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www.chaimitzvah.org

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generously funded through grants and private donations.

HOW CHAI MITZVAH WORKS Create-Your-Own Path

PART ONE: Small Group Conversation

GROUP LEARNING

Make a commitment to meet for 8 to 12 sessions, either in person or virtually, and choose a curriculum to spark text-based conversations. Choose from over 16 topics for teens, adults, and families.



PART TWO: POP-portunities

Power Of Passion! Commit to action in each of these three areas.



SOCIAL ACTION

Is there some social cause you are passionate about? Make a commitment to make a difference this year.



SPIRITUALITY

Is there a ritual or spiritual practice that you are interested in taking on or deepening for the year? Make a commitment to bring it into your life.

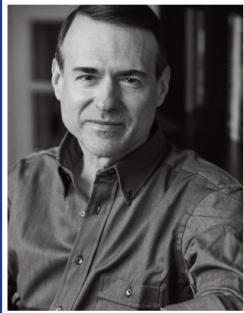


STUDY

What are you interested in? Explore a new topic during your Chai Mitzvah year.

Culminate with a celebration!

Learn more: www.chaimitzvah.org



Our Founder and Board Chair Scott A. Shay
Scott is actively involved in Jewish formal and informal education. He has served as a board member of the UJA-Jewish Federation of New York, the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education, the Jewish Agency, the Birthright Israel Steering Committee, and the American Hebrew Academy. Mr. Shay is the Chairman of the Lapid Advisory Board Coalition of non-profit Israel Teen trip groups. He, and his wife Susan, are the founders of the Jewish Youth Connection.

Scott Shay has written two seminal books: *In Good Faith: Questioning Religion and Atheism*, and *Conspiracy U: A Case Study*. *In Good Faith* is a defense of monotheism, the importance of the Bible, and a contemporary discussion of the impact of modern-day idolatry. *Conspiracy U* examines anti-Zionist conspiracy theories from the left and the right coming out of academia and contemporary discourse.

Chai Mitzvah has created guides for discussion groups and book grants for participants.



BOOK GRANTS

Build Community through Small Groups:

Chai Mitzvah is a great way to celebrate, commemorate, connect, and mark a special time in your life – a time to grow Jewishly, and deepen connections. Here are some ways that **individuals** and **organizations** have used **Chai Mitzvah**:

1. To gather a group of friends together — like a **book group** in person or virtually
2. To bring **generations** together with our **Grandparents & Beyond Program**
3. To meet new friends through Chai Mitzvah's **virtual community**
4. To earn a **stipend** (teens and young adults) for **Israel travel**
5. To participate in discussions of **contemporary issues** with Scott A. Shay's seminal books
6. To **celebrate** a special occasion, **mark** a milestone, or **dedicate** a year of study in memory of someone special in your life

Add your own reasons - It is easy to implement, affordable, and fun!

OUR PROGRAMS:



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Get to know the Chai Mitzvah Teen Program!

1. Varied activities: Texts to spark discussions, social action projects, and spirituality

2. Flexible: Great for different age groups and levels of Jewish knowledge

3. Support for educators: Webinars and a **Chai Mitzvah** teen educators Facebook group



“It is the best high school program I have seen – meaningful yet easy to implement and very well received.”

— Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg,
Community Reform Temple, NY

Learn more:

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Our participants ❤️
Chai Mitzvah! Here is what they're saying:

 **Chai Mitzvah helped me create a closer network of Jewish friends.**
Susan Glatz, Bellville Ontario

“This experience helped me get a more sophisticated notion of Jewish tradition.”
Hugh Lifson, Mount Vernon IA

“I feel deeply motivated to learn more and do more in my Jewish life.”
Myrna Lawrence, Oak Park IL

“Participants are learning, doing, connecting with each other and engaging in Jewish spiritual practice, tikkun olam, and communal life in ways that I could never have imagined. It is a Jewish educational game changer.
Rabbi Dan Goldblatt, Beth Chaim Congregation

