

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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