

GEMILUT CHASIDIM CHAPTER AWARD

BBYO STAND UP



BACKGROUND

Gemilut Chasidim Chapter Award recognizes those AZA, BBG and BBYO chapters around the world that participate in direct and indirect service opportunities in their community. Chapters must do both types of service to be eligible for entry into this challenge.

Direct Service: Direct service activities are defined by connections--working hand in hand to make a change. When your chapter goes into your community and takes action to help a cause or issue, you are participating in direct service. Using your hands to make a physical difference or using your smiles to cheer someone up are incredible lessons to teach others. Direct service teaches responsibility, fulfills the Jewish values of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, and *gemilut chasadim*, acts of love and kindness, and shows the immediate impact of their service.

Examples: students' working with senior citizens in an intergenerational project, serving food in a soup kitchen, and reading to young children.

Indirect Service: Indirect experiences involve chapters working behind the scenes or in a preparatory or support capacity for a direct service effort or initiative. These activities are centered on channeling resources to the problem rather than working directly with an individual who may need the service. Often teens do not come in contact with the people they serve, rather they support an initiative through education and advocacy. These activities bring resources and attention to problems, so teens can speak up against problems worldwide.

Examples: fundraising, advocacy-based work, collecting food or toys for disadvantaged families, and participating in landscaping in a community park.

CRITERIA

Any AZA, BBG or BBYO chapter in good standing may apply. The *Gemilut Chasidim* Chapter Award is earned by all chapters who have accumulated the necessary hours for any combination of direct and indirect service as stated above. Upon achievement of varying thresholds, different lapel crest pins are presented in two degrees:

Bronze award: Complete 15 hours of service as a chapter--at least 12 hours as direct service and at most 3 hours as indirect service.

Silver Award: Complete 25 hours of service as a chapter-- at least 20 as direct service and at most 5 hours as indirect service.

A third level, the **Gold award**, will be presented to one AZA and one BBG chapter who accomplishes the highest total amount of service hours across the International Order. This award is the highest honor a chapter can receive for their Stand UP achievements. Both chapters will be recognized for their achievements at International Convention.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Gemilut Chasidim Award Questionnaire:** The *Gemilut Chasidim* Award Questionnaire must be filled out and uploaded with the application.
2. **Staff/Advisor Approval:** Your application must be reviewed and approved in advance by your local staff member and chapter advisor.