



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Guide

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Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov on your child's becoming a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*. It seems that in the blink of an eye your child has gone from being a small child to a young adult. Now, you and your family are approaching an important passage. We at The Emanuel will help you create a meaningful celebration for you, your child, and all your family and friends. We will help you guide your child along their first steps toward becoming a Jewish adult.

We have a great team dedicated to supporting you and your child throughout the process. Please be in touch with any questions or concerns. We are here for you:

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Message from Rabbi Small

Bar/Bat Mitzvah marks a major life passage for your child, yourselves, and your family. You have the support of the entire Emanuel Family in this process. Together we affirm our highest values through prayer (Tefilah), Torah study (Limud), helping those in need (tzedakah), kindness (Chesed) hospitality (Hahnasat Orhim), and joy (simcha)!

Your child will be supported and challenged on their journey towards their adult life. They will be affirmed as an individual and begin to experience themselves as a part of their by community, the Jewish People and humanity. Our outstanding team works with you and your child to bring out their best, set them up for success and help them connect “To the Mitzvah and Beyond!”

It is an honor to join you on this sacred journey!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David J. Small". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

David J. Small

Rabbi, The Emanuel Synagogue

Overview of the Journey

What is ahead for the student – You will attend Emanuel Religious School or Jewish day School. We encourage you to attend Shabbat morning services. We provide individual coaching on leading prayers, reading Torah and chanting Haftarah. Hazzan Risman will assign your tutor. The lessons will be for one-half hour each week, and you should plan on practicing an additional fifteen to thirty minutes a day. You will participate in Peer Review class Wednesdays at 4:00 pm (following the Religious School calendar) to learn how to write and present a D'var Torah talk. You will also meet with Rabbi Small outside of Religious School. Rabbi Small will help you get started understanding your Torah portion and developing a *d'var torah* lesson. On Wednesdays, you will share your work in class and receive helpful feedback. You will listen to your classmates share their work and offer them helpful feedback.

What is ahead for the parents – Please make sure your child regularly attends Religious School or Jewish Day School to ensure they develop the background and skills necessary to succeed. **We highly recommend that you listen to your child practice at least once a week, even if you don't read Hebrew.** Encourage your child to participate in Saturday morning services and programs. This will help them be comfortable in services and feel like a part of the congregation. You are always welcome to participate in daily prayers (Minyan) and Friday Evening services. We hope you will attend services *with* your child.

Read over the Torah and *Haftarah* portions in English with your child and discuss them. This provides an excellent bonding opportunity and helps the student make the most of their time with Rabbi Small. Please use the English/Hebrew Tanach they were given in 6th grade.

Parents or grandparents usually give the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* a *tallit* (prayer shawl), *tefillin* (worn on weekday morning) and *kippah* or head covering. Some choose not to wear *tefillin*. The Emanuel Sisterhood Gift Shop offers tallitot and kippot. *Tefillin* can be ordered separately.

If you require financial assistance with any of these purchases, speak with Rabbi Small. These gifts last a lifetime.

Parent Bar/Bat Mitzvah Timeline and Checklist

Up to 18 months before:

- Schedule** a parent meeting with **Hazzan Risman** to discuss your child, their learning needs, and your expectations and hopes for their learning and ritual (cantorrisman@emanuelsynagogue.org)
- Schedule** a parent meeting with **Rabbi Small** to review details of the service and other information and to discuss your child. Contact Lisa Taylor (the Rabbi's assistant at: lisat@emanuelsynagogue.org)
- Schedule** a meeting with **Barbara Fink** about any special learning needs your child may have as needed (principal@emanuelsynagogue.org)
- Discuss with your child a **Mitzvah project** that would fit his/her interests, talents and ideas (See appendix) for help with this contact Barbara Fink principal@emanuelsynagogue.org
- Discuss with your child the kind of celebration that will be meaningful for the occasion and for your family. Begin planning a party if applicable. (Think about what you would like the service and kiddush to look like. Would you like to host a Shabbat dinner the Friday before?)
- Choose your caterer** for Shabbat Morning Kiddush and any other celebration you may have. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah family sponsors the kiddush lunch after Saturday morning services. Contact Tammi Kraushaar at tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org for details.
- Attend Shabbat services** regularly (if you don't already) so your family is comfortable in the service.
- Reserve space** at the Emanuel for a private celebration (optional) Contact the synagogue office at: tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org for details.

1 year before:

- Schedule** Bar/Bat Mitzvah **lessons** with assigned Tutor, facilitated by Hazzan Risman (cantorrisman@emanuelsynagogue.org).

