

Bar/Bat/Brit Mitzvah Timeline and Instructions, 2023-24

8 months

Family Meeting with Cantor Lindsay, In Person at Temple Emanuel

- Opportunity to learn about the program, and Q&A
- Walk through of material in B'nei Mitzvah Binder

Prayer Work

- Students review the prayers they have studied in Religious School, refining their reading/chanting using B'nei Mitzvah Binder & Dropbox recordings provided by Cantor Lindsay

Service Attendance

- We strongly encourage families to attend several services each year with your child, both Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, so as to familiarize yourselves with the prayers, flow and feel of services

7 months

Prayer check-in with Cantor Lindsay, Via Zoom

- Tutoring Begins: 30 minute virtual time slot each week, conducted either via Zoom or FaceTime, with Dina
- Time slots for tutoring will be arranged directly with Dina

Family Torah Study

- Read through Torah Portion in English from their binder with Family

Virtual Family Mitzvah Project Meeting with Director of Youth Engagement, Snir Holtzman

- Have a Mitzvah Project in mind before this meeting, potential tie in with Torah Portion

6 Months

Check in with Cantor Lindsay, Via Zoom

- Must have entire prayer packet learned and have begun 1st Aliyah

5 months

Check in with Cantor Lindsay, Via Zoom

- Must have at least 1st Aliyah learned and have begun 2nd Aliyah

Family Meeting with Rabbi Adam

- Opportunity to discuss honors, and Q&A

Logistics Planning with Dianne Neiman

- Will plan all logistics with parents (Kippot, oneg, handouts, etc.), and discuss Ushering Requirements (1 Saturday morning)

4 Months

Check in with Cantor Lindsay, Via Zoom

- Must have at least 1st and 2nd Aliyah learned, and have begun 3rd Aliyah

Torah Study with Rabbi Adam

- Torah portion must be read through in English in advance of this meeting

Mitzvah Project Check in With Snir Holtzman

- Student begins carrying out Mitzvah Project

3 Months

Check in with Cantor Lindsay, Via Zoom

-Must have at least 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Aliyah learned, and have begun the 4th Aliyah

D'var Torah meeting with Rabbi Adam

-Will help student craft D'var Torah, working on format and ideas

Honors Sheet Sent to Families

-Please email this completed form to the office PRIOR to 2 Month Check In

2 Months

Check In with Cantor Lindsay, Via Zoom

-Must have entire Torah Portion learned without vowels, and have begun Haftarah

D'var Torah Meeting with Rabbi Adam: Final Draft Revision

-Student MUST bring a completed draft to this meeting

Mitzvah Project Check in With Snir Holtzman

-Student achieves final steps of Mitzvah Project

Write Short Article for Kol Kore Newsletter

- Can be an excerpt from the student's D'var Torah, & include a description of Mitzvah Project

1 Month

Cantor Lindsay Rehearsal in Sanctuary with B'nei Mitzvah Student

-Student will chant Torah from scroll, read haftarah, and read completed D'var Torah aloud

-Please bring a copy of D'var Torah in large print to read aloud

1 Week

Full Rehearsal in Sanctuary with Rabbi, B'nei Mitzvah and their Families

-Full Rehearsal of service

Friday Evening Before B'nai Mitzvah

B'nai Mitzvah families attend Friday Evening Services

-Families light candles, B'nei Mitzvah students recite V'ahavta, discuss Mitzvah Project, and lead Kiddush and Motzi