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According to Jewish tradition, a Bar Mitzvah reflects a major turning point in the life of a Jewish boy and as such, we believe very strongly that every boy should celebrate this milestone in a meaningful and traditional manner. We are proud to present you a variety of options to personalize your service and make this a day to remember for years to come.

Bar Mitzvah Service:

A typical Bar Mitzvah service includes:

- ◆ Prayer service
- ◆ Reading of the Torah, Haftorah
- ◆ Mazel Tov & Candy throw
- ◆ Speeches delivered by the Rabbi, the Bar Mitzvah boy
- ◆ Reception

The Bar Mitzvah boy may choose to do as much as lead the entire service and read the Torah and Haftorah or as little as just being called up to the Torah for an Aliyah (or anything in between.)

Tutoring:

The Bar Mitzvah boy needs to work with a private tutor once a week for approximately 10 months to learn how to lead the services, read from the Torah and put on Tefillin.

Mitzvah Project:

The Bar Mitzvah boy is encouraged to choose a Tzedaka project, (volunteering his time or donating his "maaser" [10% of his earnings] etc.) in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

Reception

We are able to host in our shul up to 80 people. There is an option of renting a tent and do the ceremony outside in the garden. This can host up to 140 people.

Please note that this is for the Kiddush or lunch after the service only – not for a full-blown party (with D.J., dancing etc.)

Ceremony Options

Shabbat Morning Service:

A Shabbat Morning Service begins at 10 a.m. with Shacharit (morning service.) It includes the Torah, Haftorah reading, the speeches and then the Mussaf service. Services generally end approximately 12:00 pm., after which we will have Kiddush lunch. Please remember that videos, cameras and microphones are not allowed on Shabbat.

Shabbat Afternoon Service:

This ceremony will begin with a 30 minute Mincha (afternoon service.) There is a short Torah reading (no Haftorah.) The speeches will then be delivered. The total service is about 1½ hours.

Havdala Service: (No Torah Reading)

The service can begin any time from one hour after Shabbat ends. The Bar Mitzvah boy welcomes everyone and speaks about the Havdala Ceremony. He recites Havdala honoring close family members by having them participate in parts of the service. The Bar mitzvah boy recites special Saturday night prayers as well. This 1-hour ceremony includes speeches and the parent's blessing. Separate seating is not necessary, unless you plan on doing the Maariv Service. Videos and pictures are permitted. ***Please remember that since there is no Torah Reading, there are no Aliyahs to the Torah either.***

Guidelines

- ⌚ Boy must be after 13th birthday (according to Hebrew birthday) on day of his bar mitzvah celebration.
- ⌚ He must attend Hebrew School program as well as private Bar Mitzvah lessons (as needed.)
- ⌚ Boy (and hopefully entire family) must attend Shabbat services a minimum of 18 times as well as all holiday services the year preceding his bar mitzvah.
- ⌚ Family should purchase NEW Tefillin and Bar Mitzvah boy learn how to don them.
- ⌚ The family should provide Kippas for guests as well as compile a booklet to help guests follow the Bar Mitzvah Ceremony.
- ⌚ You may have a photographer or video for the ceremony only on weekdays. For Shabbat Bar Mitzvahs, you may want to plan on a pre-Bar Mitzvah photography session at the shul.
- ⌚ The family is responsible to buy the Kosher candy that is "Showered" on the Bar Mitzvah boy. Sunkist Gems are highly recommended, as they are soft.
- ⌚ All foods and liquor served after the service must meet the kosher standards of the shul.
- ⌚ *Please note that there is separate seating during the services. The only option for a mixed seating service is a Havdala service – but then that does not include any Torah reading or Aliyahs*

Mazel tov on your upcoming simcha!

If you have any other questions feel free to call us

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