



B'nai Mitzvah Orientation

B'nai Mitzvah Family Information Booklet
(for your ease and convenience)



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B'nai Mitzvah Family Information Binder - Receipt

Please make sure to read this entire binder. It will prove to be a great resource for you and your family. You will be able to refer to it when any B'nai Mitzvah questions arise.

Thank you!

Received By

Dated

Upon parent's signature, kindly give this form to one of the clergy.



A Message from Rabbi Arturo Kalfus



First, congratulations on reaching this point in your Jewish journey. You are about to begin your specific Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation. It is an exciting time as well as a time of nervousness and a little anxiety. Our Cantor and I are here to accompany you through this process, to teach and guide you. And we will be a step or two from you during your Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. If any help will be needed, you will not be alone, we are here for you.

Becoming a young adult in the eyes of the Jewish community is a big deal. You will count, you will be more responsible and ultimately, as you will receive the Torah into your arms, you will be responsible to pass it on to generations that follow.

Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is so much more than the ceremony itself. We will have occasions to discuss your developing Jewish identity, your meaningful Mitzvah project that you will choose to do, and the details of the ceremony itself. I look forward to getting to know you and your family during this process.

So again, congratulations!! We will meet soon!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Arturo Kalfus". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Rabbi Arturo Kalfus

A Message from Cantor Ken Cohen



Mazal Tov! You are approaching a great occasion! This wonderful happening ushers in a new time in your lives. For the young adult becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, this event puts into practice skills and insights that have been culled not just during the several months of intensive preparation, and not merely during the years of Religious School, but during your entire life experience, thus far, as a Jew.

The goal of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program goes a lot further than just preparing and leading a Shabbat service. By the time our new young adult steps onto the Bimah and leads our congregation through prayer, we hope that he/she will not just think of me as the Cantor but that he/she will think of me as his/her Cantor. I hope that the relationship we cultivate together will last a lifetime. We hope that the tools used to achieve this wonderful goal will help our new young adults stay in touch with their growing and changing Jewish identity throughout their entire lives. We also hope that through this process they will learn to feel comfortable participating in any service at any synagogue.

Please remember that we are here for you at any time to answer any concerns or questions you may have about this most important process. We look forward to our study together and the beginnings of our exploration of what Judaism can mean in an adult life. Again, ***Mazal Tov!***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cantor Ken Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cantor Ken Cohen

A Message from Rabbi Dalia Samansky



Mazel Tov on beginning this sacred journey! Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is an important milestone in a young adult's life. You have worked hard to get here and should be proud of all you have accomplished. Learning to read a foreign language, much less lead a service in it is no easy feat!

Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is not an end point – it is the beginning point for creating your own Jewish path as part of the young adult Jewish community. Up until now, your parents, clergy, and teachers have given you the information you need to succeed. As you transition into Jewish young adulthood and our Chai [High] School program, you will be challenged to use your own knowledge to deepen your connection to our history, culture, and future. As you continue to study and gain more knowledge, wisdom, and life experiences, you will create a Jewish identity that enhances your life and helps you meet the challenges ahead. Know that you will never be on this journey alone. We are here to guide you, support you, and lift you up when you fall.

We are proud to be on this journey with you and look forward to watching as you continue to flourish and grow. May you be blessed in all your comings and goings.

Mazel Tov!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rabbi Dalia Samansky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Rabbi" and "Dalia" being capitalized and prominent.

Rabbi Dalia Samansky, Director of Education

A Message from The Sisterhood



Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood

18200 Rinaldi Place • Northridge, CA 91326 • 818-360-2258

Mazel Tov!

It will soon be time for your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We are so delighted to be able to help you celebrate this special day in the life of your family.

Parents of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah sponsor the Oneg Shabbat following the Friday night service at a cost of \$225 (\$200 for Sisterhood members). The fee includes money for the Sisterhood Oneg program which provides for weekly onegs after Shabbat services. As I'm sure you have experienced, there is always a wide variety of pastries, drinks and all that is required for a lovely oneg. Sisterhood members prepare the social hall, the food and the clean-up. The fee also includes a donation to SOVA, a Jewish charity which provides free groceries and supportive services to individuals of all ages, ethnicities and religions.

