

THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A B'NAI MITZVAH

OUR GOAL is to make this a **PERSONALIZED** and **MEANINGFUL** experience that further **CONNECTS** you to the Beth Or **COMMUNITY**.

PART I: LEARNING TOGETHER

4th grade

- Receive B'nai Mitzvah date in letter from Rabbi Marx (January)
- Attend 4th Grade Shabbat service and dinner - meet your bimah partner and the families in your month (April)

5th grade

- Attend 5th grade Shabbat service and dinner - receive your Torah portion (Fall)
- Attend 5th grade Family Ed - Mitzvah Project Fair (Spring)
- Receive information about ushering

6th grade

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

PART II: LEARNING WITH CLERGY

- Receive letter about initial meeting with Cantor Green (12 months prior)
- Begin meetings with Cantor Green (9-12 months prior)
- Meet with Assistant Rabbi to discuss Mitzvah project (7 months prior)
- Meet with Rabbi Marx to discuss D'var Torah (5 months prior)
- Meet with Assistant Rabbi to discuss Haftarah speech (4 months prior)
- Rehearsal (1 day prior)

Note: This timeline is approximate; actual timing will be determined by your date. You will receive information on how and when to set up these meetings.

TO DO

- Submit B'nai Mitzvah confirmation date form to religious school office (end of 4th grade)
- Call to reserve space for your celebration (oneg, Shabbat dinner, luncheon, dinner)
- Ensure all balances are paid; contact executive director for exceptions (3 months prior)
- Call to schedule bimah photos and contact clergy for availability (3 months prior)
- Get Spotlight Info on Mitzvah Project to Barbara Murtha (two months prior)