

Your child

is at the beginning of the journey into adulthood that empowers your child to make a huge difference in the greater Jewish community.

Thank you for considering the Ethiopian National Project (ENP) with your child for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah project. The Ethiopian National Project strives to provide social and educational opportunities to help Ethiopian-Israeli teenagers realize their full potential through a range of enriching, extra-curricular activities and scholastic assistance programs.

Unfortunately, today in Israel, 45% of the Ethiopian-Israeli children live in poverty as the community struggles to get acclimated to their new lives in Israel. Because these children live in such poverty, the schools around them have few resources and the parents are unable to provide extra tutoring or other help that their children may need in order to succeed. As a result, few Ethiopian-Israeli children are able to attend universities, and therefore the cycle of poverty continues.

By participating in ENP's B'nai Mitzvah campaign, your family will help break this cycle of poverty by providing educational and social opportunities for Ethiopian teenagers in Israel. At the same time, you will develop a close relationship to these teenagers and the staff at ENP as we work together to create a memorable experience during this special time in your child's life.



As your child prepares for his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah, he/she will take part in the important Jewish traditions of Tzedakah (charity), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and Gemilut Chasidim (acts of loving kindness) by participating in the Ethiopian National Project's B'nai Mitzvah campaign. Your child's efforts in the campaign may enable someone to participate in ENP's Scholastic Assistance program for one year, assist ENP with obtaining computers for one of our Youth Outreach Centers, or provide educational outings for the teenagers.

ENP's Bar/Bat Mitzvah packet includes:

- 1 A resource packet for your child, containing information about ENP and fundraising ideas.
- 2 A customized website that will display your child's photo and a message to family and friends, announcing the project and helping your child to raise funds.
- 3 Text to include inside the Bar or Bat Mitzvah invitations to inform your guests about your child's project.
- 4 A list of options for your child to be recognized for his/her hard work.

It would be our pleasure to help you make your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah project an unforgettable and meaningful experience that will last a lifetime. If you and your child wish to help ENP youth and would like to discuss future steps for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Campaign at the Ethiopian National Project, please contact Grace Rodnitzki, Director of International Relations, at grace@enp.org.il or +972-620-2025.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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