



B'nai Brith Canada's Special Donation Program for Clothes and Housewares of a Deceased Person

To assist bereaved families and the needy among us, B'nai Brith offers those in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) a free pick-up service. A trained specialist will come to your home to pick up the unwanted belongings of a deceased person you wish to donate to charity.

Free home pick-up:

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Kitchen utensils
- Housewares
- Books
- Toys

To arrange for this free service and perform a mitzvah to honour the memory of a loved one, please call us at **416-633-6224, ext. 120**.

After office hours, leave a voice mail and your message will be returned.



Honouring the memory of a loved one through Tzedakah

Donating the clothes of a deceased person for a good cause

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Grieving for a loved one doesn't end, of course, with the conclusion of the *shiva*. While the sense of loss persists, relatives of the deceased have to address many practical matters following the initial period of official mourning.

Among them is what to do with the person's belongings. When it comes to their clothes and housewares, in keeping with Jewish tradition and the value of *tzedakah* (charity), we respectfully suggest donating them to honour the memory of the person you've lost

Why Donate

It is a longstanding Jewish custom to attach great importance to acts of *tzedakah* in tribute to the deceased. This usually takes the form of some kind of charitable donation to ensure the person's memory and presence will continue to be found in this world. It's consistent with the common Jewish prayer that a person's memory should live on "as a blessing."



When to Donate

The timing of when to donate the clothing of a deceased person is an individual decision. It's an emotionally charged process that can be difficult, although the outcome is certainly a *mitzvah*.

According to Jewish law (*halacha*), there is no halachic precedent that dictates when you should make such a donation. Waiting until the *shiva* period is finished allows you to take time to mourn and remember your loved one.

Why B'nai Brith Canada

Once the decision is taken to donate clothing or housewares, there are several practical considerations. We recommend the donation have the intended impact by making sure the items go to a worthy charity that uses them to support those most in need.

Since 1875, B'nai Brith has been a leader in supporting the disadvantaged and defending society from racism and bigotry. Completely independent of outside community and government funding, it is your support that make our activities possible. We sell a portion of donated clothing to raise funds for our other free services to the community, including:

- Seasonal free clothing "sales"
- Affordable housing
- Combatting antisemitism and racism
- Seniors meals and programming
- Holocaust education
- Support for Israel

How to Donate

B'nai Brith makes it simple. We understand that in times of grief, convenience and sensitivity are important. Just give us a call and our trained, compassionate specialists will come to your home at a time of your choosing to pick up your donated items. They have experience in interacting with families who have recently lost a loved one and will provide assistance if required. There is no charge for this service.