We would like you to know as well that Sisterhood offers, at an additional cost, a lovely extended Kiddush luncheon after a morning Bar/Bat Mitzvah service. This is a wonderful way to spend time with your guests, and provide them with a light meal to extend the celebration. Please contact Cheryl Hatkoff at 818-693-2813 with any questions or to book your extended Kiddush luncheon.

The sisterhood Judaica shop sells tallitot and many other Bar/Bat Mitzvah items and gifts. We are pleased to enclose a 10% coupon towards any purchase in the Judaica shop.

We look forward to providing you with a beautiful oneg in honor of your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. If you have any questions about the oneg, please call me at 818-701-1803.

Sincerely,

Jo Schwartz

Oneg Chairperson

Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood



TAS Sisterhood Judaica Shop

*We invite you to enjoy a **10% discount** on your total bill on a one-time Bar or Bat Mitzvah shopping trip at the Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop.*

Please come see our talitot, talit clips, kippot, picture frames, jewelry and many more of your B'nai Mitzvah needs.

For more information, call Laraine Miller at 818-631-8199.

Tell Us About Your B'nai Mitzvah Student

When you think about your child, what makes you proud?

What are they passionate about?

What do they get upset about at home?

How can we help make this a great year for your son/daughter?

How can we make your child feel safe and open to trying new things?

Do you have any suggestions on how to best connect with your child?

What sparks your child's interest?

What helps to motivate your child to do his/her best?

What triggers frustration or withdrawal?

What two things should we do as their teacher and two things to avoid?

As their parents, what are your hopes and dreams for your child in this experience?

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Timeline

3 Years Prior
1.5 Years Prior

Apply for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date (End of 4th Grade)
Attend the B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton/Orientation (Winter of 6th Grade)

1.5 Years Prior
1 Year Prior
1 Year Prior

Attend 6 week Torah Cantillation Class for 6th Grade (Spring of 6th Grade)
Learner's Minyan on Shabbat morning: Attend a B'nai Mitzvah Service
Intake scheduled by office, including Cantor and the B'nai Mitzvah family

- *Getting to know you
- *Weekly training process detailed
- *Setting expectations and goals
- *Setting lesson schedule with Cantor
- *Share any learning issues or behavioral concerns with Cantor
- *Video/Photography/Dress Expectations reviewed

9 Months Prior
7 Months Prior
5 Months Prior
4 Months Prior
10 Weeks Prior

Attend Learner's Minyan on Shabbat morning and B'nai Mitzvah Service
Begin Individual B'nai Mitzvah training with Cantor (20 minutes weekly)
Attend Learner's Minyan Shabbat morning and B'nai Mitzvah Service
Meet with Rabbi Kalfus and discuss Mitzvah Project
Parents/Student discuss Torah portion with Rabbi (30 minutes)

- *Submit photo of student and bio to main office

7 Weeks Prior
4 Weeks Prior
3 Weeks Prior

Continue working on D'var Torah with Rabbi (30 minutes)
Continue working on D'var Torah with Rabbi (30 minutes)
No new material learned by student after this date

- *Student reviews prayers/Torah reading, adding confidence and ease
- [*Email Honors Form to main temple office \(Cynthia@tasnorthridge.org\)](mailto:Cynthia@tasnorthridge.org)

2 Weeks Prior
1 Week Prior
1 Day Prior
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Day

Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary, with Cantor and family (1 hour)
Final Rehearsal in Sanctuary, with Cantor and B'nai Mitzvah student
Family attends Erev Shabbat Service (check time), B'nai Mitzvah leads prayers
Celebrate with TAS friends and family!

