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**B'NAI
TZEDEK**

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JOIN.



CONNECT.

B'NAI TZEDEK



CONTRIBUTE.



CHOOSE.

**Make a difference. Build leadership skills.
Give tzedakah. Strengthen the Memphis
Jewish community.**



**Become a philanthropist and help others by making
gifts to the causes that are important to you.**



GIVE.



MAKE AN IMPACT.

Join the growing group of Jewish teens in Memphis who have used their Bar and Bat Mitzvah money to make the world a better place through B'nai Tzedek – a program of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis where teens establish

their own funds for charitable giving.

When you join B'nai Tzedek and open your own individual tzedakah fund, you get to make donations to the non-profit organizations you are passionate about.

You also become a member of our Teen Co-op Fund that gives away an additional \$10,000 in grants to local Jewish organizations. It's an incredible opportunity to make a difference in our world!

Get started today.

Complete these three easy steps:

1. Set up a fund with your Bar or Bat Mitzvah money (we recommend starting with at least \$250) and a sponsor will match up to \$250 of your gift. You now have a B'nai Tzedek fund in your own name.
2. Discover and learn about causes that are meaningful to you. They can be Jewish or secular non-profits – whatever you are most passionate about.
3. Once a year, grant 20% of your fund to any qualified non-profit organization. If you aren't sure where to donate, our Foundation staff are here to help.

*The Memphis
B'nai Tzedek
Philanthropy
Board has
awarded over
\$80,000
to local
organizations
from the
Teen Co-op
Fund.*

Organizations receiving funds from teens include:

- American Jewish World Service
- BBYO
- Bornblum Jewish Community School
- Camp Dream Street
- Exceptional Foundation
- Henry S. Jacobs Camp
- Hillel of Memphis
- LeBonheur Children's Hospital
- Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-South
- MHA/FYOS
- Memphis Family Shelter
- Memphis Humane Society
- MJCC (& JFS at the MJCC)
- Memphis Jewish Federation
- Mem. Jewish Home & Rehab
- MIFA
- Mid-South Food Bank
- Nature Conservancy
- Plough Towers
- Ronald McDonald House
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Become a community leader.

Earn service hours, connect with Jewish teens from all over Memphis, and make an impact in the Memphis Jewish community.

The B'nai Tzedek Teen Co-op Fund is open to any teen who is a member of B'nai Tzedek. It is a unique experience that builds leadership skills, Jewish identity, and a deeper understanding of tzedakah and philanthropy. Each year teens engage in hands-on learning as they work together to give away \$10,000 in grants to local Jewish organizations.

Teens who participate in the Co-op lead the grant making process from start to finish. They get to know the diverse Jewish organizations in Memphis and decide how to allocate grant money to help the Memphis Jewish community grow and thrive.



CARE.



INSPIRE.



LEARN.



GROW.



MATTER.

B'NAI TZEDEK CHANGES LIVES.



"The Foundation helped me plug into a granting board with teens representing the whole Jewish community, which has given me a new eye for charity. It's showed me that despite our differences, we were able to work together agreeing, disagreeing, and coming up with solutions of how to split the available funds. I've learned how important it is to give back."

- SHAYA KATZ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can open a fund?

Anyone who has become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah can open a B'nai Tzedek fund, as long as you are still in high school.

How will my fund grow?

Your fund is invested and receives investment income annually. As your fund grows, the amount of money you can grant (20% each year) also grows. In addition, anyone can add to your fund by donating any amount on your birthday, for Chanukah, or any time they want.

What organizations can I give to?

You can make a grant from your fund to any qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – synagogues, schools, camps, food banks, hospitals, animal shelters – the list goes on and on.

What happens when I graduate high school?

At the end of your graduation year, you get to decide what to do with your B'nai Tzedek fund. If you have continued to add to your fund and it has a balance of \$1,000 or more, you can convert it to a permanent fund of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis where you decide how much and where to give. If your fund is less than \$1,000, you can donate it to the Teen Co-op Fund or to any qualified non-profit of your choice.

MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.

When you open a B'nai Tzedek fund with your Bar or Bat Mitzvah money, you join the premier teen philanthropy program in Memphis. Founded in 2002 and named Outstanding Teen Foundation in 2005 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Memphis Chapter, B'nai Tzedek is a unique opportunity that allows Jewish teens to become philanthropists.

B'nai Tzedek is trans-denominational and brings together teens who have a range of experiences and backgrounds. With guidance from the Jewish Foundation staff, teens from across the Memphis Jewish community will work together to contribute to the vibrancy of our community and build leadership skills.

As teens learn about philanthropy they identify their personal values within a Jewish context and learn about the importance of giving. B'nai Tzedek gives teens the knowledge, tools, and passion to make philanthropy and tzedakah a meaningful part of their lives.

Make a difference.

Give tzedakah.

Join B'nai Tzedek.

"B'nai Tzedek helped shape who I am today. B'nai Tzedek was a wonderful experience and had so much to do with the career path I have chosen."

- ABBY DURHAM



"Memphis B'nai Tzedek gave me my first glimpse into how non-profit organizations are able to run and their need for funds."

- JUDY LANSKY

SIGN ME UP FOR B'NAI TZEDEK.

Teen's Name _____

Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah _____ Synagogue _____

Teen's Birthday _____ High School Graduation Year _____

Teen's E-mail _____ Teen's Cell # _____

Teen's Address _____

Teen's preferred method of communication? Snail Mail E-mail Text Message

Parent's Name _____

Parent's E-mail _____ Parent's Cell # _____

Parent's Address _____

Parent's preferred method of communication? Snail Mail E-mail Text Message

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Address _____

Parent's preferred method of communication? Snail Mail E-mail Text Message

Teen's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Please mail this completed form along with your \$250 (minimum) check to: JFOM, 6560 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38138. Or complete the form online at www.jcpmemphis.org/teen-philanthropy.



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