

Congregation Beth David

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BAR/BAT MITZVAH GUIDE

BASIC GUIDELINES

Family must meet Beth David requirements and be members of Beth David when Bat/Bar Mitzvah is scheduled

Child must be Jewish (Mother is Jewish; or, if she is not, child has converted)

DATE/TIME

Ceremony can be observed almost any time of the year when Torah is read (i.e., Shabbat morning, Shabbat afternoon, Rosh Chodesh, Holidays)

Dates should be scheduled at least one year in advance, in co-operation with Ethan Adler and the Bar/Bat Mitzvah committee of Beth David.

Service times are: Friday evening at 8:00 P M; Shabbat morning at 9:30 AM

FOOD AND FLOWERS

The family may wish to sponsor Oneg Shabbat after Friday evening services and Kiddush after Shabbat morning services

All food brought into the synagogue must be Kosher (No food can be prepared at home); "Dairy" food may be prepared in the Shul kitchen

Ceremonial Challah for Shabbat morning may be ordered

Bimah flowers and other deliveries should be scheduled for Friday afternoon, before sunset (Call Stan to make sure the Shul is open)

MEMENTOS

Pictures may be taken inside the Shul before and/or after, not during the Services

Special Kippot may be ordered

Explanatory card, pamphlet, or program may be printed, as a guide to the Service and an explanation of the parts of the ceremony

PREPARATION AND STUDY

Private tutoring is available by South County Hebrew School staff members (Call Ethan)

A short, 5-minute speech about the importance of the day (Torah/Haftarah themes, etc.)

A Community Service project for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah is highly recommended

During the year prior to the ceremony the Bar/Bat Mitzvah and family should attend Friday and Saturday services as often as possible, at least six Saturdays and twelve Fridays, so that the Bat/Bar Mitzvah can benefit from participation in services. This requirement is very important to the preparation for the Service. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah and his/her family should understand and realize that attendance at services will be reviewed periodically in the months leading up to the scheduled date, and **insufficient attendance may be cause for rescheduling the Bat/Bar Mitzvah ceremony.**

ENHANCING YOUR EXPERIENCE

Parent(s)' prayer or other thoughts or remarks by family member(s)

Tallit transfer through family generations

Torah transfer through family generations

Honors (Aliyah), English readings, extra Ark openings to honor family and guests

Post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gesher (Bridge) Program, sponsored by B.J.E. is encouraged

For additional information, please call:

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