Timetable for Lessons with Cantor Ken

9 Months In Advance	Cantor Intake with TAS Family: Invite questions: Discuss the meaning of B'nai Mitzvah; Assess student's Hebrew fluency; Explain the training process and distribute timetable; Discuss parent's role in service; Discuss Rabbi's role in training; Remind families of service attendance requirement; Options of special moments in ceremony. Reminder of Honors form submission date, photography/video regulations.
Lesson 1	Parents and students attend. Expectations and goals reviewed; distribute service booklet, online recorded resources explained
Lesson 2	Each service prayer evaluated, Torah portion and Haftarah recorded, explain use of App.
Lesson 3	Start Aliyah #1
Lesson 4	Review Aliyah #1; reminder to attend Shabbat Services
Lesson 5	Start Aliyah #2
Lesson 6	Review Aliyah #2
Lesson 7	Polish Aliyot 1 & 2
Lesson 8	Start Aliyah #3; reminder to attend Shabbat services;
Lesson 9	Review Aliyah #3
Lesson 10	Polish Aliyot 1, 2 & 3
Lesson 11	Start Aliyah #4
Lesson 12	Review Aliyah #4; reminder to attend Shabbat services
Lesson 13	Polish Aliyah 1, 2, 3 & 4; start Aliyah #5
Lesson 14	Review Aliyah #5
Lesson 15	Polish Aliyot 1-5; review prayers in service;
Lesson 16	Learn Aliyah 1 from Torah scroll; review all prayers in service; reminder to attend Shabbat services
Lesson 17	Master Aliyah 1 from Torah scroll; review all prayers in service
Lesson 18	Learn Aliyah 2 from Torah scroll; review all prayers in service; work with Rabbi on Speech and Mitzvah Project
Lesson 19	Master Aliyah 2 from Torah scroll; review all prayers in service
Lesson 20	Learn Aliyah 3 from Torah scroll; begin Haftarah, lines 1 & 2; reminder to attend Shabbat services; review prayers in service
Lesson 21	Master Aliyah 3 from Torah scroll; begin Haftarah, lines 3 & 4; review prayers in service
Lesson 22	Learn Aliyah 4 from Torah scroll; begin Haftarah, lines 5 & 6; review prayers in service and meet with Rabbi.
Lesson 23	Master Aliyah 4 from Torah scroll; master Haftarah lines 1-6; review prayers in service
Lesson 24	Learn Aliyah 5 from Torah scroll; polish Haftarah lines 1-6; review prayers in service
Lesson 25	Master Aliyah 5 from Torah scroll; master Haftarah lines 1-6; review prayers in service
Lesson 26	No new material beyond this point; chant from Torah scroll, chant entire Haftarah and blessings; family submits Honors Sheet to office
Lesson 27	Complete run through of entire ceremony in main Sanctuary with family; bring tallit
Lesson 28	Complete run through of service in Sanctuary with student (family optional); bring tallit



Outline for Preparing Your D'var Torah with Rabbi Arturo Kalfus

Your D'var Torah should be about 2 ½ pages long (double spaced).

The goal is to take an idea from your Torah portion and make it contemporary, thus, teaching a valuable lesson to the congregation.

Suggested Outline:

- 1) My Torah portion is...and it is in the book of...chapter...verses...
It talks about theme A,B,C
- 2) I want to talk to you about theme B. "Google" your theme so that you can learn more about it. Some of the insights learned can be incorporated into your D'var Torah. Summarize the theme. Quote 1 or 2 verses from the Torah as examples.
- 3) Make the theme contemporary. How does it relate to you, your family, your society, etc? Give 2-3 personal examples. Summarize what you wanted to teach to the congregation.
- 4) Describe your Mitzvah Project. What did you do? What did you learn? How did you help others? How meaningful was this Mitzvah to you?
- 5) Please thank your parents and teachers.



B'nai Mitzvah Student Progress Report

Name of B'nai Student				Date	Time
Parsha					
Home Phone		Cell Phone	EMail		
First Name of Parent / Guardian					
First Name of Parent / Guardian					
First Name of Parent / Guardian					
First Name of Parent / Guardian					
Name of Sibling/Siblings:					
Learning Issues and Special Needs (Filled in by Director of Education)					
Mitzvah Project (Filled in by Rabbi)					
Special Family Situation:					

