Board of Trustee Guidelines for B'nei Mitzvah Presentations

2017/11/06

Suggested for Friday evening:

(Look directly at the Bar/Bat Mitzvah child)

INSERT CHILD'S NAME: _____ , as you begin this very exciting weekend, it is a pleasure and a privilege to represent Temple Sinai's Board of Trustees in wishing you and your family a hearty Mazel Tov. Your Temple Sinai Family is proud of your achievement and is celebrating along with you. We congratulate you parents on successfully bringing you to this milestone day.

Tomorrow, when you are called to the Torah, you will take your place as a full member of the Jewish Community. With that, come obligations and responsibilities as well as – privileges and gifts. On behalf of Temple Sinai's Sisterhood and Brotherhood, I present you with this set of candlesticks and a Kiddush cup. When you use them, we hope that you will always think of this special milestone in your life. In addition, Josh Friedlander, who is a Past President, his wife Heidi and family, have dedicated a set of our new High Holy Days Prayer books, Mishkan HaNefesh, in your honor. **(SHOW DEDICATION!)**

But we are not done yet. There's one more gift. Temple Members Adam and Elizabeth Keil **[pronounced: KYLE]** are very committed to the State of Israel. Adam grew up in a home that strongly supported Israel by investing in Israel Bonds. In honor of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the Keil **[KYLE]** family has made it possible for Temple Sinai to purchase an Israel Bond as a gift for you, to encourage your own life-long connection with the State of Israel and with Israel Bonds. Mazal tov!
(SHOW CERTIFICATE!)

I wish you luck for tomorrow morning – I know you will do a fabulous job!

Mazel tov!

- Shake the child's hand.
- **CONTINUE WITH GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- As you come down from the Bimah, shake the hands of the parents.

Suggested for Saturday morning:

(**INSERT CHILD'S NAME _____**), on behalf of Temple Sinai's Board of Trustees and the entire congregation, congratulations and mazel tov to you, your parents and the entire family. We know you have worked very hard to make this special day happen. We are all very proud of you!

This day is only the beginning of your Jewish journey. We encourage you to continue in our High School, to participate in Confirmation and to become active in our movement's Regional Youth Group.

This morning, we present you with your Bar/Bat Mitzvah certificate. This morning, we also present you with two scholarships to help you get to Israel.

The National Federation of Temple Youth presents you with a $250 gift certificate and the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest presents you with a $1000 gift certificate; both to be applied to an organized, educational peer group trip during your high school years. Ideally, we hope you will go to Israel in the summer after your Confirmation.

Please accept these gifts and make your plans to put them to good use!

Again, we wish you, and your family Mazel Tov!

(Immediately following speech, leave the bimah and shake hands with parents.)