

Mitzvah Project Ideas

Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind

These are just a few of countless ideas students have come up with. Use your imagination and develop a project that is meaningful to you, or adopt one of these projects:

- Create a presentation and give a talk to younger Hebrew School classes. These talks raise awareness about unique obstacles found in Israel and how we use dogs to help people.
- **“Walk your Human 2K!”** One student organized a walk-a-thon where people walked a 2K with their pets. Each person paid an entry fee or got sponsors. The result: they raised funds, made friends, got some exercise, and had a wonderful day!
- A student produced a **“Best in Shul Dog Show”** – where she raised over \$1,000 from entry fees alone.
- If you’re active in sports, get people to sponsor you for each goal, lap in a pool, mile run or cycled, etc.
- One teenager visited our center in Israel and interviewed 12 of our graduates – then put together a calendar sold at Mitzvah fairs.
- A group of 11-year-old students found a recipe for dog treats and produced them as their project. They sold the treats at their synagogue Mitzvah Fair, raising over \$500 in one day.
- Some students provide dog walking and/or pet grooming services – for a donation.
- Include a message in your Bar/Bat Mitzvah invitations about your support for a particular project.
- Students can turn almost any activity into a fundraising opportunity for the Center. An ambitious project could be to run a mini-marathon (dance, basketball, hockey – any sport, etc.) and have relatives sponsor the student on a per-hour basis. This has the potential to be an incredible event – especially if participants get additional sponsors, e.g., a local merchant.
- **Create your own Webpage!** It’s easy. You can change the message, set a goal, and add a photo. When done, you can send the link electronically to your family and friends – and watch the gifts come in, in real time. Here’s the link to get started:
<http://IGDCB.donorpages.com/Mitzvah>