THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MONTREAL

Family Philanthropy Program

Uniting generations in giving

The Family Philanthropy Program at the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal (JCF) offers a meaningful opportunity to connect generations around shared values and lasting impact. Whether you're looking to start your giving journey or continue a long-standing tradition, the JCF provides the tools, experience, and guidance to help your family give together.

Who is this for?

- Individuals who want to engage children or grandchildren in philanthropy
- Families looking to give collectively
- Families interested in creating a long-term giving strategy with flexibility and guidance

What are the key benefits?

BUILDS PHILANTHROPIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY Teaches young people the meaning of giving and impact.

CREATES A LIVING LEGACY
Take advantage of smart tax planning to create your lasting legacy and unite generations.

ADDS MEANING Mark special milestones, birthdays, and events with acts of charity that live on and repair the world.

EXPERT GUIDANCE
The JCF's trained advisors help define your family's giving mission and vision, turning shared values into lasting philanthropic impact.

Types of Funds

Fund type	B'nai Tzedek Fund	Family Donor Advised Fund	Multi-Generational or Memorial Endowment Funds
How it works	The B'nai Tzedek fund is for those becoming a bar or bat mitzvah and/or teens. With a minimum donation of $250, a fund is set up in the child's name. **The JCF will then match donations up to a total of $750.** The fund is professionally invested and managed by the JCF. Each year, your child can direct up to 5% of the fund balance to any registered Canadian charity. You can add to the fund throughout your child's life—for special occasions like birthdays, to keep the principle of philanthropy alive.	Parents or grandparents create a family DAF and include children and/or grandchildren as part of the fund's advisory committee at adulthood.	A permanent endowment is created in memory, or in honour, of a loved one. The capital is invested, and an annual allocation of approximately 5% of the fund balance is disbursed to the charity(ies) of the family's choice. Over time, the investment returns ensure capital is not eroded and the fund exists in perpetuity.
How you can benefit	• Empowers young donors in philanthropic choices. • Fosters ownership and values-based decision-making from an early age. • Encourages ongoing contribution. • Instills a tangible connection between a special celebration and social good.	• Encourages collaborative giving conversations across generations. • Allows families to grant to multiple charities over time. • Sets a structure that can be passed on to future generations.	• Creates a lasting legacy: the gift that keeps on giving. • Perpetuates the values of the loved one being honoured or remembered. • Families can choose different charities each year if they wish, meaning this fund can serve as a gathering point and annual time of remembrance or honour for their loved one.

Additional Resources

Visit our B'nai Tzedek Fund webpage

Read our article

Over these past 30 years, we have sought and obtained invaluable advice regarding tax-planned giving from the excellent and knowledgeable professional and support staff at the JCF. We have made use of a whole variety of government-approved donation techniques, enabling us to maximize the funds available for our philanthropy. We encourage everyone to consider making use of the unmatched advice and support available at the JCF to facilitate and enhance their charitable giving.

- Marlene & Joel King

About Us

With over $2.7B in assets under management, the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal has been helping people make a meaningful and lasting impact with their philanthropy for over half a century—it is ***Where Smart Philanthropy Starts™***. Through an extensive professional team, the JCF provides a comprehensive range of services including endowment management, philanthropic planning, and educational resources to enable individuals and their families effortlessly fulfill their personal philanthropic goals in a tax-efficient manner.

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Our experienced philanthropic advisors are dedicated to helping you along your philanthropic journey.

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