

Tzedakah PROJECTS

The following are a list of non-profits/tzedakah organizations that your family might think about supporting, whether in general, or in connection with a B'nei Mitzvah tzedakah project. The Israel Action Committee of Temple Solel has put this list together in honor of Israel's 60th birthday. In honor of the occasion, the list highlights a number of organizations that are specifically located in/connected to Israel. Some of the organizations on this list are specifically Jewish ones that serve Jewish causes. Others are not. We hope that you and your family will weigh the competing needs of all of these organizations, and then decide which one(s) you will volunteer with/contribute to.

The inclusion of organizations on this list does not constitute an endorsement by Temple Solel. We have listed these groups because individual members of the Temple Solel family have found meaning in supporting these groups during the last few years. Please feel free to contact Ellen Fox or one of the rabbis if you have questions about your project!

All charities listed in **green** directly support the State of Israel and those in **blue** are local in San Diego and the United States

ANIMALS

Canine Companions for Independence

www.caninecompanions.org
Canine Companions for Independence is a national nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of children and adults with disabilities by providing highly-trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

Pegasus Rising

www.pegasusrising.org
Pairs wounded warriors with animals, Escondido. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to participate in this program.

Rancho Coastal Humane Society (RCHS)

www.rchumanesociety.org
RCHS provides shelter for San Diego's homeless animal population, and helps to facilitate animal adoptions.

CHILDREN

Birthday Angels

www.birthday-angels.org
The Birthday Angels Birthday Party Project, a non-profit organization, has set a goal to provide every child in Israel with his or her own birthday party. In 2006-2007, over 3000 underprivileged children celebrated their birthdays thanks to the Birthday Angels volunteers AND to your donations.

Israel Assn for Child Protection

www.eliusa.org
Founded in 1979, the Israel Association for Child Protection (ELI) is recognized by the Government of Israel and other human service agencies as the only organization in Israel that deals specifically and exclusively with all of the various aspects of child abuse.

Meir Panim

www.meirpanim.org
Meir Panim confronts child poverty in Israel.

Yad Ezra V'Shulamit

www.yadezra.net
Yad Ezra fights child poverty in Israel.

Casa de Amparo

www.casadeamparo.org
Serves the needs of abused children in San Diego County.

Rady Children's Hospital of San Diego

www.chsd.org
Children's Hospital is our region's only pediatric trauma care facility. It promotes pediatric wellness throughout the County.

Reach Out and Read San Diego

www.rorsd.org
Provides new children's books to infants and toddlers.



COMMUNITY

Interfaith Community Services of North San Diego County

www.interfaithservices.org
Interfaith Community Services promotes mutual understanding and respect among the member faiths; to deal with issues which affect the religious community; to share the members' concern for these problems; to voice these concerns when, by common consent, the members feel that moral leadership is needed; and to implement programs for basic needs, social services, counseling, and economic development which will empower the disadvantaged in our community.

Radio Reading Service

www.kpbs.org/radio_reading_service/volunteer
The Radio Reading Service relies on volunteers to read current newspapers and magazines out loud. These recordings are then transmitted via the web and via a closed circuit radio station as a service to the blind.

Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)

www.urj.org
The URJ is the umbrella organization for the North American Reform Movement. It provides resources to congregations, and organizes the network of Reform-affiliated summer camps, youth groups, Men's Clubs, and Sisterhoods that connect Reform Jews to each other.

United Through Reading (UTR)

www.unitedthroughreading.org/index.html
UTR unites families facing physical separation by facilitating the bonding experience of reading aloud together.

EDUCATION

American Friends of the Hebrew University

www.afhu.org
AFHU supports the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel's premier center of higher learning.

American Technion Society

www.ats.org
ATS raises money for the Technion – Israel's premier Institute of Technology for undergraduate and graduate students.

Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (Oasis of Peace)

www.nswas.org
A village, jointly established by Jewish and Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel, that is engaged in educational work for peace, equality and understanding between the two peoples.

Shurat HaDin: Israel Law Center

www.israelawcenter.org
Shurat HaDin is dedicated to preserving and defending the human rights of the Jewish People and supporters in the State of Israel and around the globe by aggressively invoking the Rule of Law within the framework of the many legal systems of the world.

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)

www.huc.edu
HUC-JIR is the academic center of Reform Judaism. With campuses in Jerusalem, New York, Cincinnati, and Los Angeles, HUC trains Reform rabbis, cantors, educators, and communal service professionals.

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC)

www.rac.org
The RAC educates and mobilizes the American Jewish community on legislative and social concerns, advocating on issues from economic justice to civil rights to religious liberty to Israel.

