

Raising Money for The Bedford Bobcats

My name is Leslie Belanger and for my joint Bat Mitzvah and Black Belt project I am raising money for The Bedford Bobcats. The Bedford Bobcats are a branch of Special Olympics New Hampshire, The Bedford Bobcats' mission is to "provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community." The Bedford Bobcats uphold Jewish values by being inclusive (Lifnei Aver), respecting everyone (Kavod), and honoring humanity (K'vod HaB'riot).

With the money that I raise I plan to fund the purchase of sports equipment including basketballs, softballs, javelins, and shot puts for field events. The money would also go towards buying uniforms for state competitions. My fundraising goal is \$5,000.

I chose to raise money for the Bedford Bobcats for my Black belt and Bat Mitzvah project because I am friends with multiple people who benefit from Bedford Bobcats. One of my friends tells me about all of the different sports he plays, like basketball and bowling. Whenever he talks about them he gets really excited and I think that it helps him to interact with people and do things he would usually not get the chance to do.

To make a donation, please make checks payable to Bedford Bobcats. Please mail all checks to me @ 145 Pulpit Road, Bedford, NH 03110. I will collect these and deliver them to the Bedford Bobcats. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me at lesliebelanger052809@gmail.com.