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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Funds

The following young members of the community opened Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Funds in 2014:



Madeline Boroditsky



Jenna Buchwald



Matthew Buchwald



Lyla Chisick



Lauren Cogan



Myles Cohen



Benjamin Diamond



Bailey Hurtig



Adam Korsunsky



Brett Korsunsky



One anonymous fundholder.

Photo not available: Harry Cohen.





Happy birthday, Lyla Bea A fifth generation of philanthropy

She might not know it yet, but Lyla Bea Chisick is a philanthropist. And it's no surprise given her family background.

Lyla, who will turn two in a few months, is one of the newest – and youngest – Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Fundholders at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

To celebrate her first birthday, Lyla's parents – Baillie and Daniel Chisick – threw a "pink party" in their Winnipeg home in September. To mark the occasion, Baillie (née Klein) and Daniel opened the fund, and invited party guests to make donations rather than bring gifts.

Lyla's great-great grandfather, Joseph Halprin z'l, would have been very proud. After all, the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba was the brainchild of Halprin and his friends, Abe and Sam Werier. In 1964, the three men launched the Foundation with pledges from 119 founders in total – including Joseph's son, Kenneth Halprin, who is still an active supporter of the

Foundation. Kenneth is a member of the JFM Board of Governors, an Endowment Book of Life signer (with his wife, Elyse), and, of course, Lyla's great grandfather.

Photo: Lyla Bea Chisick celebrates her first birthday with parents Baillie and Daniel. "Tzedakah is a very important value to us," said Baillie. "Lyla lacks for nothing, so the idea of having people make contributions to honour her birthday felt right. The fact that so many of our family and friends were happy to make donations was wonderful. I hope this raises the profile of the program."

Baillie herself was a Bat Mitzvah Endowment Fundholder. After she got married, she rolled her fund into the new Baillie and Daniel Chisick Fund. And she also participates in the JFM's Women's Endowment Fund. Growing their funds is only one of the things Baillie and Daniel do to make life better in Winnipeg.

Baillie, an Associate at Aikins Law, is the

Co-Chair of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg's Young Adult Division (YAD). Daniel, a partner in hisfamily's business, Chisick Metal and Industrial Metals, is a member of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation Board of Directors. And together, Baillie and Daniel co-chair the Federation's Ben-Gurion Society.

"Community service is important to us," said Baillie. "We've learned much from the generations that came before us and we will share our values with Lyla Bea. We look forward to when she can make choices about how the income from her Bat Mitzvah Endowment Fund can help others."

BAR/BAT MITZVAH ENDOWMENT FUNDS

HERE'S HOW THEY WORK:

- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Funds give young people the opportunity to grow and blossom as philanthropists while they make a positive difference in the community. Starting at a very young age, fundholders will learn the importance of tzedakah and tikkun olam – the Jewish imperative to try and improve the world.
- Funds **can be opened at any time** for a child. Many funds are opened when a child is born; most are opened either before or after the child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah. A fund can be opened even if your child won't be having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.
- Anyone can contribute to a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Fund: you, your child, grandparents, and your Bar/Bat Mitzvah guests.
- The JFM can provide an insert about your child's fund to include with your Bar/Bat Mitzvah invitations.
- It takes only \$100 to open a fund.
- When a child's fund reaches \$750 within two years of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the Nora & David (z'l) Kaufman Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund will contribute an additional \$250 to bring the fund to the \$1,000 level. At that point, the fund becomes "donor-recommended." This means that our young fundholders can suggest annually which charities receive the income from their funds.
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Funds will be converted into regular funds when the fundholder turns 25.
- To open a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Fund, contact Katarina Kliman, Manager of Donor Relations, at 204.477.7529 or kkliman@jewishfoundation.org



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OUR KIDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- There are currently 356 Bar/Bat Mitzvah
 Endowment Funds held at the Jewish
 Foundation of Manitoba.
- The total accumulated value of these funds exceeds \$500,000.
- In 2014, our fundholders distributed over \$16,400 to 39 different charitable organizations (including \$7,300 to the JFM Jewish Community Campership Fund).
- When a child's fund reaches \$750 within two years of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the Nora & David (z'l) Kaufman Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund contributes an additional \$250 to bring the fund to the \$1,000 level. To date, the Nora & David (z'l) Kaufman Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund has contributed \$56,000 to top up 224 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Funds.

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