- Schedule** d'var torah **lessons** for your child with Rabbi Small.
(lisat@emanuelsynagogue.org)
- Confirm** family **meeting** appointments with Rabbi Small's assistant Lisa Taylor:
lisat@emanuelsynagogue.org
- Parents to begin regular recitation of **Parental Blessing** on Friday night, if you are not already doing this (see appendix)
- Encourage your student to begin recitation of Friday night **kiddush** and handwashing and *motzi* (they may already be doing so) (see appendix)
- Attend b'nai mitzvah **family programs**
- Begin Mitzvah project.
- Contact** Tammi Kraushaar tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org for help **planning your Kiddush**.
- Pay dues** in full including membership and B'nai Mitzvah fees or make payment arrangements (if needed) with Member Services and Event Coordinator Tammi Kraushaar Tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org
- If holding a celebration, and/or shabbat dinner at the Emanuel, finalize agreement with Member Services and Event Coordinator Tammi Kraushaar

9 months before:

- Prepare guest lists and invitations to invited guests
- Order *kippot*, *Tallit*, and *Tefillin* (Optional)
- Begin draft of printed program for service (if desired)
- Discuss** with Hazzan Risman and Barbara Fink parts in the service for other family members, including younger siblings
- Receive** access to a google doc for honors, and begin assigning honors to friends and family.
- Gather** English and Hebrew names for those with aliyot to the Torah. Add to google doc.

6 months before:

- Practice *Torah* blessings, Parents' blessings, and *Shehecheyanu*.
- Practice *Torah* reading (if parents are reading *Torah*)
- Confirm date for sanctuary photos** with Lisa Taylor lisat@emanuelsynagogue.org and arrange for your photographer, or a friend to take photos. **Photos cannot be taken during the actual service**, however photos may be arranged to be taken

either: 1) Friday afternoon before Shabbat begins, 2) That Thursday afternoon, 3) During Thursday morning rehearsal the week of the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* date.

3 months before:

- Finalize guest list and invitations.
- Send invitations out between 6-12 weeks before date. Be cognizant of print and mail delays if not using electronic invitations.
- Distribute Torah readings, Torah blessings, and other readings/parts to honorees to practice. Hazzan Risman and Pinchover can provide recordings if necessary.
- Contact** Hazzan Pinchover mpinch@emanuelsynagogue.org for help filling out the Bimah Honors document.

2 months before:

- Finalize honors for Saturday morning service with Family and Clergy
- Begin to plan optional parental bimah message to be delivered during the service.
- Clear schedule for **Thursday morning prior to your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah from 7 – 11 am** for the following: morning minyan, morning minyan breakfast (sponsored by the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family), followed by rehearsal.
- Submit payment to Minyanaires for Thursday morning breakfast.
- Send a digital photo of Bar/Bat Mitzvah child specifying how you and your child would like to be referred to (name in the newsletter to Lisa Lenkiewicz (lisal@emanuelsynagogue.org))
- Provide description of the student's Mitzvah project to Barbara Fink
- Order swag (optional)

1 month before:

- Finalize a floor plan and setup needs for Kiddush with Tammi Kraushaar
- Share a draft of the printed program (if having one) with Rabbi Small and Hazzan Risman for proofing.
- Finalize honoree list in google doc
- Check in with honorees to confirm they learned their parts
- Send parents' optional Bimah message to Rabbi Small for review.

- Notify your child's school that they will be out of class until approximately 11:00 am the Thursday prior to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.
- Discuss with the Tammi Kraushaar if you are ordering flowers for the bimah or using our donation baskets. If you are ordering flowers do so.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Week:

- Deliver printed programs and kipot to office (optional)
- Saturday evening before:** Those students who have learned one of the first three aliyot will read *Torah* at the Saturday evening *mincha* service.
- Thursday morning before:** attend morning *minyan @ 7:00 a.m.* and breakfast with student. Student has *aliyah*, and may read Torah. Parents will recite the Parent Prayer. Both student and parents will read and sign the Bar/Bat Mitzvah certificate, which declares their child to be an adult in the Jewish community (see appendix).
 - For minyan bring talit, tefillin and head coverings (kipah)
- Thursday morning before:** following minyan and breakfast, rehearsal on bimah with Rabbi Small. (If your child is at SSDS they may read Torah there as well this morning, and rehearsal will need to be scheduled for an alternative time.)
 - For rehearsal, bring d'var torah, optional parental speech, shoes that student will wear at the service, Torah and Haftarah readings, any other personal materials you want to use at the service (yad, kiddush cup, etc.)
- Friday Morning/Afternoon:** Set up any special decorations for Kiddush on Saturday if your caterer is not doing it for you.
- Friday night** before Bar/Bat Mitzvah: Family attends services. *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* leads *Kiddush* and possibly other parts of service. Stay for Oneg Shabbat (if occurring) to greet friends, family, and congregation. Option: host a Friday night dinner at The Emanuel for invited guests and out of town family!

Day of Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Arrive at 8:45 a.m. Bring all materials, including:

- Tallit
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah's and family's head coverings (kipot)
- Student's *Haftarah* and *D'var Torah*

- Parental Speech/Blessings
- any other personal materials you want to use at the service (yad, kiddush cup etc)
- Enjoy a wonderful day!

