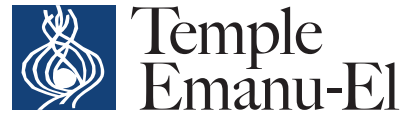




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Mazel Tov to you and your family. We are so pleased that you have chosen Temple as your spiritual home. You are starting a wonderful journey of learning and community, with your family at the center. We know you may have questions, and we want to assure you we are here every step of the way.

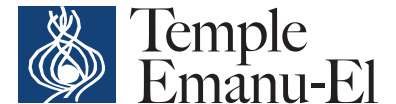
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B'NAI MITZVAH JOURNEY

Bar and Bat Mitzvah at



Here's what to expect in the year before your celebration.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRAYER

The *b'nai mitzvah* journey fosters strong partnerships among students, their parents, peer families and the larger Temple community.

Tikkun Olam (Community Service)

During the year leading to your *B'nai Mitzvah* service, it is important to live the value of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Students are expected to complete 10 hours of community service with an organization of their choice. Recommendations of Temple Emanu-El's community partner organizations are available upon request.

T'filah (Prayer)

Students are required to attend:

- Three Shabbat evening services (Fridays, 6:15PM)
- Two *b'nai mitzvah* services (Saturdays, 10:30AM or 4:30PM)
- One congregational Shabbat morning service (Saturday, 10:30AM)

Hachnasat Orchim (Welcoming the Stranger)

- Students are required to greet visitors at two *b'nai mitzvah* services during the 6th grade year.



15 MOS

- Meeting with *b'nai mitzvah* Coordinator, Hallie Weiner. Contact: hweiner@tedallas.org

Note: If you feel your child might need specialized tutoring outside of what is provided, contact Cantor Leslie Niren, lniren@tedallas.org, and Andrew Paull, apaull@tedallas.org, to make the necessary arrangements.

12 MOS

- Enrollment in Youth Learning + Engagement at Temple Emanu-El or enrollment in a Jewish day school is required for becoming *b'nai mitzvah*.
- Payment of *b'nai mitzvah* fees due 12 months before the service. Confidential financial assistance is available. Contact: Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org.

11 MOS

- Families are assigned an expertly trained tutor who will guide your student seamlessly through the process.

10 MOS

- Worship space is confirmed.
- To reserve a Temple celebration space, contact: Chevie Valentine at cvalentine@tedallas.org

9 MOS

- Tutoring begins. The exact start time varies and is adjusted to account for vacations, holidays and breaks. Your tutor will be in touch with you to schedule a weekly meeting. The *b'nai mitzvah* fee covers 28 tutoring sessions.

5-6 MOS

- Clergy assignments are communicated by email.
- Time to schedule those appointments! Clergy assistants (Alice Martinez amartinez@tedallas.org, Jennifer Dietz jdietz@tedallas.org, Martha Bowden mbowden@tedallas.org) will contact you to get important meetings with the officiating rabbi and cantor on your calendar.

3-4 MOS

- Attend individual meetings with rabbi and cantor.

1-2 MOS

- Share the good news with your Temple community by filling out The Window submission form that includes a photo of your child and information on the Tikkun Olam project.

2 WEEKS

- Rehearsal of service.
- The family is invited to lead the congregation in lighting the candles at the Friday night service.

WEEK OF

- Final check-in with officiating rabbi.