



Interested in establishing a fund or learning more?

Contact Beth Kupcho, Director of Scholarship & Philanthropy, at bkupcho@jewishnewhaven.org or call **203-266-3079**.

To learn more about Youth Philanthropy, visit www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org/bat

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Distribution Guidelines

Distributions may be recommended to qualified 501(c) (3) organizations that are U.S. public charities.

The Jewish Foundation charges a 1% annual administrative fee on all funds. Fund distributions may only be for charitable purposes. As required by the IRS, the Jewish Foundation has legal control over all donations to funds.

The annual distribution amount is determined by the Foundation's spending policy (as of December 2024, spending policy is 4.00% of the funds 12/31 value - spending policy may change from time to time).

Contributions to Build a Tzedakah Funds are fully tax-deductible.

Cover photo: Jack Novick, brothers with Henry Novick, opened a BAT Fund in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

PLANTING SEEDS OF PHILANTHROPY WITH **BUILD A TZEDAKAH**



Build a Tzedakah: Fostering Youth Philanthropy



**Marley Alexandra Bloom
Created a BAT Fund**

Build a Tzedakah enables young adults to establish their own fund, giving them the ability to positively impact their community and building a foundation for lifelong giving.

Teens who open a fund receive an artistic certificate created by Jeanette Kuvin Oren, a local artist. They receive the recognition for their commitment at their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



My Very Own Tzedakah: Philanthropy for Kids



Looking for a way to create a spirit of giving in your children? If so, look no further!

My Very Own Tzedakah empowers parents, family members, and friends to establish a fund for the special child(ren) in their lives, starting at birth.

The goal of this program is to instill a desire to give from an early age. When a fund is opened, the child will receive a tzedakah box with their Hebrew name in recognition of their commitment to tzedakah.

Why Open a Tzedakah Fund?

- A meaningful way to honor the Jewish value of tzedakah.
- A personalized fund, which can be named after the youth or in memory/honor to loved ones.
- The opportunity to give during Hanukkah by selecting charities to receive a distribution from the fund.
- A lasting legacy of financial generosity and a lifetime of giving.

Build a Tzedakah and My Very Own Tzedakah follow the same guidelines for setting up a fund.

- A child/teen, parents, guardians, family, or friends can kickstart a personalized Tzedakah Fund by contributing \$600. All ages receive a matched gift from a generous community donor of \$400. This elevates the fund to \$1,000.

\$600 initial funding + \$400 match = \$1,000 impact

- They can create a lasting tribute to a celebrate special occasions like a child's birth, birthdays, college admissions, holidays, or other special occasions. Teens can start their Tzedakah Fund by contributing funds from their Bar or Bat Mitzvah gifts.

Jack Novick Created a BAT Fund

"We wanted him to understand that tzedakah is a lifelong commitment that is a critical part of being a Jewish adult. The Build a Tzedekah fund through the Jewish Foundation of New Haven allows exactly that. On special occasions he can grow this fund by donating to it himself or directing others to make donations to it and every year he will have a say in how the funds are disbursed."

-Dena Springer & David Novick, Jack Novick



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