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MITZVAH PROJECT *Resource Guide*



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Bar Mitzvah Bat Mitzvah Party Planning?

2017-18 SEASON LOCATIONS/DATES:

**MELVILLE,
LONG ISLAND**
Sunday,
November 5

**TARRYTOWN,
WESTCHESTER**
Sunday,
November 19

**PARK RIDGE,
NEW JERSEY**
Sunday,
January 28

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Sunday,
March 18

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Party Showcase

How To Choose a Mitzvah Project

Long after the DJ's name is forgotten and the imprinted sweatshirts outgrown, a young Jewish adult's Bar Bat Mitzvah Project should be remembered. It should resonate for your child and open up a myriad of future possibilities. It should feel good.

Help your child choose a do-able, but meaningful Bar Bat Mitzvah project by asking a few questions:

What are your synagogue's requirements for a project?

Does it have to be related to a certain Torah portion?

How much time can your child realistically devote to completing this?

Then ask your child: What makes him or her happy — sports, fashion, technology, the arts?

What does he or she care about — animal welfare, the environment, Israel, cancer research, education, hunger?

As a parent, your job is to help guide your child to find a project that is meaningful and uses his or her natural talents. It can involve volunteering time, educating others, selling products or services to benefit a cause, or collecting money or needed items for a charity.

Hopefully your child will find something that leaves him or her with a full heart and a lifelong desire to help others and do good. Here are some organizations that welcome help and can get you started.

The Mitzvah Market Team

MITZVAH TIP: Each of our Celebrate! Party Showcases feature a Mitzvah Project Fair where your child can meet face-to-face with various organizations that offer meaningful Mitzvah Projects. Learn more at www.celebrateshowcase.com

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AFRICA**African Library Project**

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The African Library Project changes lives book by book by starting libraries in rural Africa.

ARTS**CITYarts**

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CITYarts engages youth and professional artists in the creation of public art, including murals and mosaic.

CHILDREN**Adaptive Design Association**

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www.adaptivedesign.org
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The mission of the Adaptive Design Association (ADA) is to ensure that children with "disabilities" receive the customized adaptations they need to achieve their full developmental, social, and academic potential.

Birthday Wishes

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The mission of Birthday Wishes is to provide birthday parties for homeless children.

Keeping Babies Safe

16 Mount Bethel Road, Suite 245
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Our missing is to Educate the public, especially parents, about how to create and maintain a safe sleep environment for baby.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Student Series

3 International Drive, Suite 200
Rye Brook, NY 10573
www.studentseries.org
914-949-5213
866-919-4453
studentseries@lls.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student Series Programs offer children hands-on experiences that cultivate caring, respect and sharing with others.

Pajama Program

114 East 39th Street
New York, NY 10016
www.pajamaprogram.org
212-716-9757
Volunteer Services
email form on website

We provide new pajamas and new books to children in need; going in to homeless shelters, group homes and foster care.

Project Sunshine

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Project Sunshine volunteers spread sunshine, restoring a crucial sense of normalcy to the pediatric healthcare environment.

Ronald McDonald House (NY Tri-State Area)

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Our mission is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children in the New York Tri-State area.

SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education)

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SCOPE is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide children in need the edge to succeed in life through the summer camp experience.

The Max Cure Foundation

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A pediatric cancer foundation whose mission is to fund research and provide financial support to low income and military families with a child battling cancer.

COMMUNITY**Areyvut**

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Areyvut works to design and implement projects for participants that cater to each child's interests, while igniting a lifelong commitment to justice, charity and kindness.

Food Bank For New York City

39 Broadway
New York, NY 10006
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Volunteer Engagement Team
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Food Bank For New York City recognizes 29 years as the city's major hunger-relief organization working to end food poverty throughout the five boroughs.

Kaplen JCC on the Palisades

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www.jccotp.org/teen-leadership-community-service
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Kaplen JCC on the Palisades offers a variety of Bar/Bat Mitzvah projects on an ongoing basis in either our Sunday Special Services programs or on school breaks in our Senior Department or at one of our major events.

Rock Can Roll

P.O. Box 700
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We are a non profit, hunger relief organization committed to restocking the dwindling shelves of local food pantries, soup kitchens, safe homes and shelters.

United Way of Westchester and Putnam

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United Way's mission is to advance the common good. With your help, we can create opportunities for a better life by focusing on: a quality education that leads to a better job, which provides the income that can support a family through retirement; and good health.

EDUCATION**Project Morry**

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Project Morry is a nonprofit, year-round youth development organization, anchored by a residential summer camp with an educational focus.

EDUCATION (CONTINUED)**WESPAC Foundation**

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We are a multi-issue peace and justice educational and activist organization serving the Westchester County area for over 40 years.

ENVIRONMENTAL**SaveNature.Org**

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SaveNature.Org works in partnership to inspire schools, universities, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, natural history museums and science centers worldwide to protect wildlife in nature.

HEALTH**Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation**

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Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation shares the vision of our founder and creator, Alexandra "Alex" Scott—a cure for all children with cancer.

