



# TEMPLE EMANUEL

Max Frankel Religious School

## INTRODUCTION TO BAR/BAT MITZVAH AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Mazal tov on celebrating your Bar/Bat Mitzvah with Temple Emanuel! The clergy and professional team at Temple are committed to providing a positive, meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience for each student and family. As a result of our growing populations, Temple Emanuel now provides three main B'nai Mitzvah options:

### **1) B'nai Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel – Single Student Worship Service**

Each Temple Emanuel family will have the opportunity to have their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah worship service on Shabbat morning at Temple. These services will be held at 9:00am and 11:30am. As with B'nai Mitzvah dates, we will ask for time preference but cannot guarantee first choice. Both the 9:00am family and the 11:30am family will have the opportunity to reserve a part of the social hall for their Kiddush reception.

### **2) B'nai Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel – Shared Student Worship Service**

Each Temple Emanuel family may share their Bar/Bat Mitzvah worship service with one other family. Families may share with cousins, siblings, or friends. All students must be 13 on or before their Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

Sharing a Bar/Bat Mitzvah worship service does not require your family to share a Kiddush reception or celebration (although that option is available as well).

### **3) Temple Emanuel B'nai Mitzvah Israel Trip**

Temple Emanuel will offer a B'nai Mitzvah trip to Israel, led by members of the Temple Emanuel clergy team. On this trip, families will engage in both tourism and a meaningful B'nai Mitzvah worship service. B'nai Mitzvah students will participate in a group worship service, with each student reading Torah, leading liturgy and offering a *D'var Torah* (words of interpretation on the Torah portion).

Following the trip, Temple will host one community Shabbat celebration at Temple Emanuel for all students becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Israel. This event will provide an opportunity for trip participants to celebrate with friends and family who would be unable to travel to Israel.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to speak more about B'nai Mitzvah possibilities, please feel free to contact Cantor Sacks – [sacks@emanueldenver.org](mailto:sacks@emanueldenver.org) or 303-388-4013, ext. 309. Mazal tov!