

**Congregation Beth Emeth  
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Dear CBE 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Graders -  
Imagine. You have \$10,000 in your hand.

Sure it would be fun to spend, but what if you could use it for something more rewarding? Imagine that this money has been earmarked to help others and you get to decide how best to do that.

That is what you'll do as part of the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's JYPI Program. Here's how it works:

Twenty (20) students from synagogues around Northern Virginia each contribute \$250 to a collective grant fund; this money is then matched dollar for dollar by the Partnership to create a \$10,000 collective grant fund.

Participants meet five Sunday afternoons between February and April to review proposals from various non-profit organizations in need of funding. You will visit the organizations, interview staff and meet their clients. Then, working as a group, you decide how to award the funds. The program concludes in May with a closing celebration where you will present the selected grantees with their grants in front of your families.

The dates for this year's **Northern Virginia 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Philanthropy Group** are as follows:

Sunday, February 7  
Sunday, February 21  
Sunday, March 21  
Sunday, April 11  
Sunday, April 25 – Funding Session  
Sunday, May 16 – Closing celebration with grant presentation to recipients

Please give this program your most serious consideration. It is not often that teenagers are given the opportunity to make this kind of direct impact on the world in which they live. Beth Emeth students receive a \$100 grant from the Youth Department, so your direct contribution to the program is only \$200, which is the \$150 *tzedakah* portion (fully tax-deductible) plus the \$50 registration fee.

This program meets school community service requirements and you are able to participate in something very unique before college.

Space is limited. If you're interested, please call me at 703-860-4515 x128 to reserve a spot, fill out the enclosed registration form or contact Jenny Goldhammer at the Partnership directly at 240-283-6221 or [jypi@pjll.org](mailto:jypi@pjll.org).

Sincerely,

Kara Rosenwald  
Youth Director