

B'NEI MITZVAH TIMELINE

7 to 8 months prior

- Students will attend lessons on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30pm. This is a class with the Rabbi in which the students learn all they need to know for the service. The Rabbi starts with the blessings, in Hebrew, for before and after the Torah and Haftarah and then moves onto the service prayers. Students should be expected to attend this class weekly until the week prior to his/her assigned date.

Approximately 6 months

- The cantor will begin to meet individually with students to work on Torah and Haftarah. These meetings take place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

6 to 8 weeks prior

- The cantor will start students on the chanting of the Torah portion. This will usually occur on a Wednesday or Thursday night.

Approximately One-month prior

- The Rabbi will meet with the parent(s) and B'nei mitzvah student to discuss the meaning of the Torah portion and how it relates to the student as well as spend time talking about parent and family responsibilities during the B'nei Mitzvah weekend. In addition, the Rabbi will discuss how the student completed the 13 Mitzvot. This meeting will form the basis for the speech the student will present on the day of their B'nei Mitzvah.

One to two weeks prior

- The Rabbi will meet with the parents and student to complete a rehearsal of the service.