

Timeline for B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Israel

Below is a list of key events in the B'nei Mitzvah process for you to look forward to. Keep in mind these are in addition to the expectations found in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Handbook (including Shabbat service attendance, Religious School/private tutoring and Sunday School attendance, or Day School enrollment):

4th grade

- Cantor Einhorn will send out a Bar/Bat Mitzvah application in the fall
- Fill out and return the Bar/Bat Mitzvah application promptly to the clergy office
- Once calendar has been created, you will receive a letter announcing your Bar/Bat Mitzvah date

5th grade

- Begin Social Justice Programming with Family Educator Leora Mallach
- Late fall, Cantor Einhorn will send out your invitation to Shabbaton, which is the first of several B'nei Mitzvah gatherings, to discuss the depth and breadth of the B'nei Mitzvah process
- Attend Shabbaton (usually held in December or January). Students will receive the Bar/Bat Mitzvah study guide for their Weekly Torah Portions at this event.

6th grade

- Select project for Social Justice in Action with Family Educator Leora Mallach
- Meet with a clergy member to select 10-12 verses for your Torah portion
- Parents attend Nuts and Bolts event, where Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation will be explained in detail
- Parents attend an open ended discussion with a panel of previous Bar/Bat Mitzvah parents to answer questions about invitations, tutoring, receptions, and more.
- All TI Bar/Bat Mitzvah students are required to attend 6th Grade Kallah in the spring
- Send requests about preference of clergy for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony to Cantor Einhorn at reinhorn@tisrael.org

7th grade

- Students are required to attend at least 3 Friday evening services and 4 Saturday morning services. We strongly recommend they attend the Saturday morning Torah Study on the day their Weekly Portion is discussed.

10-12 months before Bar/Bat Mitzvah date

- Brigid Goggin will contact you to begin the tutoring process (you will choose between Temple tutoring or private tutoring)

3 months before Bar/Bat Mitzvah date

- The clergy office will contact you to schedule a time for your family to meet with the officiating clergy to prepare introductions to Torah and Haftarah portions
- Receive confirmation email for rehearsal date from Brigid, which will include a dropbox link of Parent Blessings used during the service.

1 month before Bar/Bat Mitzvah date

- Complete and return Ceremony Information Sheet to Brigid at bgoggin@tisrael.org
- Email drafts of your Torah and Haftarah introductions to officiating clergy and receive feedback

The week of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah date

- Attend afternoon rehearsal on the Monday before (or Tuesday if a holiday) where Cantor Einhorn will review everything that will happen at Saturday morning's service.
- Chant Qiddush at the Qabbalat Shabbat on Friday evening