B'nai Mitzvah Student Progress Report Page Two

	Date	Approval
Checklist of Prayers in Order of Mastery		
Tallit Blessing:		
V'ahavta:		
Avot V'imahot:		
G'vurot		
Blessing Before Torah:		
Blessing After Torah:		
Blessing Before Haftarah:		
Blessing After Haftarah:		
Torah Aliyot Mastered/Parasha		
Aliyah 1: Book: Chapter/Verses		
Aliyah 2: Book: Chapter/Verses		
Aliyah 3: Book: Chapter/Verses		
Aliyah 4: Book: Chapter/Verses		
Aliyah 5: Book: Chapter/Verses		
Haftarah Mastered:		
Haftarah: Book: Chapter/Verses		
Trope Groups Mastered:		
Wishbone		
Straight Line		
Colon		
Arc with Dot		
And a Diamond		

B'nai Mitzvah Service Outline/Honors Sheet AM and PM

At the end of this booklet you will find fillable forms, for both the B'nai Mitzvah AM/PM Services.

Please fill out the Service Outline/Honors Sheet form for your AM or PM B'nai Mitzvah. You will need to fill in the information for all of your Honors. Please follow the outline of the form to completion. This form needs to be sent to the temple office three weeks before your service date.

Upon finishing, kindly email your form to the temple office, to the attention of Cynthia@tasnorthridge.org.

If you have any changes in your Service Outline/Honors Form, after you have forwarded to the temple office, please send us your revised copy.

Please note that final revisions need to be completed by the Wednesday before your B'nai Mitzvah.

Thanking you in advance for your help with this process.

Elements of the Synagogue Service

Bar/Bat Mitzvah: The word Mitzvah in Hebrew means commandment. Bar is the word for son and Bat is the word for daughter. Together they signify the new responsibilities taken on by a young person as they transition to becoming an adult in the Jewish community. This rite of passage marks the first time that a young person reads from and blesses the Torah, and leads the congregation in communal prayer.

Torah: Torah in Hebrew means teaching. Considered the most precious possession of the Jewish people, the Torah is a handwritten parchment scroll. Also called the Pentateuch and The Five Books of Moses, the Torah is also used to refer to the entire body of Jewish religious teachings and insight.

Kippah: Is the head covering worn as a sign of reverence for God.

Tallit: Is the prayer shawl worn to remind us to uphold God's laws. It also symbolizes God's love for us. The fringes are wrapped in a special pattern totaling 613 knots, the exact number of commandments given to the Jewish people by God.

Bimah: Is the raised platform in the Sanctuary containing an Ark, where the Torah scrolls are housed. Hanging above the Ark is the Eternal Light (Ner Tamid), which serves as a reminder of God's light and everlasting presence in our lives.

Aliyah: The honor of being called to bless the Torah is called an Aliyah, and one is asked to recite blessings before and after the Torah is read. Being called up for an Aliyah is one of the highest honors one can receive as a Jew in worship.

Havdalah: The Havdalah service marks the separation of the Sabbath from the work week, as we bid farewell to our day of rest and prepare for the week ahead. The ceremony is performed on Saturday evening, when the first three stars are seen in the night sky. The Havdalah service consists of three symbols and four prayers. The symbols are: a cup of wine, a spice box, and the Havdalah candle. The wine represents prosperity, the spice box the blessings we receive from God, and the candle containing several interwoven wicks, reminds us that our lives are interwoven with happiness and sadness, despair and hope. The blessings are for each symbol and Havdalah itself.



Havdalah



BLESSING OVER THE WINE

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, boray pri hagafen. Praised are you, O Eternal our God, who creates the fruit of the vine.+

BLESSING OVER THE SPICES

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיָּנִי בְּשָׂמִים.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, boray minay v'samim. Praised are you, O Eternal our God, who creates the various spices.

BLESSING OVER THE CANDLE

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, boray m'oray ha-eysh. Praised are you, O Eternal our God, who creates the light of fire.

BLESSING FOR HAVDALAH

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ
לְחֹל.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol.

Eliyahu haNavi, Eliyahu

haTishbi, Eliyahu, Eliyahu,

Eliyahu haGiladi. Bimheyra

v'yameinu, yavo eyleynu,

Im mashiach ben David,

Im mashiach ben David.

אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַנָּבִיא, אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי,
אֵלֶיָּהוּ, אֵלֶיָּהוּ, אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי.
בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ, יָבֹא אֵלֵינוּ,
עִם מָשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד,
עִם מָשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד.

Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah of Gilead.

Soon, in our days, Elijah will come with the Messiah, the son of David.

שבוע טוב!

Shavua Tov!
A Good Week!

B'nai Mitzvah Program Ideas

Listed herein are some ideas for the B'nai Mitzvah Program.

You may take the general ideas of who should be listed as participants on your program from the sample Temple Program [See page 19].

You will want to include a picture or pictures of your child in the program. A picture is very nice on the cover of your program with date of the B'nai Mitzvah. Other pictures that you desire can be scattered throughout the program.

It is also a good idea to include some thoughts from your child of what this special day means to him/her.

Your child may want to include some special thoughts about members of his/her family.

A description of the Mitzvah Project can also be included in the program.

If you have an afternoon B'nai Mitzvah, the Havdalah service should be included.

You can also include the meanings of some of the B'nai Mitzvah traditions, such as the Giving of the Tallit and the passing of the Torah from generation to generation.

A thank you to those in attendance on the special day can be included.



Temple Printed Program [Sample]

Shalom! Shown below is a sample Temple printed program for your child's ceremony. Content for the program is culled from the honor sheets that you will fill out. Please be sure that the information is correct. The last date to make any changes regarding the program content is **10** days prior to your B-Mitzvah celebration. Mazel Tov!



Temple Ahavat Shalom

September 10, 2019 10 Elul 5779



Bar Mitzvah of Michael Blumberg

Baruch ben Yisrael v' Sarah

Honorees

Shira and Daniel Blumberg
Steve and Lisa Shulweiss
Mike Bernstein Randy Stein
Alan and Lauren Guttenberg
Steve and Annette Guttenberg

From Generation to Generation

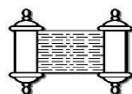
Steve and Annette Guttenberg
Shira and Daniel Blumberg
Michael Blumberg

Torah Assistants

Cynthia Cohen Sean Colby
Kyle Cohne Melissa Cohne
Barbara Winfred Marvin Miles

Ushers

Collin Stanton Hanna Berk



Officiants

Rabbi Arturo Kalfus Cantor Kenneth Cohen

Explanation of Temple Program

Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service– English and Hebrew Date

Name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah – English and Hebrew Name

Honorees

Honorees should include the parents, those performing Aliyot or Torah readings or anyone delivering a speech or making a presentation to the B’nai Mitzvah [i.e. Tallit]

From Generation to Generation

In the passing of the Torah from generation to generation, honorees are listed chronologically, eldest to youngest:

- Great Grandparents
- Grandparents
- Parents
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Torah Assistants

Honorees include Ark Opening and Closing, Lifting and Tying the Torah scroll.

Ushers

Honorees include family/friends who welcome guests, hand out prayer books and bibles, and help seat the guests at the service.

Officiating

A listing of the clergy of Temple Ahavat Shalom.

B'nai Mitzvah Family Important Miscellaneous Items

Reminder for Service Outline/Honors Sheet and B'nai Mitzvah Program

Please make sure to turn in your **Service Outline/Honors Sheet** fully completed **three weeks** prior to your service date. The sheet needs to be brought in or sent via email to the Temple Office to the attention of Cantor Ken Cohen at cantor@tasnorthridge.org and/or Cynthia at cynthia@tasnorthridge.org.

Please inform the Temple Office if you are doing your own **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program**, or if you would like Cynthia to do the basic Temple Program for your service. This must be decided **three weeks** prior to your service date.

Friday Evening Service Times

The Friday night Erev Shabbat Service start time will vary. Please make sure you double check the temple calendar to know the service start time. On Shabbat, the Saturday morning service begins at 10:15am; the Saturday afternoon service begins at 4:45pm.

