

B. Mitzvah Timeline

4th Grade (winter)	Date Choice Process
5th Grade	B. Mitzvah Family Program (1x)
6th Grade	B. Mitzvah Family Programming twice a year
9-10 months prior	Tutoring begins: Student will be assigned a B. Mitzvah tutor. Weekly 30-minute sessions at Shir Ami for 24-26 sessions
6-7 months prior	Choose Torah verses: Student and parents will meet with Rabbi Briskin to review Torah portion and choose student's verses.
6-12 months prior	Begin Mitzvah project
2-3 months prior	Begin tutoring sessions with Cantor Berlin: Student will finish with B. Mitzvah tutor and begin meeting with Cantor. Weekly 30-minute sessions at Shir Ami for eight weeks.
6-8 weeks prior	Student begins Meetings with Rabbi Briskin: Student will schedule five 30-minute sessions with Rabbi to craft their d'var Torah (speech teaching lessons from the Torah portion)
4-6 weeks prior	Parent meeting with Rabbi Briskin: Rabbi will review the B. Mitzvah parent checklist and honors, as well as answer any questions.
4 weeks prior	Honors Sheet completed: This can be found online or in the checklist. It should be completed and returned to Jodi Friedman in the main office.
Week of B. Mitzvah	Rehearsal with Cantor Berlin: This 1-hour rehearsal will be in the sanctuary, typically on the Tuesday before the B.mitzvah at 4:30 pm. Cantor and student will go through all Hebrew and English readings, cues, speeches, Torah and Haftarah portions.
Friday night of B. Mitzvah weekend	Family leads candle blessings, kiddush, and motzi; student leads an additional prayer or two during the service.

