



# Growing *for* life NEWSLETTER

Jewish Foundation of Manitoba Community Report

## Heart and Stroke

### Foundation of Manitoba

We would like to thank you for the donations received in 2007, made possible by the generosity of your donors. It is impressive that there are 200 funds established by these youngsters. Engaging youth to build for the future and give back to the community, is so important.

## Children's Wish Foundation

We would like to thank you for the generous donation received from your Bar Mitzvah Fund. We will be applying these funds directly towards a Child's Wish. This type of support helps us put smiles on the faces and hope in the hearts of some very courageous children.

## Jewish Child and Family Services

Thank you for your contribution through your Bar Mitzvah Fund. Your donation will ensure that the most vulnerable and needy members of our community will be able to enjoy and experience what we take for granted.

## Bar Mitzvah Fund Fulfills Philanthropic Dream

When Nona and Ashley Leibl began to plan the Bar Mitzvah of their son Benjamin, they put into action the tzedakah project that had long been a dream. "It was a given," says Nona. "We had a concept in mind, and this was the time. There was no doubt."

The Benjamin Leibl Bar Mitzvah Fund for Special Needs will ultimately change the lives of many young people in our community. The income from the fund will specifically help special needs students at the high school level at Gray Academy. While students are already being equipped academically with an excellent Jewish education, the fund will help to provide them with life skills and social competence, making them into well-rounded, successful graduates.

Benji Leibl is presently in Grade Nine at Gray Academy. As with many children with hyperlexia, he is very visual and has an incredible memory.

He can recall dates and events in detail from when he was very young. He learned to read and spell before he learned how to speak, decoding words as early as 18 months and spelling fluently at age two. He knows countless hockey statistics, and is fascinated with logos and game shows. Like any teenager, Benji loves his computer – especially YouTube; sports – skating, swimming and basketball; and camp – he attends B'nai Brith Camp every summer.



"He is fortunate to be surrounded by a great group of friends" Nona adds, "who have really contributed to his success."

High school years are a challenging time socially for many high school students. For those teenagers with special needs – which include a wide spectrum of challenges - this is a time when social deficits become even more apparent. It is also a time when young people are preparing for life after high school, and the importance of achieving basic life skills becomes increasingly urgent.

As the Leibls shared their dream of a Life Skills program at the high school, friends and family responded and Benji's Bar Mitzvah fund reached over \$11,000. To date this year, three students have had the opportunity to learn to take a transit bus, to shop for groceries, and to plan, assemble and deliver a Christmas hamper - a learning experience, Nona says, that was successful on many levels. The program itself is a work in progress, but ultimately they hope to be able to accommodate any students who would have the desire to participate.

The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba congratulates the Leibls for taking the steps required to make their dream a reality. The Benjamin Leibl Bar Mitzvah Fund for Special Needs is permanently endowed for all future generations!

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# 2007 Bar and Bat

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### B'nai Brith Jewish Community Camp

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for selecting BB Camp as the recipient of your Bar Mitzvah Fund. The camp has directed your gift towards assisting a first time 8-year-old child to attend Habonim this summer. It is truly gratifying to have campers such as yourself consider BB Camp and provide opportunities to families who are unable to afford camp.

### Jaffa Institute

We would like to thank you for the generous donation made to the Jaffa Institute in honour of your Bar Mitzvah. Thanks to your generosity, and others like you, the Jaffa Institute can continue its twenty five-year tradition of providing critically needed educational, recreational and social support programs to over 4,000 severely disadvantaged children.

## Jewish Foundation of Manitoba Bar and

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# Mitzvah Fund Holders



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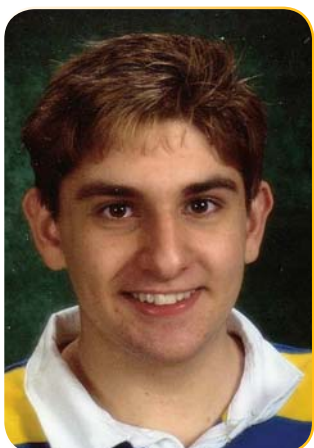
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## Bat Mitzvah Holders (to December 2006)

