

Nathaniel Bundy

**is called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah**

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Torah Reading: Numbers 28:1-15



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Program

Shacharit.....Carol Hatch
Torah Service..... Nathaniel Bundy & Carol Hatch

Honors

Torah ReadersNathaniel Bundy
First Aliyah Irving & Marc Goldin
Second Aliyah Jacob Bundy
Third Aliyah.....Jennifer Bundy
Fourth AliyahNathaniel Bundy
Prayer for Our CountryShelley Olson
Prayer for Israel.....Wendy Landman-Glatt
Prayer for PeaceFerne Pasternak
Musaf.....Carol Hatch

Special Presentation

Video/Slide Show..... Eric Bundy

Nathaniel's D'var Torah

Sacrifices

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for being part in my special day. This has been a hard year for me and my family. I think we all have examples we could share of sacrifices we have had to make over the last year. It seems almost fitting that my parsha is about sacrifices and offerings to g-d. For me, I couldn't have many of my friends over as much as I wanted to and when I did we mainly had to stay outside so we could social distance. I also have not been able to see my family (Bubbie, Zadie, Nani, and Pappy) the way I used to and as

often as I wanted to because I don't want to get them sick. I really wanted to go on vacation this year to like Cape Cod or California, but with Covid 19 it was too big of a risk of getting sick or getting others sick to take that chance. I want everyone to stay safe so traveling has for the most part been out of the question. In order to keep family, friends, and our community safe everyone has to make sacrifices.

My Bar Mitzvah is probably my best example of sacrifice and life lessons learned this year. I have been working on preparing for my Bar Mitzvah for so many years. I had expectations of it being like my brother's. We would have a lot of family, friends, and I would stand up in front of everyone to become a Jewish adult at the synagogue and be able to show everyone together what I've worked so hard and so long to accomplish since being a member of BSBI since preschool. Then came Covid...We moved the Bar Mitzvah date multiple times, while hoping things would change.

I no longer will have the Bar Mitzvah I was anticipating. All of my friends and family will not be physically with me as I am called to the Torah . However, you are with me virtually and I can feel your happiness and blessings being sent to me. Just like I cannot physically see g-d, I know he is always with me. Another lesson that I learned was to be flexible. I have had many different Bar Mitzvah teachers/leaders over the last 2 years. Each had a different way of teaching and understanding me. I would like to thank Rabbi Konigsburg, Cantor Bolts, Cantor Krieger, Dr. Mandell, and Carol Hatch for all of your hard work, patience, and guidance. May we all make sacrifices in life that build our connection to g-d and continue to help the greater community, our family, friends and loved one's.