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**MITZVAH PROJECT: A DEDICATION TO NEWTOWN BOY'S MOM AND
THE CURE FOR BREAST CANCER**

NEWTOWN - May 12, 2009 - Jason Horowitz, 13, from Newtown Middle School, lost his mother to breast cancer just 15 months before his Bar Mitzvah. "Mom nearly lived long enough to see me stand on the bema in Bar Mitzvah," Jason wrote. "I'm so lucky to have had twelve years with her." To honor her memory, Jason has dedicated his Mitzvah service project to his mom, organizing a Broadway musical revue and fundraiser to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure®.

The performance is Sunday, May 17 at Noon at B'Nai Israel in Southbury. The theme, "It Takes a Village," was chosen in recognition of all the people who helped Jason and his family after his mom's passing - "the teachers, friends, neighbors and "villagers" who make a difference daily," Jason said. "Through projects like this one, we can find a cure for all moms."

Jason, who made his Bar Mitzvah last month, also asked his Mitzvah party guests to donate to Komen for the Cure in lieu of gifts, and has already raised over \$4,000. "Cancer has taken so much away from this day. Through song, we hope to fund the cure," Jason said. "I hope to make a meaningful remembrance for my mom and help ensure that more moms can be there for their kids."

Temple B'Nai Israel is located at 444 Main Street North in Southbury. The suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Tickets are available at the door.

About Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the Komen Connecticut Affiliate Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. The Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure was established in 1993 to fund research and better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community by supporting local organizations that focus on breast health issues and access to care. Seventy-five percent of net proceeds from the Affiliate stay in the community to fund local breast health programs and in 2009 alone, the Affiliate will grant more than \$871,000 to 22 breast health programs at organizations throughout Connecticut. Combined with national research dollars, Komen Connecticut has made an \$18 million impact on Connecticut's breast health and the breast cancer movement. For more information, call 860-728-4955 or visit komenct.org.

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Three simple steps to early detection are regular mammograms, clinical exams and breast self-exams.