

## Student's Timeline

The following illustrates the usual progression of skills achieved and objectives accomplished by the Student leading up to the date of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Timeframe	Description
In the Year Prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year	The Cantor introduces Religious School sixth grade to Torah/Haftarah blessings and Haftarah trope
<b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year: The 10-12 month Tutoring Period</b>	
Ten to Twelve Months Prior	Torah Blessings
	Haftarah Blessings
	Review and reinforce knowledge of Haftarah Trope (initially introduced in sixth grade of Religious School by the Cantor)
	Receive and begin study of Haftarah portion
Seven to Nine Months Prior	Begin planning/execution of Mitzvah Project
	Begin study of Friday Evening prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L'cha Dodi</li> <li>• Barchu</li> <li>• Ahavat Olam</li> <li>• Shema; V'ahavta</li> <li>• V'shamru</li> <li>• Chatsi Kaddish</li> <li>• Aleinu</li> <li>• Yigdal</li> </ul>
	Begin study of Saturday morning prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torah Service</li> <li>• Tzitzit</li> <li>• Shema; Echad; Gadlu</li> <li>• Ashrei</li> <li>• Ein Keloheinu</li> <li>• Adom Olam</li> </ul>
	Receive and begin study of Torah portion
	Complete study of Haftarah portion (ongoing practice continues)
	<b>Begin required regular attendance at services with family</b>
Six Months Prior	Complete study of Friday Evening prayers (ongoing practice continues)
	Complete study of Saturday morning prayers (ongoing practice continues)
	Complete study of Torah portion (ongoing practice continues)
	Explanation of <i>tefillin</i>
Three to Four Months Prior	Four individual meetings with the Rabbi begin to discuss Jewish identity, engage in Torah Study, and prepare B'nai Mitzvah Speech (D'var Torah)
Two Months Prior	Review of all B'nai Mitzvah Skills
	Weekly <i>bimah</i> rehearsals with the Cantor (parents encouraged to attend)
	Completion of B'nai Mitzvah Speech
The Final Month	Family attends Thursday Morning <i>minyan</i> service (B'nai Mitzvah students receive their first <i>aliyot</i> )
	Attend Dress Rehearsal with photography/videography (generally on Thursday evening)
The Final Week	