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Dear Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family,

As your son or daughter is working hard preparing for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we wanted to take a moment and remind you of the scheduling policy related to the Temple's Social Hall, if your family is considering utilizing it as part of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration. Such uses would include, but are not limited to, a Kiddush reception or post Bar/Bat Mitzvah lunch or dinner party.

All Bar/Bat Mitzvah families have the "right of first refusal" for the use of the Social Hall for the 4-hour period immediately following their ceremony. For example, if your child has a morning service, you have the right of first refusal to use the Social Hall for anytime between 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For evening services, that family has the right of first refusal for the evening time slot, which typically is between 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Since our Social Hall is also in high demand to rent to both individuals and groups, both inside and outside our congregation, our policy also provides that Bar/Bat Mitzvah families have from the time of the confirmation of the service date up to six months prior to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service in which to exercise their right of first refusal and rent the Social Hall by submitting the refundable deposit. Once the date of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah comes within the six-month period, the Social Hall will automatically be made available to anyone on a first come first serve basis.

As an example, if your Bar Mitzvah is the morning of June 1st, you have the right of first refusal to use the Social Hall on June 1st, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., from the confirmation of the service date up to and including December 1st. After December 1st, use of the Social Hall is open to whoever places a deposit on the room first. Please also be aware, that it is your obligation to keep track of the six-month mark, as no one at the Temple will alert you to its expiration or that the Social Hall is now subject to rental to other parties.

Hosting a Bar/Bat Mitzvah reception in our Social Hall promises to be a beautiful and memorable occasion. If you would like more information about event or vendor options, or to see photographs taken of past events to help you visualize your dream party, please contact the Temple Office and speak with our Executive Director, Aaron Solomon at 818-360-2258 or asolomon@tasnorthridge.org.

Respectfully,
TAS Board of Trustees
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¹ Please note that there are other venues at the Temple available to rent that fall outside this policy, such as the Activity Center and classrooms.

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