

## *My Mitzvah Project, by Jacob Brady*

Recently I had to spend two months in the hospital after a boating accident I had in August. It can be very hard to spend so much time in one room (especially when it's not your own bedroom!). I was lucky that family and friends brought me things to make my room more comfortable and warm. I had different blankets (METS, WWE) and pillows. Whenever nurses came in they said I had the best room!

Now, I would like to do the same thing for the other kids who are at the Maria Ferreri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center, where I spent so much time. I will be collecting "fun" blankets and pillows (Spiderman, Disney princess, Hannah Montana, sports teams, etc.) to give to the patients. Hopefully, it will make them more comfortable, and their rooms more like home.

I hope you can help me with this project by donating a blanket or pillow (they can be found at stores like Target, Toys R Us or Costco). I will place a box near the office at OJC. If you need your donation picked up, my mom is happy to do so. You can call our home at (845) 708-5582 or email me at [jbbdrums@gmail.com](mailto:jbbdrums@gmail.com)

Thank you for helping me give back to the children's hospital. I am looking forward to *walking* back in there to deliver everything!!

*Jacob*

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## *Food Donation Letter, by Jake Roth*

As many of you know, I went to Israel on a mission this past November. While I was there we went to work in a food bank in Sderot. Helping to give out the food we packaged I saw how hungry people looked. This made me understand that people go hungry even in Israel. Thinking this over I realized that even close to home there are people starving. I also realized, while preparing for my Bar Mitzvah, that so much food would go to waste. I wondered if there was any place that I could donate the extra food from my Bar Mitzvah. My parents and I did some research and found two organizations that would be happy to take the extra food from Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations and give it to the hungry. I figured that this information would be helpful to any one having a Bar/Bat mitzvah. If you think you will have food to donate please contact one of the organizations listed below.

1. People to People

Guadalupe Fishman

Executive Assistant

623-4900 ext 201

or Perre, Food Pantry Manager

People to People

623-4900 ext 211

2. Sister Cecilia

One to One Learning

Upper Nyack

359-4239

216-9799

512-8176

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*Jake*