After the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* day

- If appropriate, continue *Mitzvah* project.
- Write thank-you notes.
- Continue attending Religious School and *Shabbat* services.
- Participate in Jewish youth group and Jewish summer camp
- Enroll in JTConnect or New England Jewish Academy
- Apply to be a Teacher's Aide on Sunday mornings.
- Begin your adult Jewish life.

What am I financially responsible for sponsoring?

- B'nai Mitzvah fee
- Thursday morning breakfast after minyan
- Saturday kiddush
- Friday night oneg/dinner (optional)
- Other celebration (optional)

Shared Commitments and Mutual Responsibilities

At The Emanuel Synagogue, we take a covenantal approach to the practice of Judaism. Our lives are framed by important commitments between G-d, Israel, and all people. When a Jewish child is born, parents bring their child into the covenant through the baby naming. When the child becomes a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, they enter the Jewish covenant as an adult, expected to assume privileges and responsibilities as a full participant in the House of Israel.

As this process is a team effort, we have provided a list of responsibilities for all involved:

The Emanuel Team will:

- Inform and guide our students and families each step of the way.
- Impart Jewish knowledge, values, and skills the student will need to participate as a member of the synagogue community.
- Recognize each student's abilities and help that student succeed.
- Communicate clearly and promptly.
- Explain elements of the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* process in a helpful, lucid, informative way.
- Listen carefully to your concerns and priorities and help shape the celebration to fit your family's needs.
- Help you plan hospitality and celebration.
- Provide space at the Emanuel according to your needs.
- Have fun!

The Parents will:

- Educate themselves regarding the various aspects of the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* process.
- Support student's work at home (practice!) and attendance at Religious School or Jewish Day School and their lessons as scheduled.
- Help your child to design and implement a Mitzvah project.
- Attend *Shabbat* services and Family Programs with your child.
- Practice Jewish values, observances, and traditions.
- Participate in family education sessions.
- Provide needed information to clergy and staff.
- Sponsor *Kiddush* after Shabbat morning services
- Sponsor Thursday morning breakfast after minyan
- Maintain Emanuel membership in good standing.
- Ask questions and share your concerns.
- Have fun!

The Student will:

- Do homework assignments and practice regularly.
- Attend Religious School or Jewish Day School, tutoring sessions and *Shabbat* Services regularly and as scheduled.
- Cooperate with parents, teachers and classmates with *derekh erez* (respect, courtesy and sensitivity).
- Think and reflect on the meaning of becoming a Jewish adult.
- Plan and carry out a Mitzvah project.
- Work hard, as well as support/coach your classmates as part of *Peer Review*.
- Have fun!

Emanuel resources for you and your children

Study of Torah is the basis for living a Jewish life.

Religious School: Because Jewish knowledge is a key to a meaningful Jewish life experience, we expect B'nai Mitzvah students to maintain attendance in The Emanuel Synagogue Religious School or a Jewish Day School beyond *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*. Through attendance, students build a sense of Jewish community while gaining knowledge and skills in a supportive environment.

Family Programs: Family Programs for grades 6 & 7 are part of *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* education and are designed to bring parents and students together in an informal setting to practice their skills and further build their Jewish community.

Lessons: *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* lessons usually begin approximately one year before the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* date. If you would like your child to start earlier than one year before, please discuss this with Cantor Risman. Cantor Risman will be contacting you to arrange a time for your child's weekly lesson. *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* lessons **must** be scheduled outside of your child's religious school class time. Included (on page 15) is a page describing the scope and sequence of lessons.

Individualized Learning: We are committed to the support and inclusion of every student. Cantor Risman and Rabbi Small will be meeting with each family to get a good understanding of your student's learning style. Please let us know of any special support that our child may need.

D'var Torah: Rabbi Small teaches the 7th grade on Wednesdays and works individually with the students to develop and present their *D'var Torah*. We encourage you to study the portions with your child.

Shabbat Experience: Weekly *Shabbat* attendance at services enables the entire family to become comfortable with the service and helps you feel connected to your Emanuel community. You are also encouraged to participate in morning and/or evening minyan.

Learning continues: Your Bar or Bat Mitzvah student should keep learning throughout Middle and High School. With our partner JTConnect, we offer excellent on-site programs all year long. New England Jewish Academy is another option. Many teens enjoy serving as teacher aides in our Religious School.

Youth Groups and beyond: During these post *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* years, we hope your child will enjoy membership in our award-winning youth groups, Jr. USY (Grades 6-8) and West Hartford USY (Grades 9-12). Many students also enjoy BBYO and other Jewish youth groups. Students participate in encampments, regional conclaves, doing group *Mitzvah* projects, leadership opportunities and fun social activities.

Jewish Camp: Summer camp is a great way to have fun and build Jewish identity and commitment. Camp friendships often last a lifetime. There are lots of options in our area including but not limited to Camp Ramah in New England, Laurelwood, Avodah, Young Judea, Zeke and the Cohen camps. Scholarships are available. Please contact Rabbi Small for more details or visit our Emanuel website.

