

Dear Friends and Family,

As many of you know, my Bat-Mitzvah is November 14th of this year. It is a custom that one performs a mitzvah, or an act of kindness, before this special day. For my mitzvah project, I have chosen to support a charity called **Birthday Angels**.

Birthday Angels is a charity that provides children in Israel with birthday parties. There are many kids in Israel who are too poor to have birthday parties, or waste precious money on a cake and presents. **Birthday Angels** receives a list of children's names and is dedicated to making the lives of these underprivileged kids happier by providing them with a special day that they will never forget. A party kit is prepared that includes puzzles, games, prizes, music, and a birthday cake that are all customized for the birthday child. For the first time in their lives, the children feel important, as they get to celebrate their birthdays. Every party kit/cake costs thirty six dollars. Kind people donating money is the only way this organization keeps going. That's where you come in. Please find it in your hearts to send me a donation for this wonderful charity. Any amount will help 2, 5 or even 20 dollars, it does not matter. It will all add up in the end. If you choose to send checks please make the checks payable to Bari Goldenberg. Also, I will gladly accept cash and place it in the Birthday Angels fund. I assure you that the money will go directly to the charity.

My goal is to sponsor 13 birthday parties. I chose this special number of parties so 13 children can celebrate their birthdays on my 13th year. The most wonderful part is after the children have their birthday parties, they will send a thank you note back to me acknowledging their gratitude. As they will be sending the notes to me, I will make certain that copies are sent to all who graciously donated to this terrific cause. Thank you so much for assisting me in giving "Tikkun Olam", happiness in the world. See you in November!

PS - I am also doing a project for the JRA, or Jewish Relief Agency. I will be going to a food warehouse and packaging food in boxes. After I package the food, I will hand deliver the food to those in need. This mitzvah is called "Ma'akhil re'evim" or feeding the hungry.

Love,

Lauren