

# PARENT GUIDE



# What Do We Really Care About?

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## **B'NAI MITZVAH FUNDS**

SAUL AND EDNA GOLDFARB B'NAI MITZVAH FUND  
OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# B'NAI MITZVAH CLUB PARENT GUIDE

Before their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, there is something you should know...

Beyond the party. Beyond the family. Beyond the hora. Beyond all the gifts. How do we make our children's Bar or Bat Mitzvah a life changing and meaningful experience? What can we do, as parents, to make this important rite of passage an introduction to life as a responsible Jew?

The Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation offers an exciting solution. By giving teens the opportunity to be philanthropists, we place into their hands the most valuable Bar or Bat Mitzvah gift of all; **we teach them how to give.**

We want our teens as Jews to care about the world they live in. But the truth is - they already do. They just need a way to express how much they care. Their Bar or Bat Mitzvah is the perfect time to empower them; to allow them to begin to make their voices heard.

Starting a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Fund in their name introduces them to a life long habit of philanthropy, exposing them to a diverse group of people and Jewish organizations that are working to improve Jewish lives here, at home, in Israel and around the world.

You can make a difference in your child's life by encouraging your son or daughter to establish a B'nai Mitzvah Fund. Their participation in the B'nai Mitzvah Club will affect the rest of their lives in a positive and philanthropic manner.

Now is the time to encourage your child to become a charitable, responsible member of the Jewish Community.

## HOW IT WORKS

Here is how it works; your child contributes a minimum of \$250 from his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gift money. The money is matched by the Saul and Edna Goldfarb B'nai Mitzvah Fund (up to \$1000) and a fund is established in your child's name.

Your child contributes:	\$250
Goldfarb B'nai Mitzvah Fund contributes:	\$250
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Total in your child's B'nai Mitzvah Fund:	\$500

Your child's fund will be professionally invested and managed by the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

As the years pass and your child grows, so will their fund; through interest earnings and (we recommend) additional donations. Making a contribution to your child's B'nai Mitzvah Fund is an excellent way to commemorate a special occasion. Once a fund is established, friends, family and guests can then make gifts in your child's name to the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation. All contributions are tax receiptable and acknowledged with a beautiful tribute card.

Your child decides where to allocate the income from their fund. Your child can use his or her B'nai Mitzvah Fund to help support agencies in their local community, like Hillel Lodge, Hillel Academy, Talmud Torah, Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa, Jewish Family Services or whatever other Jewish agencies they choose to support. Your child will watch his or her fund grow over the years and will have the satisfaction that the money earned will be helping those agencies most important to them.

Please discuss this wonderful program with your child and the extraordinary experience of giving back to their Ottawa Jewish community. We thank you for leading the way.