Israel: We encourage parents to plan an Israel experience for your child. USY, BBYO, Young Judea, and Camp Ramah offer wonderful teen trips. Scholarships are available to each student who takes a youth group or camp trip to Israel during the high school years.

Each Bar/Bat Mitzvah child receives a certificate from Root One for \$3000 to use towards an approved trip to Israel! For more information go to www.rootone.org.

The Jewish Community Foundation also offers scholarships to apply go to :

<https://www.jcfhartford.org/scholarship-funds/israel-experience-scholarships>

BAR/BAT MITZVAH INSTRUCTION

Emanuel Synagogue Scope and Sequence

Following is the general order of material learned and the average length of time required for each component in our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. Please note, we know students learn at their own pace and learning capacity can vary. We support each student's ability to learn what they can handle with confidence.

ITEM	EXPLANATION	APPROX. # OF SESSIONS
Introduction		1
Torah Blessings ברכות לתורה	Usually learned in school	1
Torah Cantillation טעמי המקרא	Usually learned in school	1 for review
<i>Maftir</i> Torah Reading מפטיר	Final section of Shabbat Torah reading	4
Additional Torah Readings קריאות הוספת	First 1-3 Torah readings, also read on weekdays	6-8
Friday night <i>Kiddush</i> קדוש לערב שבת	Recited at Friday Night Services and at home at dinner	2
Shabbat Morning <i>Kiddush</i> קדוש	Recited at the very end of the service	2
Blessings after the <i>Haftarah</i> ברכות אחרי ההפטרה	Prophetic reading	16
Service for Taking out the Torah הוצאת התורה		1
Service for Putting the Torah back in the ark הכנסת התורה		2
Musaf Service מוסף		3
Shacharit Service שחרית	Morning Service	5
Kabalat Shabbat קבלת שבת	Service to welcome Shabbat on Friday Night	4
Friday evening Service ערבית לשבת	Remainder of Friday evening liturgy	4
D'var Torah דבר תורה	Speech given about the Torah or Haftarah portion	4 plus class time

The Shabbat Morning Service

Our Shabbat *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* is a wonderful celebration. This is where and when the young person publicly becomes a member of the adult Jewish community, assuming adult religious responsibilities.

- **Student's Participation in the Service** is guided by the student's ability and interest, under the supervision of the tutor. At the beginning of the Torah service, the student will give an original *D'var Torah* talk, as well as recite a *Haftarah* (explained below). Please address questions to your child's tutor or Rabbi Small.
- **Parents' Participation in the Service:** Parents receive an Aliyah to the Torah; if only one parent is Jewish, both parents are welcome on the *bimah* while the Jewish parent recites the Hebrew prayer. Both parents remain standing at the Torah table while their child is called to the Torah for the *Maftir Aliyah*.
- **Parental Blessing and Address:** After Rabbi Small recites the *Mi Sheberach* for the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, parents address their child with a personal message and bless their child with the traditional parental blessing in Hebrew and in English. See appendix for the blessing
- **Grandparents:** After the Parental address, The Rabbi will ask the Grandparents present to stand to be honored and congratulate them. At this time the Rabbi will also remember deceased grandparents. The Rabbi leads the family in the recitation of the *Shehecheyanu*, followed by *Siman Tov u'mazel tov*
- **Other Family Members' Participation:** Family members, including younger siblings, are encouraged to take part in the service. If there are family members that would like to lead parts of the service or read from the Torah, please notify Hazzan Risman, Hazzan Pinchover, or Rabbi Small **six months** before your date so that we can ensure they receive the support they need to be successful.
- **Younger Siblings:** Please reach out to Barbara Finkat least **three months** before your date to discuss what younger siblings might lead during the service.
- **Inclusion of Non-Jewish Family and Friends:** Non-Jewish family members and friends of the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* family are welcome to participate in the service. Potential options are: leading the Prayer for Our Country or the Prayer for Peace. For additional English reading options contact Rabbi Small.
- **Bimah Honors:** You may assign *aliyot* and other honors to family and friends. You will be provided with a Google Doc specific to your b'nai mitzvah date for you to fill out.
- **Haftarah** – Chanted by the Bar/Bat-Mitzvah, the *Haftarah* is a passage taken from the writings of the Prophets with blessings before and after.

- **Throwing Candy:** The custom of gently tossing candy towards the Bar/Bat Mitzvah upon the completion of their Haftarah symbolizes the wish that the Bar/Bat Mitzvah be ‘showered with blessings from heaven”.
 - Throwing candy is optional, and The Emanuel provides the candy at no cost to the family.
 - Family appoints a guest to distribute the candy during the Haftarah blessing (after page #147 in the Siddur Sim Shalom) to the first 5 rows only.
 - Candy should be ‘tossed gently upwards’ so it descends over the bima (no line drives!)
 - Post-toss, young children are invited to gather up the candy and the congregation sings *Siman Tov*

- **For your guests:** Please utilize our Frequently Asked Questions (pg. 22) to educate your guests who may be unfamiliar with our synagogue customs, as well as friends and family who will be participating on the *bimah* who are not familiar with our Shabbat morning services.

