

Educational Requirements

The Sixth Grade Curriculum at the JRC Religious includes a B'nai Mitzvah Judaica Block, designed to help prepare students for their B'nai Mitzvah. It includes ongoing opportunities for students and their parents to learn together.

Recognizing that the B'nai Mitzvah experience is rooted in commitment to the life of community, it is expected that students attend a minimum of ten Shabbat services at JRC between their sixth and seventh grade years. We encourage parents to attend services with their children.

Students must complete a minimum of three years of Religious School (or Jewish day school) in order to have a B'nai Mitzvah at JRC. Specifically, students must attend the two years prior to their B'nai Mitzvah as well as the entire year in which they celebrate their B'nai Mitzvah. It is expected that students will continue their religious education at JRC beyond their B'nai Mitzvah year.

Those students who have not completed the JRC Educational Guidelines by age thirteen will be expected and encouraged to continue their formal training until it is determined by the JRC Religious School that they are sufficiently prepared.

B'nai Mitzvah Training

B'nai Mitzvah students work on an individual basis for a six-month period with the Cantor or with another JRC tutor in order to learn their Torah and Haftarah portions as well as key elements of the service. Families will receive a call from the Cantor approximately seven months before the service to discuss the tutoring process. Families whose children will need more than six months of tutoring to prepare for their service should consult with the Cantor to make arrangements for additional tutoring. Families who desire to make arrangements with a private tutor must also consult with the Cantor beforehand.

Contact the JRC office with questions about tutoring fees.