

Katz Hillel Day School PTA

**Class of 2019 B'nai Mitzvah Fund**

August 18, 2016

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:

As you know, we will soon begin celebrating B'nai Mitzvot for our children, the Class of 2019. In order to alleviate the logistical and economic burdens created by giving individual gifts to children in the class, the Hillel PTA has implemented a B'nai Mitzvah Fund. The program creates a pooled-resource fund that allows for the distribution of a B'nai Mitzvah gift to each participating student in the class and for tzedakah contributions to be made on his/her behalf.

Here's how the program works: **Each participating family makes a one-time payment, per child, of \$275** to the Class of 2019 B'nai Mitzvah Fund. A percentage of the pooled payments will go to your child's tzedakah of choice, as well as the Hillel PTA. **Please indicate your child's tzedakah choice on the accompanying form.** When all selections are made and monies are received, the tzedakah gifts will be distributed to the organizations with an official letter from the Katz Hillel Day School PTA acknowledging the contributions of the class of 2019.

The rest of the pooled funds will be used to buy one gift from the Class for each participating student. If your child participates in the Fund, your child will choose his/her own gift from a selection of items. **Please indicate your child's gift choice on the accompanying list. A list of participating families will be included with the gifts when they are presented to the children.**

**We are aiming for 100% participation for our class.** The program helps your family as well as all the other families in the class. If you do NOT participate, and give a \$25 gift per child to each member of the class, you will end up spending over \$1,300! **Participation in this Fund will save you money and will also mean that the rest of the class need not buy your child a separate gift – so let's help each other.**

Please complete the attached Fund forms, including your payment option, tzedakah choice and gift choice. **These forms must be returned to the front desk at school (or PTA mailbox) by September 15, 2016. Please note that we need to receive a completed form for every 6<sup>th</sup> Grade family whether or not you participate in the Fund.**

We hope you will decide to participate in the Fund. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sara Goldberg at 703-6693.

We look forward to sharing many smachot together.

Sara Goldberg

B'nai Mitzvah Fund of 2019 Committee Chair