- **The Kiddush:** After the service concludes, the entire congregation is invited to celebrate with the family and their guests at the *Kiddush** sponsored by the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family. This is an opportunity for many people to greet you and wish you “*Mazal Tov.*” If you have an off-site celebration planned, please be sure to allow time to attend the Emanuel Kiddush. You and your guests will be hungry after the service and will want a nosh!

Service and Timing (Approximate)

9:00 am Service begins. The *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* family and the people and those with honors during the introductory and Shacharit service should be in the sanctuary no later than 9:00 a.m.

9:45 am *Torah* Service begins (processional). Those with Bima honors during the Torah service must arrive by this time.

10:00 am

- *D'var Torah* delivered by *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*
- *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* is called for *Maftir Aliyah*.
- Rabbi Small recites *Mi Sheberach* Prayer.
- Parents bless the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* with *Yevarekhekha*.
- Parents' address to *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* (optional)
- Rabbi welcomes congregation.
 - Grandparents are congratulated
 - Departed loved ones are acknowledged
- Parents and child recite *Shehecheyanu* with Rabbi Small.
- Everyone sings "*Siman Tov*."
- Torah is lifted and wrapped (*Hagbaha/Gelila*). Parents return to seats.
- *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* chants *Haftarah* with blessings before and after.
- Optional tossing of candy upon completion of blessing after *Haftarah*
- Rabbi presents gift to *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, and shares a personal message
- Prayers for U.S., Israel, and Prayer for Peace
- *Ashrei* – *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* student, sibling or friend, if desired
- Returning Torah service (recessional)
- Sermon
- *Musaf* through *Kaddish Shalem*
- *Ein Keloheinu* and *Aleinu*
- Mourners' *Kaddish*

11:50 am Announcements by Emanuel Synagogue President

- *Adon Olam* (children under 12 called to *bimah*) *Kiddush* and
- *Motzi* led by *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*

12:00 pm ***Kiddush* reception*** at The Emanuel: Please note: If you are planning an offsite reception, please allow for time to stay after the service to receive congratulations from the congregation during *Kiddush*.

The service is quite long and often your guests will be hungry so expect them to “pop” in to grab a bite to eat even if you have a celebration off site.

Explanation of Shabbat Morning Bimah Honors

There are many honors that may be given to both Jewish and non-Jewish family members and friends. You do not need to fill all these roles. We will help you and your guests prepare to participate. When considering who to choose for what, please note that our bimah is wheelchair-accessible by means of a ramp on the right side of the bimah.

Honors for Jewish participants: *A head covering must be worn by each adult on the bimah.*

- **Ark openings:** Occurs on the bimah (and up additional steps). Involves pulling a cord to open and close the curtain. Each opening may be given to one or two people, including children under 13.
- **Aliyah to the Torah:** There are **six aliyot** to the Torah reserved for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family:
- **The initial four Aliyot:** for family or friends; up to three people may be called for the same Aliyah. (Note: the next two *aliyot* are always reserved to be assigned by the congregation)
- **The next to last Aliyah:** for yourselves (parent(s)); when needed, an extra Aliyah can be added.
- **The final Aliyah (Maftir):** is for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student.

Aliyah honorees recite one Hebrew blessing before and after the reading of a specific Torah verse. Please give your honorees a copy of the blessings to practice (see page 38-39) If requested, the Hazzan can provide a recording.

- **Torah Reading:** Honorees(s) may also chant the Torah verses for their aliyah, or an additional person may be given the honor to chant them. If you do not wish to give the chanting to friends or family, the Emanuel will provide the Torah reader. Contact Hazzan Moshe Pinchover for the text and a recording to help you or your loved ones learn.
- **Additional Parent Honors:** In addition to having the seventh Aliyah to the Torah, parents stand next to the Bar/Bat mitzvah during the Maftir Aliyah and will then bless their child with the reciting of the *Y'varechecha* and the *Shehechyanu* blessing. (see page 40-41 for the blessings)

- **Hagbahah:** At the completion of the Torah Service the Torah needs to be lifted from the Table and held while being wrapped to be replaced in the ark. This requires some strength and practice.
- **Gelilah:** After the Torah is lifted it is bound with a belt and the velvet cover is replaced along with the silver decorations.

Honors for family and friends who are of a different background include:

- Accompanying a Jewish spouse for an Aliyah to the Torah
- Accompanying a Jewish family member to open and close the Ark.
- Reciting an English prayer such as:
 - Prayer for Our Country
 - Prayer for Israel – English
 - Prayer for Peace (optional)
- Rabbi Small can provide alternative English readings and non-speaking honors.

Please complete the online Bimah Honors Google doc at least one month prior to the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* date. Be Be sure to send a copy of the blessing and instructions for having an Aliyah to the Torah to those honorees (see Appendix).