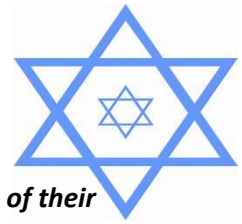
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring Appointments with Cantor Ken

When your Bar/Bat Mitzvah student arrives at the temple office for their appointment with Cantor Ken, please make sure that they check in at the Front Desk of the temple office. If no one is at the Front Desk, please make sure that they check in with the Cantor's assistant. If your tutoring session is after 5pm., a parent or guardian must remain in the main office while the session is in progress.

Important Items to Note

- 1) To honor the sanctity of our worship services, please note that during the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service photography is not permitted in the Sanctuary. If desired, a photographer may take pictures **only** from the Sound Booth located to the immediate right as you enter the Sanctuary. Remember, flash photography is **NOT** permitted during the service.
- 2) A Videographer is permitted in the rear center of the Sanctuary during the service, but **no flash or lights** are permitted.
- 3) Any use of the Sanctuary or Social Hall space **MUST** be coordinated with the main temple office. For example, if you need to coordinate space for pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah pictures in the Sanctuary, or need to meet with your caterer in the Social Hall, please contact the temple office to make sure the space is available and schedule a time.

Your Mitzvah Project



Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Student will select a Mitzvah Project to work on during the time of their preparation for their B'nai Mitzvah.

This project is usually a cause to work on that has a special meaning for each B'nai Mitzvah student. The Mitzvah Project involves performing a good deed or working on something special for the community.

Listed below are some examples of Mitzvah Projects and their special meanings to each of the B'nai Mitzvah students.

Alexa Jilliana Flores: Alexa's Mitzvah project is dedicated to an 11-year-old boy named Sevastian who is fighting a chronic and debilitating heart disease. His life is filled with doctor appointments, surgeries, and physical limitations that creates many challenges to his life. Alexa stated: "After many outings and conversations, Sevastian and I have become good friends."

I'm asking that my friends and family support Sevastian's Go Fund Me Account, so that I can continue to help him have positive and fun experiences that he may not otherwise have the opportunity to do. Any contribution is greatly appreciated as I will use each dollar to fulfill my mitzvah by doing acts of loving kindness."

Courtney Sasha Cohen: In fulfillment of the meaning of Mitzvah, Courtney chose to volunteer weekly at The Discovery Shop in Northridge, CA. The Discovery Shop is a resale shop run by the American Cancer Society. Through selling the donated items in the shop, money is raised for cancer research, treatment, and education.

This was an important cause to Courtney because she had family and friends who had suffered from the disease, and she wanted to help raise money to find a cure. Courtney had congregants from the temple donate items to The Discovery Shop.

Jacob Arthur Kaplan: For Jacob's Mitzvah project, he chose to collect old towels and blankets for animal shelters. He found that there was a great need for towels and blankets for the animals. He wanted to provide the animals in need with soft items to lay on. Members of our congregation helped to provide Jacob with towels and blankets for the shelter. When he brought the items to the shelter, he saw how they were used to help the comfort of the animals.

Shelby Kaitlyn Garren: For her project, Shelby knit baby hats for "Stitches from the Heart." The hats were distributed to hospitals around the country where they were given to ill and premature infants.

Stevie Serden Gluck: In fulfillment of the meaning of Mitzvah, Stevie collected new and gently used stuffed animals for Hurricane Katrina victims. He coordinated his efforts with the Bella Pooch Organization to distribute the items. Stevie's objective was to collect 1,000 pieces. With the generous donations of many caring people, Stevie far exceeded his objective.

Your Bimah Buddy

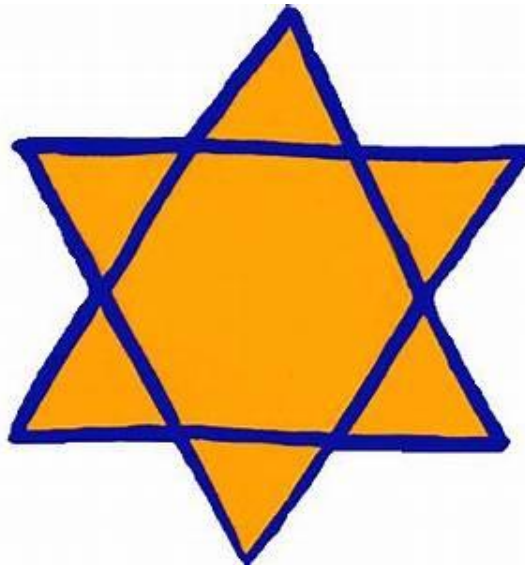
Every B'nai Mitzvah Student will be assigned a Bimah Buddy from the TAS Board of Directors.

