydney, B'nai Tzedek Teen Board Member

“ Being a part of B'nai Tzedek is very important to me. To me it means I'm able to give back to the community and to things that are very important to me. We are also able to fundraise money in all sorts of ways. ”

- Micah, B'nai Tzedek Teen Board Member

“ As a proud Jew, educating Nashville's Jewish Youth on how best to give back to their Jewish community and build Jewish philanthropy into their lives has been incredibly rewarding. It gives me hope that as adults, this next generation of Jews will have a life-long understanding of the importance of giving back to their Jewish Community so that they will continue doing so as adults. ”

- Leeron, B'nai Tzedek Program Coordinator



How Does A B'nai Tzedek Fund Work?

1 **Make a tax-deductible contribution of \$175 or more to the Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville.** Your contribution will then increase with an additional \$125 from the AI Feldman Memorial Fund and \$250 from the Feldman/Hassenfeld Fund for B'nai Tzedek.

With the additional contributions your starting B'nai Tzedek fund total will be \$550, housed at the Jewish Federation.

\$175 Teen Donation

\$125 AI Feldman Memorial Fund

\$250 Feldman/Hassenfeld Fund for B'nai Tzedek

\$550 Starting B'nai Tzedek Fund Total



2 To sign up, visit

www.jewishnashville.org/ways-to-give/teen-philanthropy-bnai-tzedek

or scan the QR code below.





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At your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you will receive a Certificate of Recognition presented by your synagogue. Your synagogue will announce to all of your guests that you are now part of an exclusive group of young philanthropists!



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You will be introduced to innovative leadership opportunities, such as becoming a member of the B'nai Tzedek Teen Board. Discover non-profits working to meet needs in Nashville, Israel, and around the world! The Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville hosts an annual B'nai Tzedek event to help you determine which approved organization aligns with your own values. Pick your perfect match and make a difference as a young philanthropist.

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Once you have determined your charity, you will recommend a 5% donation of the fund value (\$25 minimum distribution). If you have not selected a charity by June 30th of each year, the 5% donation will become part of the group gift that will be donated to the charity chosen by the B'nai Tzedek Board.



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The more the fund grows, the more tzedakah you can give each year. Once the fund grows to \$1500, you can make a yearly recommendation of 10%. Once the fund is established, you can contribute more to it any time – friends and family can also make contributions.

*Distributions must be made to a Jewish Charity that is a 501(c)3.

WHO CAN OPEN A B'NAI TZEDEK FUND?

Any Jewish child that is 12 or 13 years old is eligible to open their own B'nai Tzedek Fund. Every year the number of young individuals with a B'nai Tzedek fund 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 birthday, college admission, and other milestones. Fund holders can continue to give tzedakah from the fund for the rest of their lives!

Once the fund balance reaches \$5000 by the time the fund holder is 33 or a minimum of 18 years old, it will convert 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 Federation of Greater Nashville's Donor Advised Funds.

If the fund holder is 33 and the balance has not reached \$5000, the fund holder has two choices. The fund holder can choose to turn their fund into a Donor Advised Fund and add the difference to their balance to reach \$5000 OR they can close their fund and their remaining balance will go into the Federation's Unrestricted Fund.

WHO OWNS THE FUND?

B'nai Tzedek funds are considered the property of the Jewish Federation 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.



Thank you to the **Feldman** and
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