FAQs about Attending Religious Services at The Emanuel

Who is welcome at services?

As the Prophet Isaiah said, “My house shall be a house of prayer for all people.” At the Emanuel we welcome people of all faiths to come and participate in the service. The young, the old, those with physical limitations and special needs – all join together to infuse our services with warmth and spirit.

What time do services begin and end?

Friday evening services last 90 minutes beginning at sundown, but no later than 6:00 PM. Visit our website for the current week’s information: www.emanuelsynagogue.org. Shabbat morning (Saturday) services always begin at 9:00 am, with Torah Service beginning at approximately 9:45 am, in most cases that is when the Bar/Bat Mitzvah participation begins. Shabbat services end at 12:00 pm.

What should we wear?

Please dress in neat, modest, and clean clothes. Some people dress up for synagogue, while others come in more casual attire. Please avoid work-out clothes, ripped jeans, and mini-skirts. Use your best judgment.

What about a *tallit* and head covering?

Many Jewish men and women aged thirteen and over choose to wear a *tallit* (fringed prayer shawl) while others choose not to wear one. The Tallit is a covenantal garment and those who are not of the Jewish faith are not expected to wear one. As a sign of respect, all people who enter the Sanctuary are asked to cover their heads with a kippah (skullcap) or lace head covering. A Head covering is mandatory for anyone who goes up to the bimah.

Can we use a cell phone or other electronic device in the service?

While you may see someone using a computer, tablet or phone to work our livestream, please refrain from using any electronic devices in the service or during the Kiddush. This includes all digital use such as taking photos, texting, or game play as it is distracting for participants and takes away from the Sabbath spirit. Phones should be left on “silent” or turned off. On-call physicians please set your device to “silent” mode and answer any call outside the Sanctuary. Texts or calls to parents to arrange for pick-up are permitted outside.

Can we bring food, drinks, or gum into services?

No. Please do not bring food, drink, or chewing gum into the synagogue. If you use breath mints or cough drops, please take the wrappers with you.

What about entering and leaving services? Is it okay to leave services to go to the restroom?

People may enter and leave the Sanctuary during most of the service. Please move quietly and avoid cutting in front of someone who is praying. If the Bar / Bat Mitzvah student, parents, Rabbi or President is speaking, please wait until they finish to move about.

Can we talk during services?

Please refrain from unnecessary noise. All conversation should be kept to a minimum out of respect for those in prayer, especially during *Amidah* (silent prayer), the Mourner’s *Kaddish*, and whenever the Rabbi or another person, such as the *Bar / Bat Mitzvah* is speaking. At certain points in the service, everyone is invited to call out, “Mazal Tov!” Quiet conversation is appropriate in the Lobby. After services, conversation is welcome in all areas.

Does everyone sit and stand at the same time?

For those who are able, there are parts of the service where everyone stands. There are also parts of the service where everyone sits. During the Mourner's *Kaddish* prayer, only those in mourning or those commemorating the anniversary of a death stand. Please listen for cues when to sit or stand.

What am I supposed to do during the Torah procession?

The Torah scroll is carried around the congregation before and after it is read. Many people will touch the Torah as it goes around. You do not have to do this if you do not wish to.

Are there ways in which people who are not Jewish can participate on the *bimah*?

Yes. During a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* service, both parents (including a non-Jewish parent) are invited to the *bimah* to share an honor, give a blessing and speak to their child. When a Jewish spouse is called to the Torah for an *aliyah*, the non-Jewish partner accompanies them. Non-Jewish relatives and friends of the Bar / Bat Mitzvah often lead English readings. Grandparents of all faiths are asked to stand if they are able, to be congratulated by the Rabbi and may also be invited to walk in procession when the Torah goes around the congregation.

Are there certain parts led or recited only by a Jewish person?

Yes. Judaism is a covenantal religion. There are things that only a person born into the covenant, or who chooses to become a part of the Jewish covenant can do, including: leadership of group Hebrew prayers and carrying/reading from the Torah.

Are children welcome in services?

Yes! We delight in having children **of all ages** in our services. You may bring quiet toys and books into the service. Books and quiet games are available in the back of the sanctuary. If your child grows restless or noisy, please bring them out to the lobby. A playroom is located across from the Sanctuary entrance for a child who is accompanied by an adult.

What happens after services?

After services we attend the *Kiddush*, a reception where we relax, chat and, of course, eat. Please supervise your child(ren) during *Kiddush* and always be responsible for their behavior.

