



## Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program and the Junior Philanthropy Project!

Mazel Tov! You're almost there! Your Bar/Bat mitzvah is right around the corner. And don't worry, if you haven't done any planning yet, or have never had any Hebrew School experience, you've come to the right place! We can help make your big day a memorable and meaningful event for you and your family.

### Sixth Grade JYEP: Mitzvah Year:

In the sixth grade, we aim to gear our students towards thinking about their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Our curriculum is based upon the Ziv Giraffe Curriculum which focuses on being conscious of *Tikkun Olam* – “Repairing the World.” We also hope that your entire family will participate in more of the programming made available by the JYEP and the larger synagogue community. Classes only meet for one hour on Sunday mornings from 10:30am-11:30am following the Big Sibling Program session from 9:30am-10:30am. Parents are encouraged to meet with the JYEP Rabbi to pick dates for the Bar/Bat Ceremony and discuss any preliminary preparations.

### Seventh Grade JYEP: Junior Philanthropy Project:

Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students will have the opportunity to be of an exciting initiative that we successfully launched in recent years. Instead of regular classes during their Seventh grade year, students will meet each Sunday morning from 10:30am-11:30am after the [Big Sibling Program](#), and be “incorporated” as a Philanthropic Board of Directors. They will learn about the needs of their community and be asked to make serious decisions about communal responsibility. The JYEP Rabbi will also guide each student and their family through the Bar/Bat Mitzvah planning process.

## 2004-2005 Junior Philanthropy Project Grants (Awards of \$750)

### YUSSR

*Fostering a sense of Jewish identity among Jews of the former Soviet Union and inspire them towards a deeper commitment to Jewish living*  
[www.yussr.org](http://www.yussr.org)

### UBUNTU Education Fund

*Dedicated to working with the people of the Eastern Cape Province to develop quality education and healthy communities in South Africa.*  
[www.ubuntufund.org](http://www.ubuntufund.org)

## 2005-2006 Junior Philanthropy Project Grants (Awards of \$450)

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### **Nalaga'at**

*A theatre production performed by deaf-blind Israeli actors who share their dreams and realities with the audience.*

[www.nalagaat.org.il](http://www.nalagaat.org.il)

### **American Jewish World Service – Darfur Fund**

*An international development organization motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue justice. AJWS is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or nationality...*

[www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org)

### **Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc**

*Supporting medical research  
and treatment for people with Familial Dysautonomia*

[www.familialdysautonomia.org](http://www.familialdysautonomia.org)

## 2006-2007 Junior Philanthropy Project Grants (Award of \$2000)

### **Miklat**

*Israel's only domestic abuse shelters  
for observant women and their children*

[www.miklat.org](http://www.miklat.org)

### **Keep in mind, it's never too late to start learning for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah!!**

A range of ceremony options are available, designed to meet the needs of each family ranging from "traditional" Shabbat morning, to a Saturday evening Havdalah service, to a spiritual Sunday morning learning service – all infused with the warmth, flexibility, and openness that make our the Jewish Youth Encounter Program the inspirational choice for your child!