

Bat/Bar Mitzvah requirements at Temple Brith Shalom rev. 8/9/22

The B'nai Mitzvah program at TBS follows at least two years of religious school at Temple B'rith Shalom or elsewhere. The year of study is the front door to a commitment of active Jewish life following the ceremony.

Steps:

1. Meet with Rabbi Susan (rabbi@brithshalom-az.org) to talk about the process, the child's motivation, and the parents' commitment for the coming year.
2. Select a weekend. The child must be 13 before the bar/bat mitzvah. The child will attend on Friday evening for the 6:00pm Shabbat Service to greet Shabbat and assist the Rabbi with leading the service. B'nei mitzvah are held on Saturdays at 10:00am.

Requirements:

1. The family is encouraged to host the Friday evening oneg.
2. The family is asked to provide a Kiddush lunch after the Saturday service.
Please reach out if you need financial or other assistance.
3. The child will meet with Rabbi Susan close to once/week once training has begun.
4. Mitzvah project – this is a project that benefits a charity, etc.
5. Attendance at 10 Friday nights and 5 Saturday morning services during the year before the bar/bat mitzvah. (A service record will be provided.)

Prayers: If a child wants to learn more, this is always a wonderful option!

1. Blessings before and after Torah reading
2. Haftarah Blessings
3. Maftir (last 3-5 verses of the Torah portion)
4. The Blessings for the candles, Kiddush, and the challah
5. The Morning Blessings
6. The Chatzi Kaddish
7. The Barechu, Shema, and V'ahavta
8. Avot v'imahot and Gevurot
9. Aleinu
10. Kaddish

D'var Torah: Rabbi will guide you on understanding and writing about the week's Torah portion.

Honors: The family will work with Rabbi Susan to honor family and friends who are present that morning.