If I have more questions, whom do I ask? Here is some helpful contact information:

- Rabbi David Small – rabbismall@emanuelsynagogue.org, 860-236-1275 ext. 115
- Hazzan Daniella Risman– CantorRisman@emanuelsynagogue.org, 860-236-1275 ext. 114
- Hazzan Moshe Pinchover – mpinch@emanuelsynagogue.org, 860-236-1275 ext. 117
- Jacob Schreiber (Executive Director)-- Jacob@emanuelsynagogue.org, 860-236-1275 ext. 112
- Tammi Kraushaar, Membership & Community Services Manager - tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org
- 860-236-1275 x 128
- Lisa Lenkiewicz, Office Manager: lisal@emanuelsynagogue.org 860-236-1275 ext. 110
- Lisa Taylor, Rabbi's Assistant: lifat@emanuelsynagogue.org 860-236-1275 ext. 116
- Kathy Hart, Bookkeeper: bookkeeper@emanuelsynaogue.org 860-236-1275 ext. 113

- Barbara Fink (Director of Youth and Family Learning) – principal@emanuelsynagogue.org, 860-233-2774
- Reesa Olins (President) – president@emanuelsynagogue.org

Mitzvah Project

Part of being a Jewish Adult is taking action to help others in need and to make the world a better place. Such actions are called “*Tikkun Olam*,” which means, “Repair of the World.” A mitzvah project is just the beginning of living a life of mitzvot.

Students are encouraged to identify an area of service, choose a method of helping, and then create a plan of follow through. Rabbi Small and Barbara Fink will offer advice and input Rabbi Small will help students incorporate a discussion of the project in D’var Torah.

More details can be found on the [Mitzvah Project Appendix](#) on our website, on the B’nai Mitzvah page.

Hospitality and Celebration

Bar and Bat Mitzvah is a time to celebrate! We share our joy with family, friends, and our community. Some of the celebration is shared community-wide with the congregation, while others are just for you and your invited guests.

Please consult with our Membership & Community Services Manager, Tammi Kraushaar, tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org for guidance in planning the various celebrations

- **Minyan Breakfast:** On the Thursday of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Week the parents sponsor the breakfast. Please see Appendix (page #48) for the breakfast details.
- **Friday evening Oneg (optional)** After Friday evening Services, we hold a light Oneg Shabbat with juice, spirits, wine and snacks.
- **Friday evening Shabbat Dinner (optional):** Following the evening service, Bar/Bat Mitzvah families may choose to hold a Shabbat dinner for invited family and guests at Emanuel. Contact Tammi Kraushaar at tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org for details.
- **Kiddush:** B'nai Mitzvah families sponsor a Saturday Kiddush reception at 12 Noon after the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbat service. **Please plan on attending.** People will want to greet you and wish you a Mazel Tov. You should plan for approximately **120 congregants** in addition to your invited guests. Sponsoring the Saturday Kiddush reception should be planned within 6 weeks of the day. On page 32 is a list of kosher food providers and caterers.
- **Program:** Some families opt to create a hard copy program listing participants in the Shabbat morning service. Send a draft copy to Rabbi Small and Hazzan Risman for review, prior to final printing.
- **Bimah Flowers or Food Baskets** Some families opt for fresh flowers on the bimah; others prefer to make a donation to Foodshare or Kosher Food Pantry to benefit people with food insecurity. **Please no lilies due to allergies.**
- **Kippot:** You may order kippot for your family, guests and congregants. Elizabeth Ehrlich of kidskipot.com can provide custom

kippot. Email her at elizabeth@kidskipot.com for custom orders. You can also work with the Sisterhood Gift Shop as well as two companies used by many other families: www.skullcap.com and www.kippah.com

- **Deliveries and Drop offs to Emanuel:** Please bring kippot and programs to The Emanuel main office on Thursday morning by 10:00 a.m. Flowers should be delivered no later than 12:00 noon on Friday.
- **Photo and Information for *Everything Emanuel*:** We publish photos of upcoming Bar / Bat Mitzvah in our Newsletter, web site, and on our lobby display screen. Please send a high quality jpeg image, the student's name and Parents' and grandparents' names to: lisal@emanuelsynagogue.org.
- **Special invites:** Please invite all your child's Religious or Day School classmates to the Shabbat Morning Service and kiddush; if you are able, it is nice to invite them to a reception, if you are having one.
- **Dues and Fees:** Please be sure you have paid all membership dues, school, and Bar/Bat mitzvah fees to The Emanuel prior to the bar/bat Mitzvah weekend. Contact Executive Director Jacob Schreiber if you have questions:
- **Use of Synagogue Facilities for Celebration:** Emanuel offers a wonderful facility for private celebrations. Our Silverman/Koret Auditorium and kosher kitchen facilities can accommodate celebrations large and small for up to 500 attendees. Please see page 31 for a list of rooms and charges. *There is no room charge for the Shabbat Kiddush to which the congregation is invited.* Please contact Tammi to discuss the possibilities.
- **Photography: As a reminder,** photography is not permitted at the synagogue during *Shabbat* (from sundown Friday Evening until after Havdalah on Saturday). We are happy for you to have family photo sessions on Thursday morning or Friday afternoon. Please schedule with Lisa Lenkiewicz: lisal@emanuelsynagogue.org and confirm timing with the clergy.
- Please remind your guests to be respectful of all of the furnishings and spaces at our Emanuel Synagogue. We love having guests and want to maintain our spiritual home in good condition for years to come.

