

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROCEDURES - PREPARATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	PURPOSE
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GROUP SESSIONS

End of 3 rd Grade	Siddur Ceremony	Education Director, Rabbi, Cantor; Parents & Kids	Mark 3 rd grade and decoding abilities with a ceremony where they are gifted a siddur.
Middle of 4 th Grade	B'nai Mitzvah Orientation	Rabbis, Cantor, Executive Director, Education Director; Just Parents	Distribute BBM Manual, discuss importance of BBM ceremony, financial obligations, preparation process, personalizing the experience, mitzvah projects, etc.
End of 5 th Grade	Mitzvah Project Class	Education Director; Parents & Kids	Discuss Tikkun Olam, Mitzvah Project and receive guidance on choosing a mitzvah project
Beginning of 6 th Grade	Meaning of Bar/Bat Mitzvah What does Jewishness Mean to You?	Rabbi Parents & Kids	Discuss what it means to become bar/bat mitzvah, receive Parasha book.
Beginning to Middle of 6 th Grade	Vav Torah Program	Rabbi, Cantor, Education Director	Learn Torah trope and mark the completion with a ceremony with the parents.

PRIVATE SESSIONS

all sessions adjusted based on camp schedules

12 months prior to bar/bat mitzvah	Logistics Meeting	Executive Director	Discuss financial obligations, room rentals, etc.
8 months (24 sessions)	Start Weekly Torah & Haftarah lessons	Cantor	Learn to chant Torah with and then w/o vowels, learn to chant Haftarah. Review and master all prayers in the service.
6 months prior	Prayer Check	Education Director	Check prayers for accuracy and fluency. Schedule follow up appointments as needed.
6 months prior	Dvar Torah Study & Preparation	Rabbi	Study Torah and Haftarah portions and work on dvar Torah.
2 weeks prior	Final Rehearsals	Cantor	2 bima rehearsals, run through their parts