San Diego County Library (SDCL)

www.sdcl.org
The County library system promotes literacy and cultural exchange throughout the County.

ENVIRONMENT

Jewish National Fund

www.jnf.org
JNF sustains Israel's environment needs by planting trees and addressing the current water crisis.

The American Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel

www.aspni.org
The American Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (ASPNI) was founded in 1986, to help raise awareness and support for the work of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), Israel's oldest and largest environmental organization.

I Love a Clean San Diego (ILACSD)

www.ilacsd.org
ILACSD works to promote regional awareness of environmental issues including resource conservation, waste reduction and recycling, community enhancement, and pollution prevention.

Surfrider Foundation

www.surfridersd.org
The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches for all people, through conservation, activism, research and education.



FAMILIES

Kibbutz Ruchama

www.templesolel.net
Kibbutz Ruchama is Temple Solel's sister institution in Israel. There are many ways to be supportive of their work. Here are just a few examples: • *Collect, create, and send care packages to Ruchama soldiers serving in the IDF* • *Send school supplies to Ruchama students* • *Become a pen pal with a Ruchama resident* • *Contribute to the fund to assist Ruchama with refurbishing apartments for kibbutz residents after they complete their service in the IDF* • *Send supplies to the new Baby House on the kibbutz* •

Collect money for a holiday trip for kibbutz students, to help them forget about the daily barrage of rocket attacks from the nearby Gaza Strip • *Send gifts to the 110 handicapped children that make use of the kibbutz rehab/therapy center* • *Send Bar Mitzvah cards and gifts to Ruchama Bar Mitzvah students*

One Family Fund

www.onefamilyfund.org
The One Family Fund is the main organization that provides support to victims of terror in Israel (and their families).

Table to Table

www.tabletotable.org.il
Table to Table responds to the needs of Israel's hungry.

Community Resource Center (CRC)

www.communityresourcecenter.org
The CRC is our local Encinitas response to domestic violence, hunger, and homelessness.

Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS)

www.jfssd.org
JFS is the Jewish community of San Diego's response to hunger, domestic violence, and the needs of the elderly (among other things)! JFS also provides subsidized mental health care to those in need.

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger

www.mazon.org
MAZON allocates donations from the community to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

United Jewish Federation of San Diego (UJF)

www.jewishinsandiego.org
As Jews in America we are all part of a worldwide people, with responsibility for each other. UJF is committed to building a vibrant and involved Jewish community; deepening the connection to, and responsibility for, Israel and other overseas Jewish communities and expanding the community's role in caring for Jews in need.

United Way of San Diego County (UWSD)

www.uwsg.org
United Way is an umbrella organization that raises money/organizes volunteers and then distributes those resources to many different local non-profit organizations. Currently, the United Way is concentrated on: stopping child abuse/neglect; promoting financial stability and independence; and doing homeless outreach and prevention.

HEALTH

American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR)

www.amfar.org

AMFAR is dedicated to the support of AIDS research, HIV prevention, treatment education, and the advocacy of sound AIDS-related public policy.

City of Hope

www.cityofhope.org

For nearly a century, City of Hope has been a model for scientific discovery and compassionate care for those facing cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Among many breakthroughs, City of Hope's research has led to some of the most widely used cancer drugs and synthetic insulin used by millions with diabetes. For many people, City of Hope is where hope begins.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

www.jdrf.org

JDRF is the leading charitable funder and advocate of type 1 (juvenile) diabetes research worldwide. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

Ronald McDonald House of San Diego

www.rmhcscd.org

Since opening their doors in 1980, San Diego's House has provided more than 100,000 nights of lodging for more than 10,000 families whose children face life-threatening illnesses. Their "home" with 12 bedrooms, laundry and kitchen facilities provides temporary lodging for families of children with cancer, leukemia, and other serious illnesses while children are treated at area hospitals. Located adjacent to Children's Hospital, their House provides families a refuge from the hospital and keeps them together during their crisis -- twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition, they provide a place where comforting strength and stability are received from other resident families in similar situations.

San Diego Center for the Blind (SDCB)

www.sdcdb.org

SDCB's mission is to increase the abilities of any adult with blindness or vision impairment to reach their own highest level of independence.

San Diego/Imperial Counties American Red Cross

www.sdarc.org

Serving the 3 million plus residents of San Diego County, the Red Cross offers: wellness education (First Aid certification); disaster readiness/response; and provides emergency response services to families who have a loved one serving in the military.

Susan G Komen: For the Cure

www.komen.org/home

Komen is America's largest grass roots effort to discover a cure for breast cancer.



