

Important B'nai Mitzvah Dates and Events

Educational Expectations

At least two years enrolled in RSchool or Day School and participation in Shabbat morning programming

5th Grade

- ☐ Attend the B'nai Mitzvah Family Orientation (March)
- ☐ Date Confirmation and Parsha assignment
 - You will have one year to pay the \$500 B'nai mitzvah fee after confirming your date

One Year Prior to B'nai Mitzvah

- ☐ Family meeting with Rabbi Kobrin
- ☐ Begin attending monthly Saturday Shabbat Schmooze with Rabbi Kobrin
- ☐ Join Family Programming Sessions (school year program)
- ☐ Take Student Hebrew Assessment to determine tutoring needs

Nine Months Prior

- ☐ Begin working with B'nai Mitzvah Tutor on Haftarah and Torah
 - Please see the list of recommended private tutors
- ☐ Research and choose Mitzvah Project

Three Months Prior

- ☐ Set meetings with Rabbi Kobrin to explore and develop your D'var Torah

One Month to One week Prior

- ☐ Three weeks before: send Sean (mainoffice@rodef-shalom.org) Mitzvah child's questionnaire and photo for enews and a list of requested aliyot (honors assigned for Services)
 - Families must keep three aliyot open for the community
- ☐ Schedule rehearsal in sanctuary with Rabbi Kobrin
- ☐ One week in advance, submit guest list and final attendance numbers

We strive to make the B'nai Mitzvah experience great for every family. If you have a special circumstance, need accommodations regarding schedule or financial commitments, have specific individual needs. Please reach out to Rabbi Carrie or Rabbi Kobrin. We are available to help and support you in every step of the journey from today through B'Nai Mitzvah and beyond.