# WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?



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### Everything Parents Want to Know About the Program

Mitzi & Henry Saeman & the Columbus Jewish Foundation worked to design the B'nai Tzedek Program in order to accomplish the following:

PROVIDE A MEANS FOR JEWISH TEENAGERS TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO GIVING BOTH TIME AND MONEY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

PROVIDE AN AVENUE FOR JEWISH TEENAGERS TO HAVE CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR.

PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR JEWISH TEENAGERS TO SOCIALIZE WITH OTHER LIKE MINDED TEENS.

CREATE A FRAMEWORK FOR TEACHING MORAL VALUES AND SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS, AND FOR DEVELOPING THE LIFE LONG PRACTICE OF CHARITABLE GIVING.

ENCOURAGE JEWISH TEENS TO VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES TO LOCAL SERVICE AGENCIES.

ENCOURAGE PARENTS AND TEENS TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL MONIES IN ADDITION TO THE INITIAL START-UP MONIES TO THE FUND (NOW AND IN THE FUTURE). AN ELEGANT CONTRIBUTION CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN INDIVIDUAL FUND TO COMMEMORATE A SPECIAL OCCASION.

THE COLUMBUS JEWISH FOUNDATION ADMINISTERS THE PROGRAM. FUNDS ARE PROFESSIONALLY INVESTED AND MANAGED WITH ALL THE OTHER COLUMBUS JEWISH FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPIC FUNDS.





Mitzi & Henry Saeman B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Program

Henry Saeman *z*"*t* believed that as Bar and Bat Mitzvah students become adults they must learn the responsibility of Tzedakah. Giving with a Jewish heart was always a priority for him. He and his wife, Mitzi, passionately wanted a younger generation to do the same. Hoping to help Jewish teens stay in touch with their religious heritage while developing a social consciousness, they launched the Mitzi & Henry Saeman B'nai Tzedek Program Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation. A remarkable philanthropic initiative that challenges young adults to embark on a lifetime journey of philanthropy, The B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Program begs the question of all b'nai mitzvot in Columbus . . . what's your passion?



**\$ 125.00\*** Minimum from you

**\$ 125.00** Matching gift from the Columbus Jewish Foundation

> **\$ 250.00**\*\* Matching gift from Mitzi & Henry Saeman

**\$ 500.00** 

Where the funds are dispersed is up to you.

\*DONORS MAKE A GIFT OF AT LEAST \$125.00 / FOUNDATION MATCH IS LIMITED TO \$125.00. \*\*SAEMAN MATCH IS LIMITED TO \$250.00.

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- The effort or inclination to increase the well-being of humankind, as by charitable aid or donations.
- Love of human kind in general. 2.

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### How does it work?

Each participant will establish (at least) a \$500 endowment fund in his or her name by contributing (at least) \$125 from his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts. This is matched by \$250 from the Mitzi & Henry Saeman Endowment Fund. An additional \$125 match will be donated by the Columbus Jewish Foundation, which also will administer the fund. bringing the "initial value" to (at least)\$500. Participants can contribute gifts at any time. The fund will also grow if parents, relatives or friends contribute on special occasions.

### **How Much Can Be Used for Tzedakah?**

You also will receive a quarterly fund statement which will Teens can make gifts to charities of their choice provided a list the contributions, interest income earned, and charitaminimum balance of \$250.00 remains in their fund. Of course, ble contributions made that year from your fund. Not sure all earned income is credited to the fund and is available for which charities you want to support? The members of the charitable giving. Foundation's staff are available to serve as a resource. You decide the charity, we take care of the rest.

The benefits for our future generations are enormous. Bar/Bat Mitzvah children learn at an early age to be involved in the important work of their community.

### **How the Fund Works for You?**

Your named fund is activated with at least \$500. Throughout the year, the fund will grow as it accumulates interest income. You can add money to your fund any time, in any amount you wish. You can also invite others to contribute for special occasions, like your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a great report card, a birthday, or graduation.

The Columbus Jewish Foundation will contact you throughout the year to ask you which charity(ies) you want to support. You can donate as much as you wish, provided that a minimum balance of \$250 always remains in the fund.

We will send a check to the selected organization informing them that a gift has been made from your fund. You will have the opportunity to do this throughout the year. A "Tracker" is enclosed for you to record each year's charitable contributions.

### the Mitzi & Henry Saeman B'nai Tzedek Youth You are Philanthropy Program exists.

Did you know that your generation is destined to become the single largest teen population in US history-projected to be 34 million by the year 2010? Can you comprehend the measure of influence you and your classmates will demand?

## You are the Y Generation.

Your generation shares many unique attributes, like asking the right questions and treasuring your uniqueness and individuality.

Your agenda is yours to make, and your age group is known to be value-oriented in thought and in spending.

You are not a group of slackers and misanthropes. You are mature, edgy, optimistic, smart, and responsible.

You know what you want and perhaps more importantly, you know **WIHY** you want it . . . with good intentions and a global view playing a role in decisions.

You ask the right questions. And rightfully so, you value most your individuality and uniqueness.

Now is the time to begin to set the precedent for the future of your community and the world.

The Mitzi & Henry Saeman B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Program embraces your generation's quality traits, and looks eagerly to your generation as the sculptors of our collective future.

## You can make it happen.

## **Charitable Distributions from B'nai Tzedek Funds**

Each participant will be able to make unlimited recommendations to any certified charitable organization of his/her choice for ten years. Recommendation may be in any amount as long as at least \$250 remains in the fund.

If an individual does not make a recommendation from his/her fund for four consecutive years, the fund will remain in existence until it reaches an accumulated value of \$1,000 from investments. The fund will then either revert to a named unrestricted fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation in the donor's name in perpetuity, or be used to seed other B'nai Tzedek funds.

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Checks should be made payable to the Columbus Jewish Foundation. (Note the name of your B'nai Tzedek Philanthropic fund.)

### All contributions should be sent to:

### **Fund Span and Fund Options In** the Future

If after ten years of active grants activity the fund balance does not exceed \$2,000, it will be converted to a permanent unrestricted endowment fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation in your name. If at any time the fund balance exceeds \$2,000, it can be converted to a philanthropic fund in your name. At that time, the fund shall be regulated by the then current bylaws of the Columbus Jewish Foundation.

### **B'nai Tzedek Activities**

As the B'nai Tzedek Program continues to grow, fund holders will have an opportunity to meet regularly as a group and engage in fruitful discussions and debates about the importance of causes close to their hearts.

Semi-annual events which combine both social and social action elements will be planned to better inform participants about the variety of causes available to them for giving.

For more information, please contact Columbus Jewish Foundation: bnaitzedekcols@tcjf.org OR 614-338-2365.