ISRAEL

Association of Reform Zionists of North America (ARZA)

www.arza.org

ARZA is the Zionist arm and voice for the Reform Movement in the United States. They endeavor to make Israel fundamental to the sacred lives and Jewish identity of Reform Jews.

American Friends of Magen David Adom (ARMDI)

www.afmda.org

Magen David Adom is the "Red Cross" of Israel.

American Israel Cultural Foundation

www.aicf.org

AICF is dedicated to the mission of supporting and developing artistic life in Israel.

American Israel Public Affairs Cmte (AIPAC)

www.aipac.org

AIPAC works to help make Israel more secure by ensuring that American governmental support for Israel remains strong.

Hadassah

www.hadassah.org

Hadassah is the Women's Branch of the World Zionist Organization. It supports many important institutions in Israel, including the renowned Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Israel Assn for Ethiopian Jews (IAEJ)

www.iaej.co.il/index.htm

Formed in 1993, the Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews (IAEJ) is the only organization in Israel working exclusively to advocate for the full and rapid integration of Ethiopian Jews into mainstream Israeli society. IAEJ is an Ethiopian led organization that focuses primarily on education as the key to Ethiopian integration and mobility within Israeli society.

Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

www.wupj.org/Congregations/Israel.asp

The IMPJ is the umbrella organization of all Reform/Progressive synagogues in Israel. Click on the link for a listing of those temples. Many of them have their own websites with information on how you can get involved in helping to support their programming. We are especially impressed with the work that Or Hadash: The Lyons Center for Progressive Judaism is doing. Please visit their website at www.or-hadash.org.il.

Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC)

www.irac.org

IRAC is the Reform movement's public and legal advocacy arm in Israel.

Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)

www.jewishagency.org

JAFI is the quasi-governmental agency that organizes aliyah by bringing a substantial number of Jews to live in Israel and ensuring their successful integration. It is also devoted to connecting the next generation with Israel and Jewish peoplehood as a core part of Jewish identity. And, it involves world Jewry with Israelis in shaping the future character of Israeli society.

Rabbis for Human Rights

www.rhr-na.org

RHR is a rabbinic organization dedicated to education, advocacy, prayer, and action in support of human rights in Israel and beyond.

State of Israel Bonds

www.israelbonds.com

State of Israel bonds are securities issued by the government of Israel.

Yad Vashem

www.yadvashem.org

Yad Vashem is the official Holocaust remembrance authority in Israel.

MILITARY

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF)

www.israelsoldiers.org

Friends of the IDF supports the work of Israel's armed forces.

Adopt A US Soldier

www.adoptaussoldier.org

This is the organization that Temple Solel works with to support our brave men and women who are defending our country around the world. Join in the effort through Solel, or get involved directly through the website above!



SENIORS

Beit Frankforter

www.frankfor.bizhat.com/centre.html

Beit Frankforter is the Jerusalem Center for the Elderly.

Yad L'Kashish (Lifeline for the Old)

www.lifeline.org.il

Yad L'Kashish offers the needy, elderly, and disabled of Jerusalem the opportunity to remain an integral part of society by providing them with jobs.

Yad Sarah

www.yadsarah.org

Yad Sarah provides services for the sick and elderly of Israel (and their families).

Meals on Wheels of Greater San Diego

www.meals-on-wheels.org

Meals-on-Wheels home-delivers two meals a day, for seven days a week, and provides modified diets, to seniors, age 60 and older, throughout San Diego County.

Seacrest Village Retirement Communities

www.seacrestvillage.com

Seacrest is a non-profit residential facility (with two campuses) for San Diego retirees. Seacrest grew out of San Diego Hebrew Homes, and continues to be a facility that is home to many of San Diego's Jewish retirees.

SOCIAL ACTION

Jewish Funds for Justice

www.jewishjustice.org

The Jewish Funds for Justice is a national public foundation guided by Jewish history and tradition. JFSJ helps people in the United States achieve social and economic security and opportunity by investing in healthy neighborhoods, vibrant Jewish communities, and skillful leaders. Its holistic approach to social change includes grantmaking and loans, service learning, leadership development, organizing, education, and advocacy.

Volunteer San Diego.org

www.volunteersandiego.org

This is an amazing database of different social action opportunities that are available right now in San Diego. Use it to get connected to a new social action project.



SPORTS

Israel Tennis Center

www.tennis.org.il

The ITC promotes co-existence, physical education, and safe/healthy living through tennis to Israeli young people.

Special Olympics of San Diego County

www.specialolympicssandiego.com

Special Olympics is a year-round worldwide program of sports training and athletic competition for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

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