



# ברית בני מצוה

## *Brit B'nai Mitzvah*

### *The Student-Teacher-Parent Agreement*

Welcome to Adas Israel Congregation's Bar/Bat Mitzvah program! This is the beginning of an important journey. Below are some of the important guidelines to remember that will help make this a positive, meaningful experience. We look forward to spending time with you in the upcoming months!

#### **Student's Responsibilities**

1. The student will attend all scheduled lessons.
2. The student will bring to each appointment Bar/Bat Mitzvah materials.
3. The student will study twenty to thirty minutes daily and work ahead whenever possible.
4. The student will finish learning everything for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah one month in advance. The last month is for the purpose of review, rehearsing, and building confidence.
5. The student will attend with his/her parents a minimum of ten Adas Israel Shabbat services during the time they are studying for Bar/Bat mitzvah.

#### **Parents' Responsibilities**

1. Parents will ensure that their child arrives to all Bar/Bat Mitzvah appointments on time.
2. Parents agree to make sure their child is studying twenty to thirty minutes every day. We appreciate your support in helping to create study time in your child's schedule.

3. If an appointment needs to be cancelled, please give us as much notice as possible. We will try our best to reschedule for the same week, but we can't guarantee a makeup lesson.
4. Parents will attend with their child a minimum of ten Adas Israel Shabbat services during the time they are studying for Bar/Bat mitzvah.
5. If your child is sick, we would appreciate you arranging to have their appointment over the phone or by Skype. Children with the sniffles or sore throats will be asked to go home!
6. We encourage parents to attend their child's appointments. Please plan on joining us at least once a month.
7. Parents will submit the Honors and Aliyot List with full English and Hebrew names to Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith one month before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

**Instructor's Responsibilities**

1. The instructor will begin and end each lesson on time.
2. The instructor will enter assignments and feedback into Mitzvah Tools so that parents are continually updated on their child's progress.
3. The instructor will help guide the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family with their questions and arrangements.

**Expectations and Opportunities**

1. Parents and students will log into Mitzvah Tools every week to monitor progress and complete assignments. Log-Ins are: Firstname-Lastname.
2. Our goal is for every Bar/Bat Mitzvah to learn the Torah and Haftarah blessings, Haftarah, Maftir, Kiddush and Ashrei.
3. Additional parts of the service (Torah Readings, Shacharit, etc.) may be assigned as appropriate for the student.

The celebration of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a culmination of all the preparation put into it. We hope that the journey will be as special as the day itself. By signing below, we commit to making this rite of passage as meaningful and rewarding as possible. Mazel Tov on your upcoming simcha!

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Student

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Date

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Parent

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Instructor