

B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy

Putting the mitzvah in bar & bat mitzvah

The Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto's B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program is a tool for teens to make a difference in the world. The objectives of B'nai Tzedek are to:

- Enable teens to have the power to make a difference by establishing a charitable tzedakah fund in their own name with a minimum of \$1,000.
- Empower teens to change the world through *tzedakah* (charity) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).
- Educate teens about communal and international causes that need their help.
- Develop leadership skills and a lifelong commitment to tzedakah.
- Offer the opportunity to network with other teens with a common interest of helping others and making a difference in the world.

OUR MISSION

To provide teens with the power to make a difference through tzedakah and deepen their commitment to social action.

OUR VISION

Engage Jewish teens in a lifelong relationship with tzedakah and tikkun olam and help cultivate future leaders within the Jewish community.

There is a wide range of projects that you can contribute to. Depending on your interests, there are always opportunities to help others; camp scholarships, computers, sports, dance lessons and so much more!



The program encourages philanthropy and volunteerism.

As a member of B'nai Tzedek, the teens will be invited to an annual social action day where they volunteer at one of several organizations in the community. Participants are also invited to service projects during the year that relate to the common interest amongst the teens. Finally, members are also invited to various volunteer opportunities throughout the year including UJA telethons and Wak with Israel

Highlights To Date



10 years + **200** teen participants =
over **\$1.7 million** charitable dollars raised

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It makes me feel wonderful
about doing a good thing for the community,
and it makes other people feel good about
their lives.
– Maxwell Charlat, Past-Teen Chair
and B'nai Tzedek Alumni

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It feels great.
The experience was
more than I ever expected it to be, and
it is so amazing to see the difference you
can make in the lives of others.
– Seth Damaini,
B'nai Tzedek Member

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Our
B'nai Mitzvah kids
loved B'nai Tzedek's "Building
a Community" program. It required
them to put "wants" and "needs" into
perspective and learn the importance of
prioritizing, while understanding that one
person's priorities may be different from
the next.
– Lauren Weinberg, Program
Director, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am

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The B'nai Tzedek
program contributed to
making Ely's bar mitzvah such a
meaningful experience. Thank you for
making the 'mitzvah' part of this event
so positive, smooth and enjoyable.
– Joanna Goldman,
B'nai Tzedek Parent

Testimonials