

# THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

A PERSONALIZED and MEANINGFUL experience.

## PRE-B'NAI MITZVAH: COMMUNAL LEARNING

### 3rd grade

- Enroll in Hebrew school
- Attend Chag Siddur (March)

### 4th grade

- Receive B'nai Mitzvah date (January)
- Attend 4th grade Shabbat service and Kick-off celebration - meet your bima partner and the families in your month (April)

### 5th grade

- Attend 5th grade Shabbat service and event - take the next step in your B'nai Mitzvah Journey (Fall)

### 6th grade

- Connect to your Torah portion at Simchat Torah service
- Attend 6th grade Shabbat service - building towards the B'nai Mitzvah (Fall)

## B'NAI MITZVAH YEAR: INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING

### 7th grade or B'nai Mitzvah year

- Initial meeting with Rabbi Bonder (10 months prior)
- Prayer classes with Melanie Beifel (6-9 months prior)
- Meet with Rabbi Marx to discuss D'var Torah (4 months prior)
- Meet with Rabbi Bonder to discuss Haftarah speech (3 months prior)
- Torah/Haftarah training with Aaron Nienshultz (3 months prior)
- Rehearsal with Cantor Murley (1 day prior)

**Note: This timeline is approximate; actual timing will be determined by your date. We will contact you to set up these meetings or send you the information needed to schedule these sessions.**

### TO DO

- ☐ Sign and return your contract to Sharon Carlin
- ☐ Call Jillian Peskin to reserve space for your celebration (oneg, Shabbat dinner, Kiddish luncheon, post-Havdalah dinner)
- ☐ Ensure all balances are paid; contact Amy Abrams for exceptions (12 months prior)
- ☐ Call Jillian Peskin to schedule bima photos (3 months prior)
- ☐ Send Spotlight info on Mitzvah Project to Barbara Murtha (2 months prior)
- ☐ Coordinate with Barbara Murtha to usher Shabbat services (1 month prior)