Before your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, your Bimah Buddy will call you and your parents. They will make arrangements to meet with you, so you will have a chance to get to know each other.

Your Bimah Buddy will be at your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service, and will be saying a few words to you before your D'var Torah.

They will present you with your certificates and gifts from the temple.

They will be at your Bar/Bat Mitzvah service to help you with whatever you need!



B'nai Mitzvah Financial Information

Listed below are specific charges for your child's B'nai Mitzvah. We want to advise you of the fees for which you are responsible.

B'nai Mitzvah Training:

\$1,320.00 payable to TAS

B'nai Mitzvah Oneg Sponsorship:

\$225.00 payable to Sisterhood. The fee will be \$200.00, if you are a member of TAS Sisterhood.

Separate Optional Fees:

Extended Kiddush

B'nai Mitzvah Party

TAS Room Rental Rates

Please feel free to inquire at the temple office for information regarding the separate fees.

Enjoy Your B'nai Mitzvah Journey!



“In spirituality, the searching is the finding and the pursuit is the achievement.”

Dr. Abraham J. Twerski

It is important for us to strive to accomplish our goals and move towards our destinations. But what really matters is who we become as we search and what we learn as we pursue our dreams.



Temple Ahavat Shalom

Name

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

B'nai Mitzvah AM Program

Date

ARTURO KALFUS - RABBI
KEN COHEN - CANTOR



Service Outline & Honors Form

Name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Saturday Morning	Date	Time
Bimah Buddy: First & Last Name			

Ushers:

First & Last Name	First & Last Name	First & Last Name	First & Last Name
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General Service:

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First & Last Name	Ark Opening #1	
Great Grandparents	Passing of the Torah from Generation to Generation	
Grandparents		
First Names of Parents		
First Name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah		
Cantor & Accompanist	"L'dor Vador" played as Torah is passed	
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Aliyot					
First & Last Name		Relationship To Bar/Bat Mitzvah	First Name Hebrew	ben/bat	First Names of Parents Hebrew
1st Aliyah:					
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First & Last Name	Relationship To Bar/Bat Mitzvah	First Name Hebrew	ben/bat	First Names of Parents Hebrew
2nd Aliyah:				
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3rd Aliyah:				
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4th Aliyah:				
First Name of Mother	Parent	Mother's Hebrew First Name		Mother's Parents Hebrew First Names
First Name of Father	Parent	Father's Hebrew First Name		Father's Parents Hebrew First Names
First Name of Parent	Parent	Parent's Hebrew Name		Parent's Hebrew Name
First Name of Parent	Parent	Parent's Hebrew Name		Parent's Hebrew Name
5th Aliyah:				
First & Last Name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah	B'nai Mitzvah's Hebrew Name [First]			Parent's First Hebrew Names

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Cantor		372
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Rabbi		Introduces the Return of the Torah to Ark
First & Last Name	Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
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First & Last Name	Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
		Ark Opening #2
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Rabbi & Cantor		Words & Blessing to Bar/Bat Mitzvah
		Y'varechecha at Ark
Rabbi		Introduces the Aleinu
Cantor		Aleinu/V'ne'emar
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Kaddish:

Kaddish Names	Names of Loved Ones who are Deceased
First & Last Name of Deceased	Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah
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Bimah Buddy: First & Last Name	Presentation of Gifts to Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Cantor	Final Song
Rabbi/Cantor/Family	Blessing over Wine & Challah
Accompanist	Recessional Music



Temple Ahavat Shalom

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B'nai Mitzvah PM Program

Date

ARTURO KALFUS - RABBI
KEN COHEN - CANTOR



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Name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Saturday Afternoon	Date	Time
Bimah Buddy: First & Last Name			

Ushers:			
First & Last Name	First & Last Name	First & Last Name	First & Last Name

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