



TEMPLE EMANUEL

B'nai Mitzvah Program

Temple Emanuel B'nai Mitzvah Class

Faculty: Cantor Elizabeth Sacks, Cantorial Soloist Steve Brodsky, plus additional Temple Emanuel educators

Schedule: Class A: Wednesdays, 4:30pm-6:00pm
Class B: Sundays, 11:30am-1:00pm

Class Overview

Preparing for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is an exciting time for your child and your entire family. At Temple Emanuel, we are proud to offer our B'nai Mitzvah class as our primary preparation option for all families. Through this class, our students will:

- Learn and review all liturgical materials for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony, including their Torah portion and Haftarah portion, and all Hebrew and English blessings and prayers
- Explore their understanding of prayer
- Expand their knowledge of the arc and order of the Shabbat morning service, engaging the questions: What prayers do we say? In what order? Why?
- Build social connections with other students preparing for B'nai Mitzvah
- Deepen their relationship with Temple Emanuel clergy

Materials

Each week, we ask that students bring their Torah portion book (received at the B'nai Mitzvah Launch) and their Mishkan T'filah siddur (received on their first day of B'nai Mitzvah class). In addition, each student will receive sound files of all blessings/t'filot and their particular Torah and Haftarah portions.

Homework Expectations

We do ask that students work on their assigned materials between weekly classes. Each week, we will assign each student specific prayers and blessings/Torah or Haftarah verses to review. We recommend that students practice 20-30 minutes 4-5 times a week. We also recommend that students review their materials out-loud for a parent at least once a week; this helps students prepare to chant and read in public.

Missed Sessions

Whenever possible, please let us know in advance if your student will miss class at any point. We can make sure to keep your student's preparation progress moving as long as we know in advance that they will miss a session.

We are very excited to learn with your child and guide them on their path to celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cantor Elizabeth Sacks, 303-388-4013.