

Changing Lives, Building Futures

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration

A **Bar/Bat Mitzvah** is an important part of the Jewish heritage. Unfortunately, thousands of native and immigrant Israeli families are in economic situations that make it difficult to celebrate such a milestone.

Thanks to **WIZO's** supporters, like you, Jewish children from disadvantaged families are able to celebrate their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, who otherwise would not have the means to do so. Thank you so much for making this possible.

Your kind support has helped provide Jewish heritage classes including Shabbat traditions, Aliya to the Torah, a trip to Jerusalem and the Kotel (Western Wall), learning the importance of Tikun Olam through community volunteering, a festive family group celebration and gifts of religious articles.



Oryan has two siblings. Her mother is a nurse at a hospital and her father serves in the army as a Career Soldier. Oryan goes to music classes after school and likes to dance and read books.



Or-el has four brothers and sisters and he studies in the religious school "Mafki Tichon Yehudah". He took his participation in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Programme very seriously. Or-el consistently attended the weekly meetings and took a very active role in the activities. In the future he sees himself involved with social issues. Or-el likes to play basketball and his dream is to join the Golani Brigade when he goes into the army.



Maya is a very special child, smiley and joyful. She is clever, hardworking, responsible and mature beyond her years. Maya's mother has cancer and she accompanies her to all her hospital appointments. Within the Programme, all the children would turn to Maya for advice. In her spare time, she likes to read books and listen to music



Yakir studies at the religious school "Mafki Tichon Yehudah" and is best friends with Or-el. They have known each other since kindergarten. Yakir's mother is a Nursery Assistant at a WIZO Day Care Centre. He is very popular with the children who attended the Programme and is liked by all. Yakir likes to play football and to help his mother.



Idan is very intelligent and was accepted into an accelerated class at school. She is very active and likes to help others. Within the Programme, Idan was the leader of a group of girls and she sang a solo at the celebration party. In her spare time Idan likes to listen to music, play her clarinet and read books.



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