

Suggested Mitzvah Projects/Tikkun Olam

In the months leading up to becoming a bar/bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to embody the value of Tikkun Olam and give back to their community in a meaningful way. Below, please find a list of local organizations and suggested resources to help you in your journey to find a meaningful project. Feel free to have your child do a combination of things as well, if they desire!

Resources:

www.themitzvahbowl.com

The Mitzvah Bowl is a website designed to help guide you in this process. It lists out organizations and types of projects, but also gives some questions to think about as you choose your project.

Organizations:

Miracle League of Northampton

<http://www.mlnorthampton.com/>

The mission of The Miracle League of Northampton Township, PA is to enrich our community by providing education and social development through high quality recreation facilities and programs for individuals with special needs and their families.

Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House

<https://www.philarmh.org/>

The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House supports families of seriously ill children by creating a community of comfort and hope.

JAFCO

<https://www.jafco.org/>

JAFCO's mission is to care for abused and neglected children and those with disabilities in the Jewish community and to work in partnership with families and the entire community. We believe that the care of children in our community is our responsibility, one we accept with joy, pride, and love.

YMS Special Stars

<https://www.ymsoccer.net/special-stars/>

Volunteer soccer program designed for children and young adults who have been diagnosed with autism or Asperger's syndrome. This program is dedicated to engaging children on the autism spectrum in specially adapted soccer skill building and soccer games supervised by a group of volunteers. No prior soccer experience is necessary. Practices and games are structured to provide a stress free opportunity for special Athletes to engage in soccer and fosters social skill building and interactions between the Athletes and the Volunteers.

JRA

<https://www.jewishrelief.org/>

Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) serves over 6,000 diverse low-income individuals across Greater Philadelphia by relieving hunger, improving lives, and strengthening our community.

A Woman's Place

<http://awomansplace.org/>

A Woman's Place is a community based social change organization committed to the empowerment of women and to ending intimate and domestic violence.

The Baby Bureau

<https://thebabybureau.org/>

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing "Baby Bundles" of clothing, and other items, to underserved babies in our community.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

<http://www.trentonsoupkitchen.org/>

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) feeds those who are hungry in the Trenton area and offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of its patrons.

DJ's Way

<https://www.djs-way.com/>

A tax-exempt not-for-profit charity that serves Bucks County, P.A, lovingly named for a local family's dog D.J. The goal of the organization is to provide assistance to families who do not have the means to afford surgery or services required to help their dogs.

Greenwood House

<http://www.greenwoodhouse.org/volunteer>

Whether you have a few hours a week or one hour a month, there is a volunteer opportunity for you at Greenwood House. And if you are a college student interested in gaining practical experience in aging services or a teenager who needs to fulfill a community service requirement for school, we can work together to make your experience at Greenwood House rewarding and educational.