

Bar Mitzvah Project

My name is Noah Linden, and I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah on June 3rd. For my Bar mitzvah project I am working with my Temple, Temple Israel of Natick, to raise funds and soccer supplies for a soccer field being built in Guatemala. Adelfo Gudiel Rivera is the facility manager at our Temple and comes from Canton Enciho Gacho, in the Jutiapa region of Guatemala. He asked our Temple to donate funds for cinder blocks to form a barrier around land that his uncle had donated for a soccer field. The problem is that animals wander onto the field during their games. Soccer is the number 1 sport in Guatemala, but unfortunately the area that Adelfo is from lacks funds for the cinder blocks as well as basic soccer equipment that we take for granted. He told me that kids will make soccer balls from rope just to play. I am very fortunate as I have played soccer for many years and get new shoes and equipment each year. I am sure there are many others like me who have extra equipment. I will be leave a box at the temple and ask that you may drop off gently used soccer shoes, shin guards, balls, clothes or new supplies you would like to donate. As the spring soccer season is quickly approaching, please consider donating your gently used equipment. Temple Israel of Natick will be shipping what's donated to Guatemala for Adolfo. If you would like to make a donation towards the cinder blocks please contact me. I love soccer and am very fortunate to get to play on great fields with good equipment. Everyone should have this right.

Thank you,

Noah Linden

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Pictures of the field and children in Guatemala

