

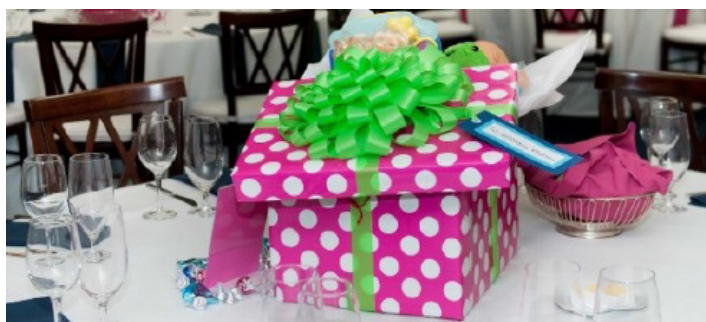


# Planning Your Mitzvah Project

Congratulations on reaching this special milestone!



A service project supporting Birthday Wishes is a wonderful way to mark this special and important milestone. There are almost 2,000 homeless children on Long Island who would not have a birthday celebration without people like you.



## Have a "Birthday Wishes" Theme

- Use Birthday Wishes as your Bar/Bat Mitzvah theme!
- Invitations can encourage attendees to bring a new gift or make a monetary donation to Birthday Wishes in lieu of gifts.
- Plan your centerpieces and party decor to reflect our Birthday-in-a-Box Program using various themes, genders and ages. These can then be donated to Birthday Wishes.

## Host a Drive

- Party supplies, toddler toys and teen gifts are our greatest need. Collection drives can take place in your temple or school.

## Stuff Goody Bags

- Goody Bags are given to all children at our parties. Guidelines will be provided.

## IMPORTANT:

**Out of respect for the families that Birthday Wishes serves and due to shelter policies we can not place one-time volunteers at our shelter parties as part of a service project.**

Birthday Wishes does offer party volunteer positions with a 1-year commitment. For information visit: [www.birthdaywishes.org/donate-time](http://www.birthdaywishes.org/donate-time)

## Fundraise on behalf of Birthday Wishes

- Sign up to Donate Your Birthday! Your friends and family can support your personal fundraising page. Create your page at: [www.birthdaywishes.org](http://www.birthdaywishes.org).
- Host an event to benefit Birthday Wishes:
  - Car Wash
  - Bake Sale
  - Lemonade Stand
  - Sports Competition
  - Talent Show

## Build Birthday Boxes

- These are for our safe shelters and scattered sites that can not accommodate volunteers. All items for a party are carefully assembled in a wrapped box. Guidelines will be provided.

## Make Craft Kits

- Craft kits are used at our parties as a fun activity that appeals to all ages. Guidelines will be provided.