

# JEWISH LEARNING EXPERIENCES

## Tikkun Olam Project Proposal



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Each bnai mitzvah student at Tikkun v'Or is required to complete a TIKKUN OLAM project. We encourage you to take this opportunity to really focus on how YOU can do *mitzvot* (commandments) and *gemilut chasadim and tzedakah* (acting righteously in pursuit of justice) in order to bring *TIKKUN OLAM* (repair of the world).

What inspires you? What bothers you? What do you see that needs fixing in this world? Your Tikkun Olam project is an opportunity to learn from others and to make a difference. Your project should involve thought, time, and energy. It should be more than a one-time event (with certain exceptions) and ideally something you might continue to do even after this year.

Think about projects that will:

- Engage you over a period of time;
- Have direct impact on people (just one person, a few people, or the whole community)'
- Connect you with an adult (especially a member of TvO) involved in the issue;
- Build awareness about an issue;
- Build relationship that will help you grow and learn.

*These are not requirements, but suggestions and preferences:*

- Projects should serve a local population or have a local or regional connection if possible;
- Projects could potentially change the structures that are hurting people;
- Note that projects do not have to be “original.” That is, you do not have to be the first person to think of doing this. You can join a group working on an issue that is important to you. The point is to consider how you are making a difference.

Note that fundraising can be part of a project, but your focus should be on action and/or learning, not on raising money.

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Complete this form with as much information as possible, and return to Naomi Wilensky  
<naomi.wilensky@tikkunvor.org>

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your bat/bar mitzvah date: \_\_\_\_\_

**What** issue or problem do you want to learn more about or take action on?

**Why** you want to do this?

**Who** will benefit from your project?

**What** do you hope the outcome of your project will be? How does this fulfill the mitzvah of *tikkun olam*?

How does this relate to your Torah portion? (*not a requirement, but a possibility*)?

**Who** will be your resource people: mentors and helpers to help you carry out your project?

What local (or national organization) will you work with or use as resources?

**How** will you carry out your project - what steps you will take? (be specific)

What is the **timeline** for your project?

Proposed mitzvah project start date:

Projected mitzvah project end date:

If you plan to complete your project after your bar/bat mitzvah, please explain why you think that is necessary.