

## Shira Katz

During the first weekend of November I attended the Houston trip to Philadelphia and it left a huge positive impact on me ever since. Just the feeling of knowing that my hands have helped the lives of many homeless families in need truly brings meaning to moral mentality. Throughout the trip, I really felt a sense of belonging. But the event that stuck out to me the most was Cradles to Crayons. We went to Cradles to Crayons on the very first day that we arrived. The jobs there consisted of sorting used coats by size and gender. These coats were being given to people who didn't have enough money to stay warm during the colder months. In total, around 1,100 coats were packed and given out to people. Growing up, being able to afford a coat for the colder weather had never been a concern for me. It was hard to try and put myself in someone else's shoes and imagine what it must be like to have to worry about something that seems so minor to us such as a coat, but is so important for a homeless person's well being. It really put a new perspective in my eyes and by taking steps forward, I will be conscious of the things I have in life and appreciate them a little more everyday.