

BAR MITZVAH PRAYER

In the presence of my teachers, the leaders and the members of this holy congregation, I now prepare to take upon myself the duties which are binding on all the family of Israel. I ask their help in the years that lie ahead to strengthen my loyalty and devotion so that I may grow in charity and good deeds. I think also of those who have gone before me, who through all the troubles of the world preserved this heritage of holiness and goodness, so that I should enter into it now.

May I be a true Bar Mitzvah, a person of responsibility, taking my place in the community of Israel, accepting its responsibilities, rejoicing in its blessing. May I be a true witness to the living God and to God's goodness, and to the tradition that lives within me.

I remember all those who have helped me reach this time. I give thanks for the love and care of my family, the patience and instruction of my teachers, and the support and companionship of my friends.

In the Torah I have read the word of God. With Your help may I go on to fulfil it in my life.

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