Alzheimer's Foundation of America

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Our mission is "to provide optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia, and to their caregivers and families—through member organizations dedicated to improving quality of life."

Autism Speaks

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At Autism Speaks, our goal is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders.

Crohns & Colitis Foundations**Long Island Chapter**

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Our Mission: To cure Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases. Learn more about our mission.

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Lymphoma Research Foundation

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The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is the nation's largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to funding innovative lymphoma research and providing people with lymphoma and healthcare professionals with up-to-date information about this type.



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Multiple Sclerosis Association of America

375 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ 8034
www.mymsaa.org
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MSAA is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich the quality of life for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis.

Teens for the Cure/Susan G. Komen for the Cure

125 South 9th Street, Suite 202
Philadelphia, PA 19107
www.komenphiladelphia.org/teen-opportunities
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Teens for the cure was founded in 2009 by a group of teens in the Philadelphia area who joined together to help raise awareness about breast cancer while supporting the mission of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

ISRAEL**American Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation**

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Meeting the evolving needs of the City of Tel Aviv-Yafo through the establishment of Social Services, Educational, Cultural, Environmental and Innovation projects.

Friends of Israel Disabled Veterans

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Friends of Israel Disabled Veterans (FIDV) is committed to caring for Israeli servicemen and women disabled in the line of duty by raising funds and supporting the development of Beit Halochem centers.

YOU'RE INVITED...

Join the Conversation
Bar Bat Mitzvah Facebook Groups

**Ask questions, share ideas and get advice from other families who are also in the planning process.**

New Jersey: Type in FB: "New Jersey Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planning"
Westchester/Rockland/Fairfield: Type in FB: "Westchester-Rockland-Fairfield Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planning Group"
New York City: Type in FB: "New York City Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planning Group"
Long Island: Type in FB: "Long Island Bar and Bat Mitzvah Planning"

Share These Groups With Your Bar Bat Mitzvah Planning Friends!

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ISRAEL (CONTINUED)

Hadassah - The Women's Zionist Organization of America

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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel.

Jewish National Fund of Greater New York

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www.jnf.org
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JNF has planted over 250 million trees, building over 210 reservoirs and dams, developing over 250,000 acres of land, creating more than 1,000 parks, providing the infrastructure for over 1,000 communities.

Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO)

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The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) is a non profit organization of volunteers in over 50 countries working together to support and operate over 800 social welfare projects aiming to improve the lives of women, children, and the elderly.

JEWISH CAUSES

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces

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FIDF offers programs that address the educational, social, economic, recreational, spiritual, and cultural needs of the IDF soldiers and the families of fallen soldiers.

The Aleph Institute

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Aleph creates programs that provide alternatives to incarceration, rehabilitate inmates, counsel and assist their families, and provide moral and ethical educational programs inculcating universal truths and concepts common to all of humanity.

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The Give a Mitzvah—Do a Mitzvah program enables bar and bat mitzvah students to create their own unique mitzvah project that connects their interests and hobbies to UJA-Federation of New York's work around the world.

PETS

GreaterGood.org

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GreaterGood.org is dedicated to protecting people, pets and the planet.

Last Hope Animal Rescue

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We are dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of death-due pound, stray and abandoned animals.

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The Puppy Mill Project

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We educate the public about puppy mills, pet stores and internet sites that sell dogs. Learn the truth!

POVERTY

Jewish Family Services-Kosher Pantry

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www.jfshartford.org/community-support/an-ja-rosenberg-kosher-food-pantry.html
860- 236-1927

Patti Weiner
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The JFS Kosher Food Pantry provides kosher packaged and canned food items, as well as toiletries and cleaning supplies to people experiencing financial difficulties

The Joy of Sox

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We provide new socks for the homeless. We started in Philadelphia and are planning to help provide new socks for the homeless all across the United States.

SPECIAL NEEDS

American Friends of Kishorit

Mobile Post Office Bikat Beit
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Kishorit is a kibbutz in Israel for 160 adults with special needs. Kishorit offers long term residential care, employment and social programs for its members.

Sunrise Day Camp

75 Colonial Springs Road
Wheatley Heights, NY 11798
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Sunrise is a day camp designed to meet the emotional, social, recreational and physical needs of children with cancer.

SPORTS

Israel Lacrosse

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The opportunity to contribute, participate, and connect with Israel with passion and purpose while impacting Israeli youth through the sport of lacrosse.

Special Olympics New Jersey

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Special Olympics is an international organization that changes lives by encouraging & empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide.

Swim Across America, Inc.

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Swim Across America, Inc., [SAA] is dedicated to raising money and awareness for cancer research, prevention and treatment through swimming- related events.

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Simplify Your Simcha



Open House art project at Melissa's house



Melissa and her brother Jason at Camp Westmont, her favorite place on earth

THE ART OF *Giving*

BY MELISSA NADLER, HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NY

Five summers ago, I visited Camp Westmont in Poyntelle, Pennsylvania. I instantly fell in love. Not only did they have a beautiful campus, but they also had this amazing arts and crafts program with some really cool projects. I couldn't wait to go the following summer. As it turns out, camp was even better than I imagined. I made some of my best friends of my life—we are in touch 24/7!

