

What, When, and How of the B'nai Mitzvah Journey

Three Years to B'nai Mitzvah

- Parents receive date letter from Jan
- Parents confirm date with Jan
- Students receive their date at a Friday Service and date reveal party dinner
- Parents sign contract and send to Jan
- Arrange payment plan of B'nai Mitzvah fee with Finance Director

Two years to B'nai Mitzvah

- Student and family start to consider the possibilities for the mitzvah project, ideas available on the BSC website
- Arrange for Beth Sholom room rentals for the celebration with Susan

One year to B'nai Mitzvah

- Contact Cantor to schedule lessons
- Receive your torah portion from Cantor
- Send vendor information and accompanying insurance forms to Susan
- Send completed mitzvah project form to Susan

Six months to B'nai Mitzvah

- Contact Rabbi G-K to begin D'var Torah preparation
- Confirm kiddish luncheon catering plans with Susan
- Arrange sponsorship of Thursday morning minyan breakfast (optional)
- Purchase tallit and tefillin from gift shop (optional)
- Purchase Kippot

Three months to B'nai Mitzvah

- Send photo of your child to Susan
- Send Shabbat Program information to Susan
- Send completed honors and aliyot with Hebrew names form to Susan

Two months to B'nai Mitzvah

- Practice on the bimah with Cantor and Rabbi during your lessons
- Schedule time for a family meeting with the Rabbi with Susan
- Send detailed Kiddush lunch arrangements to the caterer
- Send completed Parent Blessing to Rabbi
- Schedule photography session (clergy and open ark optional) with Susan
- Purchase Sunkist candy for service (optional)

Week of the B'nai Mitzvah Celebration Expectations

- Thursday Morning: 7:30 am Morning Minyan
- Friday Evening: 6:00pm B'nai Mitzvah child will attend and participate in Friday evening services with Cantor
- Saturday Morning: Family arrives for services at 9:15 am