

BAR/BAT MITZVAH APPLICATION - Class of 5782

We look forward to sharing this special Jewish milestone with you and your family

PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 21, 2019 to:

Adas Israel Congregation Attention: Beryl Saltman

Name of Child (English) _____

Name of Child (Hebrew - May be spelled in English Letters) _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

E-MAIL Address(es) (print clearly) _____

Parent 1 Name _____ (Hebrew) _____

Parent 2 (if applicable) Name _____ (Hebrew) _____

Additional Parents _____

Date of Birth _____ School _____ Grade _____

*No. Years at Adas Israel Religious School _____ Present Grade _____

*No. Years at Jewish Day School _____ School: _____ Present Grade _____

*(*see next page for information about religious or day school enrollment)*

Names and ages of siblings: _____

Please tell us if your child needs educational/learning support: _____

*Girls may celebrate on or after their 12th Hebrew birthday, though we encourage proximity to their 13th birthday.
Boys may celebrate on or after their 13th Hebrew birthday.*

Please order the following from 1 through 5 in terms of priority to your family. 1 takes highest priority.

___ **Date**
Please list 3 or more preferred dates (Fewer than 3 will not be considered) _____
Please list any impossible dates for your family _____

___ **Season of Year**
Which season? _____

___ **Proximity to Birthday**

___ **Parsha**
Which parsha and why? _____

___ **Pairing**
 We have a strong preference to celebrate alone
 We have a strong preference to celebrate with another child.
If you would like to request a particular child with whom to share the Shabbat, please indicate his/her name *(both families need to make the request)* _____

Families should choose the service you have been attending or plan to primarily attend in the years leading up to your child's bar or bat mitzvah.

We would prefer our celebration to be in the: (check one)

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary _____ Traditional Egal. Minyan _____ Havurah _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service

Shabbat morning services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, the synagogue's largest worship space, are led by our inspiring Rabbis and Cantor. The service includes spirited congregational singing, often with musical accompaniment, as well as a sermon. B'nai Mitzvah are encouraged to participate fully. Opportunities include some or all of the Torah reading, Haftarah and blessings, delivering a D'var Torah, and leading select parts of the service.

Traditional Egalitarian Minyan

This lay-led service meets every Shabbat. Members of the minyan lead the davening, read Torah, and deliver a short D'var Torah. The service is traditional in content and egalitarian in implementation, with a full Torah reading. The level of Bar/Bat Mitzvah participation in a TEM service varies, but may include the Torah service, some or all of the Torah reading, the Haftarah, a D'var Torah, and either Shacharit or Musaf with a full repetition.

Havurah Shabbat Service - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Shabbat

A lay-led, participatory service that has met for 40 years. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. All are welcome, and B'nai Mitzvah and their families are encouraged to participate fully.

How Does Adas Israel Assign Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dates?

***Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are assigned only to members in good standing with children enrolled in our Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School or in a Jewish Day School.**

Assigning bar/bat mitzvah dates is a complex process. Our goal is to respect your preferences within the framework of an active congregation. There are many variables that affect the assignment, including:

- The number of bar/bat mitzvah candidates in a given year. Because we are fortunate to have a large and active congregation, children may share the Shabbat Service.
- The child's birth date. We strive to assign a date close to their actual Hebrew birth date in the appropriate year.
- Two children from the same school are not paired unless requested, to avoid the conflicting parties.
- Some Shabbatot are not available for bar/bat mitzvah celebrations due to Congregational needs.

At this time, we will be assigning dates through the end of June 2022. No dates are assigned in July thru mid-August, unless specifically requested by parents. For children whose birthday fall during the summer, dates are assigned either in the prior spring (applicable to girls) or in the following year (applicable to boys and girls).

This application is the best way to communicate to us how we can select a bar/bat mitzvah date for your child that meets the needs of both the Congregation and your family. *Mazal tov!*