Four years later, I still think camp is the best place on earth, and in the fall before my Bat Mitzvah, I found a way to incorporate my love of camp into my mitzvah project. My mom and I went to the Celebrate! Party Showcase and Mitzvah Project Fair in Westchester to get ideas for my mitzvah project and, of course, for the celebration afterwards. The place was huge, but we came across ArtWare for Good, a charity that sets up art projects to raise money for organizations locally and throughout the world. At first, I thought I'd raise money to help children in Nepal. But then we came up with something that was closer to my heart. ArtWare for Good

was about to partner with SCOPE. (SCOPE stands for Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education.) I thought raising money for SCOPE, a charity that helps underprivileged kids go to camp, would be a perfect way to give back. I was also able to combine all of my favorite things—arts and crafts, my friends, and camp—into my mitzvah project!

Here's what I did: At the beginning of February, I invited my friends and family to an "Open House Art Party" at my house. They could stop by to create their masterpiece, have a sweet treat, and help make this meaningful idea a reality. I asked my friends to donate \$20 each and create a work of art based on the theme of "Fun in the Sun." For example, my tile had my favorite camp food—s'mores. Every tile was unique: My brother, of course, made one that showed sports, while other friends drew ice cream cones, flip flops, and the ocean. For those people who could not attend the party, the process was easy enough, so that they created their artwork at home and just sent it to

me. Our artwork was then transferred onto tiles with the help ArtWare for Good. Ultimately, our designs became part of a tile wall mural that was donated to SCOPE. The mural will be hung in a SCOPE-funded camp in the tri-state area. With just a small donation from each of my friends, we not only created a mural for campers to enjoy, but we provided a child less fortunate than myself to have the opportunity to go to camp, and ultimately enhance his or her life.

The project ended about three weeks before my Bat Mitzvah, so that ArtWare for Good could create the tiles in time for me to present them at my Bat Mitzvah. This experience was so incredible, and I got to share it with so many people from all parts of my life—my school and camp friends, long-time family friends, and relatives. Everyone loved seeing the masterpiece that we created together.

ArtWare for Good helped me with my vision of creating something artistic for the greater good, but their partnership with SCOPE made my project a perfect fit for me. I know from

experience that there is no better place to spend a summer than at sleepaway camp. I have been fortunate enough to have had four incredible summers so far at Camp Westmont, and I have learned and grown so much from my experience away from home. Being able to give someone the same kind of opportunity feels so good.

Melissa Nadler is in 7th grade in Farragut Middle School in Hastings on Hudson, NY. If you would like to learn more about ArtWare for Good and SCOPE, please see the contact information below:

ArtWare for Good
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SCOPE
 (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education)
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 @SupportSCOPE on Twitter & Instagram

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The finished tile wall mural being donated to SCOPE

CHECKLIST

Getting Ready for the Service



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Though most of us know this already, it's helpful to remind yourself and your child that the Bar or Bat Mitzvah is not the party afterwards but the religious duties he/she performs during the service. Sometimes the emphasis can fall more on the celebration than the actual religious milestone. Here is a checklist to keep your family on track with the real elements of the big day.

ONE YEAR TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS BEFORE

- Meet with a member of the clergy.** You and your child will want to find out what your synagogue requires. Some require that the child attend a certain number of services and perform a mitzvah project.
- Your child will be assigned a Torah portion.** You may have known this years before if your synagogue assigns dates early, but now's the time to start researching the Torah portion to get familiar with the story.

SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE

- Begin working on a mitzvah project.** There are many organizations that are happy to help your child put together a project. You may also want to discuss with your child the idea of donating a percentage of his or her monetary gifts to charity (sometimes a denomination of chai, 18).
- Learn the elements of the service.** If you are not a regular synagogue attendee, you may want to begin to attend Shabbat services as a family to get a feel for the service and understand what your child will be undertaking. Remember, becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a process and not a single day in your child's life.

SIX MONTHS BEFORE

- Start working with a tutor.** The synagogue may provide one or you can hire your own to work with your child (usually once a week) to learn the Torah portion and haftarah.

THREE MONTHS BEFORE

- Your child should begin writing his or her D'var Torah.**
- Decide who will receive aliyahs and other honors during the service.**
- Plan the siblings' role.** This event is so much about family, but siblings – particularly younger ones – can get lost in the shuffle. Be sure that everyone feels a part of this meaningful moment.
- Check in with your child's tutor and the clergy.** Make sure that your child is on track and that you know all your responsibilities for the day, including sponsoring a kiddush, ordering flowers, etc.
- Order personalized Judaica for your child.** A special tallis or kippah can add to the sentimentality of the day.

ONE MONTH BEFORE

- Coordinate a rehearsal with your synagogue.** This is also a good time to take a step back and revel in how far your child has come toward becoming a Jewish adult.
- Order personalized kippot for your guests**

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