

THE ROAD TO BAR/BAT MITZVAH AT CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL



TORAH/HAFTARAH FAMILY MEETING

- ~10-12 months prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, parents, and clergy attend
- 45 minutes

FIRST CHECK IN MEETING

- ~4-6 weeks after Torah/Haftarah Meeting
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Student and Cantor Cahana attend; parent attendance optional.
- 30 minutes

SECOND CHECK IN MEETING

- ~4-6 weeks after First Check In Meeting
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Student and Cantor Cahana attend; parent attendance optional.
- 30 minutes

D'VAR (SPEECH) AND SERVICE HONORS MEETING

- ~8-12 weeks prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah date
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, parents, and clergy attend
- 75 min. ****Make sure you have read the entire portion and make notes on the D'var worksheet prior to this meeting****

SPEECH AND FOLLOW UP
CORRESPONDENCE

Via email with Rabbi Joseph

AFTER THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH MEETING

- 4-6 weeks after Bar/Bat Mitzvah date
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, parents, and clergy attend
- 30 minutes ****Please return your thumb drive at this time.****

BAR/BAT MITZVAH REHEARSAL

- The week of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, parents, siblings, and clergy attend
- 2 hours ****Please bring your hard-backed siddur and copy of your speech!**

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Mazel Tov!



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TORAH/HAFTARAH FAMILY MEETING

Receive your Torah and Haftarah materials, get study instructions and start to talk about your Mitzvah Project and reading the parasha!

FIRST CHECK IN MEETING

Meet with Cantor Cahana to practice your portion and evaluate your progress.

SECOND CHECK IN MEETING

Meet with Cantor Cahana to practice your portion and evaluate your progress.

D'VAR (SPEECH) AND SERVICE HONORS MEETING

Parents will review the honors for the ceremony while Bar/Bat Mitzvah student does a check-in with Cantor. Then you'll meet with Rabbi Joseph to start brainstorming ideas for your D'var Torah

SPEECH AND FOLLOW UP CORRESPONDENCE

Via email with Rabbi Joseph.

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AFTER THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH MEETING

Tell us how it was! This is a great opportunity to decompress and reflect on the process. You'll also receive your photos and video recording of the ceremony.

Questions? Please contact Emily Silverman, Senior Program Manager-Life Cycle Events at (503) 222-1069 or emily@bethisrael-pdx.org.