

MITZVAH PROJECT

PURPOSE

The Mitzvah Project aims to instill a sense of community service, responsibility, and Jewish values in students preparing for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. This project encourages students to contribute positively to their community and develop a lifelong commitment to social action.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Project Proposal

- **Submission:** Students must submit a project proposal by the designated deadline.
- **Content:** The proposal should include:
 - Project description
 - Goals and objectives
 - Beneficiaries
 - Timeline
 - Resources needed
 - Parental involvement (if any)

2. Project Approval

- The Hebrew School Director and a designated committee will review the proposal.
- Approval will be based on the project's feasibility, alignment with Jewish values, and potential community impact.
- Feedback and recommendations for modifications (if any) will be provided within two weeks of submission.

3. Project Types

- **Community Service:** Volunteering at local shelters, hospitals, or community centers.
- **Charitable Fundraising:** Organizing fundraising events for charitable Jewish organizations.
- **Educational Initiatives:** Creating awareness campaigns on the State of Israel.
- **Synagogue-Based Projects:** Assisting with synagogue activities, helping with events, or organizing collections for the needy.

4. Implementation

- Students are responsible for planning and executing their projects.
- Regular check-ins with a designated mentor (a member of the temple staff or a volunteer) to ensure progress and provide support.
- Documentation of activities, including photos, journals, or videos.

5. Parental Involvement

- Parents are encouraged to support their children's projects by providing guidance and assistance when needed.
- Parents should ensure that projects are safe, realistic, and manageable within the given timeline.

6. Completion and Presentation

- **Final Report:** Upon project completion, students must submit a final report detailing their experience, achievements, challenges, and personal reflections.
- **Presentation:** Students will present their projects to the Hebrew School community during a designated Shabbat service or a special event.
- **Certificate of Completion:** A certificate acknowledging the completion of the Mitzvah Project will be awarded during the presentation.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Impact:** The positive effect on the community or beneficiaries.
- **Effort:** The dedication and effort put into planning and executing the project.
- **Creativity:** The originality and innovation demonstrated in the project.
- **Learning:** The personal growth and lessons learned from the experience.

CONCLUSION

The Mitzvah Project is an integral part of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation at Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel. It embodies the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world) and fosters a deeper connection to Jewish traditions and community service.

MITZVAH PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Name:

Hebrew Name:

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date:

1. Project description:

2. Beneficiaries:

3. Goals and objectives:

4. Start date:

End date:

5. Resources needed:

6. What parental involvement (if any) is entailed?

7. This mitzvah is dear to me, because:

Our signatures below symbolize our agreement to all the responsibilities above.

Parent(s): _____ Child: _____ Date: _____



Sephardic Temple
Tifereth Israel

Mitzvah Project Completion Form

Student Name:

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date:

____/____/____

Summary of Project:

What did you achieve?

How does your project connect to Jewish learning or values?

What are you most proud of in your project?

What was one challenge you faced and how did you overcome it?

What lessons will you carry with you?