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Erica Lasker  
Justin Lasker  
Aliza Lerner  
Jordyn Lerner  
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Stephen Paterson  
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Zachary Peltz  
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Jesse Pollock

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Seth Rosenberg  
Rachel Rubin  
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Mara Weinberg  
Jenna Weiss  
Joshua Weiss  
Benjamin Winestock  
Joshua Winestock

Yale Wolman  
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Jessica Worb  
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## Frequently Asked Questions about the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program

### 1. What is the benefit of establishing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Fund?

Bar and Bat Mitzvah funds teach children about the importance of giving Tzedakah and provide them with the opportunity to affect positive change in their community. They set children on the path of life-long giving.

### 2. What is the minimum amount needed to establish a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Fund?

\$100

### 3. Who can open a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Fund?

A fund can be opened by a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child or by anyone who wishes to honour a child before or at the time of his or her becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Funds have been established by children, their parents, grandparents and family friends.

### 4. Who can contribute to the Fund?

Anyone can make a contribution to the fund, either at the time of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah or at any other time for any occasion.

### 5. What happens to the money in the fund?

The money is invested and each year the income from the investment is distributed for charitable purposes.

### 6. What happens when the fund reaches \$750?

When the fund reaches \$750 within two years of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a JFM benefactor contributes \$250 in order to bring it to the \$1,000 level, at which point it becomes donor advised.

### 7. Can the fund holder determine where the money is distributed?

Yes. Once the fund reaches \$1,000 it becomes donor advised and the fund holder is invited to direct the income from the fund on an annual basis to any registered charity in Canada.

### 8. Can Bar and Bat Mitzvah Funds only be opened at the time of the life cycle event?

No. These funds can be established in the child's honour at any time. Several Bar and Bat Mitzvah Funds have been established in the names of newborn babies.

### 9. How do you establish a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Fund?

Contact the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba at 477-7520 and speak with:  
Marsha Cowan, Chief Executive Officer  
Brenda Gurvey, Director of Donor Relations  
or Karen Solomon, Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program Coordinator

## Making A Difference

In 2007, Jewish Foundation Bar and Bat Mitzvah fund holders supported the following charitable organizations:

Beit Halochem Canada  
B'nai Brith Jewish Community Camp  
Breast Cancer Action Manitoba/  
Breast Cancer Centre of Hope  
Camp Massad Manitoba  
Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation -  
Manitoba Chapter  
Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation -  
Ontario Chapter  
Canadian Friends of the Jaffa Institute  
Canadian Jewish Congress  
CancerCare Manitoba Foundation  
Chai Folk Ensemble  
Children's Hospital Foundation  
of Manitoba Inc.  
Combined Jewish Appeal Inc.  
Fetal Alcohol Family Association  
of Manitoba  
Free the Children  
Gray Academy of Jewish Education  
Heart and Stroke Foundation  
of Manitoba Inc.  
Jewish Child and Family Service  
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
Kidsport Winnipeg  
LadyBug Foundation Inc.  
Lubavitch Centre  
MacDonald Youth Services  
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada  
Manitoba Camping Association -  
Sunshine Fund  
Manitoba Moose Yearling Foundation  
Manitoba Theatre Centre  
National Council of Jewish Women  
of Canada  
Osborne House Inc.  
Rady Jewish Community Centre  
Right to Play  
Ronald McDonald House  
Rossbrook House  
Royal Winnipeg Ballet  
Sheena's Place  
The Canadian Friends of the  
Hebrew University  
The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada  
The David Suzuki Foundation  
The Rainbow Society  
The Stephen Lewis Foundation  
The Winnipeg Foundation  
Variety Club of Manitoba  
Winnipeg Harvest Inc.  
Winnipeg Humane Society  
Winnipeg Library Foundation Inc.  
World Vision Canada

## Hold The Date!

**34th Annual Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, October 29, 2008**  
**at The Fairmont**

**Professional Advisors Seminar**  
**Monday, November 24, 2008**  
**at The Fairmont**

For more information about the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba please call or visit our office on the 4th floor of the Asper Jewish Community Campus, Suite C400-123 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3N 2B2.

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