



# B'nai Mitzvah Requirements & Service Component Lists

## Service Attendance Requirements

We are so excited to have you share this incredible milestone with us at HEA! A B'nai Mitzvah is a beautiful rite of passage along a journey of growth and Jewish learning. We want your students to get the most out of this experience, which is why we are providing guidelines for the students and their families.

In order to ensure the success of all our B'nai Mitzvah students, regardless of which service you chose, each student will be expected to attend their respective service for **15** weeks over the year before their service. This will give them the necessary exposure and practice time they need to be successful on their big day.

- If you chose a **Traditional service**, your student will be expected to start participating in leading a prayer or two starting **6 months** prior to their date.
- If you chose a **Shir Hadash service**, your student will be expected to start participating in Shir Hadash, including over time leading parts of the service starting **6 months** prior to their date.
- If you chose a **Mincha service**, your student will also be expected to commit to attending **15** weeks of services in Mincha, Traditional or Shir Shabbat services.

Please contact Jenn Zucker 7 months before the student service to be given some dates your student can participate in services when we do not have a scheduled b'nai mitzvah.

*Note: Attendance at HEA services can only benefit our students and families. Watching service recordings will no longer count towards the minimum service requirement.*

## Service Components Priority List

We are listing the service component priorities for students to learn for each service, so you and your student can get the most out of this experience. Tutors should use these priorities to create an educational plan for the student with haftarah as last to learn.

\* We understand that each student has different abilities and challenges with leading services in Hebrew and welcome the opportunity to support and customize a service that feels like a comfortable stretch for each b'nai mitzvah student and family without being overwhelming. We encourage students to focus on the preciseness and passion with which they lead each prayer rather than to feel pressure to lead the entire service. We view each step in the process of becoming a b'nai mitzvah as a valuable and positive learning opportunity.

**Service Component Priority List** - Parts of the service typically led by b'nai mitzvah student

**Traditional Service General Requirements:**

Maftir Aliyah

Shacharit

Shacharit Amidah (Amidah repetition encouraged but not required)

Torah Service

D'var Torah

Haftarah

Additional Torah Reading

**Optional:**

P'sukei D'zimra

Musaf

**Shir Hadash Service General Requirements:**

Torah Aliyot 4+

Maftir (if adding Haftarah)

Shacharit selections

Torah Service

D'var Torah

P'sukei D'zimra selections

**Optional:**

Additional Torah reading

**Mincha Service General Requirements:**

Mincha Service (Amidah repetition encouraged but not required)

Torah Service

Torah reading- all 3 aliyot

D'var Torah

Ma'ariv Service (as timing of service permits)

Havdallah Service (as timing of service permits)

**Optional:**

Additional songs in Ma'ariv