

Bar/Bat Mitzvah - Speaking Responsibilities

1. Original Prayer
2. Thank you - to be said at the meal.
3. D'var Torah

Name of Torah portion: _____

From _____, chapter _____, verses _____.
(name of book)

- a. Summary of the verses you will be reading (*not* of whole Torah portion). This should be no more than 3-4 sentences.
NOTE: it is important that you read the whole portion to understand how the section you are reading “fits” into the whole
- b. Your interpretation
This should be a personal reflection of several paragraphs to a couple of pages. The focus ought to be on ideas *such as*:
 - i. What is the most important lesson in this section?
 - ii. What is the ethical value we learn from this passage?
 - iii. In what way do I hope to live out the ideals expressed in this Torah portion?

An appointment should be made with Rabbi Burkeman or Rabbi Zeplovitz to discuss the first draft of your D'var Torah ***no later than*** 8 weeks before your Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Please speak to the Clergy Office (883-3144, ext. 328) to schedule that appointment. Subsequent meetings to discuss your *D'var Torah* will be scheduled by them as needed.