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BAR & BAT MITZVAH PROJECT SUPPORT GUIDE



PP-ME: Bridging Divides Through Sport

PeacePlayers Middle East (PP-ME) is a non-profit organization that uses the game of basketball to bridge divides, change perceptions and develop leaders among Arab and Jewish children and youth. Through year-round basketball, conflict resolution, leadership, and professional development activities, we develop mutual trust and cross-community cooperation between Arab and Jewish young people and their communities.

Long-term, year-round programs offer 500 participants annually a rare opportunity to develop meaningful friendships. Additionally, the program equips them with practical skills to grow into ambassadors for peace and leaders in their communities. Our programs emphasize the participation of young women, and disadvantaged youth.

Using Your Bat or Bar Mitzvah To Make a Difference: How Can You Contribute?

A Bar/Bat Mitzvah is one of the most important milestones in a young Jewish person's life. It's a meaningful occasion to connect with one's roots, heritage, and community. On the brink of young adulthood, it is also a time to think about what kind of world awaits us, and about how we can change it for the better. By teaming up with PeacePlayers Middle East, you get to be a part of the PeacePlayers movement, helping Jewish and Arab youth set aside their fear and mistrust and embark on a shared future together.

We invite you to join us as we cultivate a new generation of ambassadors for peace in the Middle East. Check out this [video](#) of Reed and his sister, Paige - two honorary PeacePlayers who carried out their Bar and Bat Mitzvah projects with PP-ME. Together, they made a difference in hundreds of Arab and Jewish kids' lives!

Our Impact

Since 2005, PP-ME has reached:



Over 36,000 People



160 Coaches



40 Communities



70% of participants are girls and women



75% of youth come from disadvantaged backgrounds



85% of coaches and staff are alumni

MITZVAH PROJECT IDEAS:

You too can become an honorary PeacePlayer by holding your own Mitzvah Project. In addition to the suggestions below, you can click [here](#) to see what some of our previous supporters have chosen to do for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah Projects:



Start an Online Fundraiser

Invite your friends and family to learn more and to join the PeacePlayers' cause through an online fundraiser. Set up your fundraising page [here](#). We're here for you if you need any support!



Organize a Sports for Peace Event

Gather your family and friends and host your own peace event that highlights the power of sport to bring people together (ex. basketball tournament, bikeathon, 5k run/walk). You can run these events over one weekend or create a tournament that runs for several days or weekends in a row.



Hold a Charity Auction

Request items to auction off from local businesses, and include some of your own items to give away to the highest bidder. Signed memorabilia is always a big hit at these events. You can do the auction online or create an in-person event.



Volunteer with PeacePlayers

Volunteer opportunities can be created on a case-by-case basis, either with PeacePlayers Middle East or with one of our PeacePlayers sites in the U.S. (Baltimore, Los Angeles, Brooklyn, Detroit and Chicago). Feel free to talk to us for more information.



Help Amplify PeacePlayers' Online Campaign

Support PP-ME in amplifying its annual online campaign. You can do this by sending online appeals to friends and family while helping to boost PP-ME's online presence; or by sharing our calls for support to help us grow our grassroots community.



Search for Sponsors

Write personalized letters to local businesses and larger corporations asking if they'll sponsor your mitzvah project. In exchange, we can include their logo on our website, newsletters, etc.

THE PEACEPLAYERS BAR/BAT MITZVAH EXPERIENCE

Every year, PeacePlayers is able to impact hundreds of Arab and Jewish youth thanks to supporters like you. Below are some examples of what a donation can make possible. We are always thrilled to receive support from friends from around the world, so feel free to use this page to inspire local businesses/families.

PROJECT SUPPORT OPTIONS:



Adopt a PeacePlayer - \$1,500

Support the participation of one Arab or Jewish child, ages 6 to 12, in PeacePlayers' programs for one year. With activities taking place twice per week on a year-round basis, the program provides a constructive framework to guide the development of underserved youth, while bridging divides between Arab and Jewish communities.

Adopt a Girls' Starting Five: \$5,000

Support the participation of five Arab or Jewish girls, ages 6-12, in PeacePlayers' programs for one year. The program provides a constructive framework to guide the development of girls, especially young women hailing from underserved and religious communities. The program helps them grow into confident, assertive athletes, role models, and champions for peace.



Adopt a Team - \$10,000

Sponsor a team, underwriting the participation of approximately 15 Arab or Jewish boys or girls in PP-ME's programs for one year. The robust program of activities includes twice-weekly basketball and life skills sessions and monthly joint activities, or "twinings". Participants learn from PP global's conflict resolution curriculum, providing them with skills to transform conflicts at home, on their basketball teams, and in their communities.



Building Bridges Overnight Retreats - \$20,000

Support two overnight retreats that will bring together 40 Arab and Jewish participants to deepen their peace education training, strengthen friendships, and hone athletic skills. The weekend retreats will include activities both on and off the court, such as conflict mitigation workshops, leadership training sessions, and high-level basketball training delivered by leading experts.



Support Young Leadership - \$25,000

The Leadership Development Program grooms PP-ME Basketball Club alumni, ages 14-22, into the future coaches and leaders of the program. The LDP provides hands-on training in leadership, coaching, and conflict facilitation, as well as extra-curricular scholastic support. Having grown up in the program, LDP serve as role models and personify the values of peace which they then go on to teach.

Name a PeacePlayers All-Stars Team - \$30,000

Your sponsorship of an All-Stars team will support the participation of approximately 15 Arab and Jewish young women as they compete on a mixed team under the PeacePlayers banner in the Israeli Basketball Association's elite youth league. Arab and Jewish players practice together 2-3 times per week and compete in a weekly game with unaffiliated teams around the country, demonstrating the power of cooperation to the community at large.



Name Two Pairs of Twinned Teams - \$40,000

Support two pairs of twinned teams, engaging approximately 60 youth (30 Arab and 30 Jewish) in PP' programs for one year. Arab and Jewish "twinned" teams will come together for monthly joint activities, in addition to receiving twice-weekly basketball training in their local communities.

Sponsor a Peace Delegation - \$50,000

This is a rare opportunity to share stories, learn about life in the Middle East, find what you have in common, and make friends for life. PeacePlayers' young leaders would be happy to engage with your community by playing with or speaking to groups from your school, synagogue, youth group, or team. Your gift will also provide these young people with the opportunity to travel abroad as a mixed group and experience all that the United States has to offer!



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