- **Livestream:** All of our services are live- streamed and available via the synagogue website.



The Emanuel Synagogue Room Information

For information and help with planning, contact: Tammi [@emanuelsynagogue.org](mailto:Tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org)

ALL PRICES QUOTED ARE AS OF January, 2024 and ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

***The Emanuel does not charge a rental fee for *Kiddushim* to which the congregation is invited. Rental fees apply only to private celebrations.**

Member Room Rental Fees below include:

- 4-hour room use for your event.
- Use of Round Tables (60-inch & 72-inch), 8 ft & 6 ft long rectangle tables, and chairs.
- 1 custodian on the premises during the entire celebration. A gratuity to the custodian(s) is greatly appreciated.

Koret Hall	\$600.00
Silverman Auditorium	\$1200.00
Koret/Silverman	\$1400.00
Banks Lobby	\$400.00
Siegal Garden	\$250.00 (when used for food service)
Koret/Silverman/Lobby	\$1600.00

Families will be provided a Facility Rental Agreement that will cover all costs associated with the event. A 50% deposit is required with the signed contract, with the remainder required within 2 weeks of the event.

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PLEASE CHECK WITH MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER FOR CURRENT INFORMATION

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The Crown Kosher Market

catering@thecrownmarket.com

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Catering by Shuman

Attn: Steve Shuman

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860-833-4070

Catering by Meital

Attn: Meital Aloush

www.cateringbymeital.com

413-221-2078

Sample Letter to Guests

Dear _____,

I am glad that you are coming to my Bat Mitzvah. Here is some information you will want to know.

The Saturday morning service begins at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 9:45 am as that is when the Torah service starts, and my part begins. The service will end at approximately 12:00 noon, after which is a light Kiddush lunch.

Your parents should pick you up between 12:30-12:45. Please do not use phones or text or take photo/video during the service or lunch. Our dress code is neat casual to dressy. No jeans or t-shirts please. For details see the included FAQ sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact my parents at: 555 – 5555. See you on February 29th!

Love, _____ and _____

Glossary of Terms

Adon Olam – closing hymn, sung at the conclusion of the service. Page 187 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*.

Aleinu - prayer that proclaims sovereignty and unity of God, recited towards the conclusion of every service. Page 183 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*.

Aliyah (plural Aliyot) - (“Ascent” or “to go up”) - being called up to the Torah. The person who receives an *Aliyah* chants the blessings before and after the actual Torah reading.

Ashrei – from the Psalms - recited in the morning and afternoon services. Page 151 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah (plural B’ney Mitzvah, B’not Mitzvah) – we celebrate a child’s becoming an adult member of the community and responsible to observe the precepts of the Torah.

D’var Torah - Refers to the teaching of a text. Our *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* celebrants give a talk about their Torah and *Haftarah* portions.

Ein Keloheinu - Hymn that is sung towards the conclusion of the Shabbat morning service. Page 182 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*.

Gabbai (plural Gabbaim) - They assist at the Torah reading service by directing people who have *Aliyot*, and supporting the Torah reader. They stand on either side of the Torah lectern.

G’lilah - refers to the honor of rolling and “dressing” the Torah after it is read.

Haftarah - (Literally “completion”). Refers to the portion from the Prophets that corresponds to a particular Torah reading or special time of year.

Hagbahah - refers to the honor of lifting the Torah at the conclusion of the Torah reading.

Havdalah - (Literally “Separation” or “Distinction”) the ceremony that takes place at the conclusion of *Shabbat*, separating the *Shabbat* from the rest of the days.

Hazzan - Cantor

Kiddush - the blessing over wine sanctifying the *Shabbat*, also refers to the light refreshment and socializing following *Shabbat* and holiday morning services.

Kippah (plural Kippot) – a head covering that comes in many colors and designs.

Maftir - the person who reads the last Torah reading and then the *Haftarah*. The *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* child is usually the *Maftir*. Also refers to the last reading itself.

Minḥa - afternoon service.

Minyan - a group of ten Jewish adults required for communal prayer. Colloquially, it also refers to the weekday morning and evening services.

Musaf – the latter (additional) portion of the Shabbat morning service.

Parashah - (Literally “portion or section”) refers to a passage in the Torah or the weekly Torah reading.

Shehecheyanu – Blessing for special events.

Siddur – Prayer book. *Siddur Sim Shalom* is the one we use at the Emanuel Synagogue for all services.

Simcha – Joy; a happy occasion.

Tallit (plural Tallitot) –A *tallit* is a four-cornered “prayer shawl” with *tzitzit* or “fringes” which represent the *mitzvot* and also the Jewish people.

Tefillin – These are special boxes that contain passages from the Torah written on parchment, fulfilling the commandment to “bind [G-d’s Word] for a sign upon your arm and a decoration between your eyes”. They are worn by adult Jewish men and, in increasing numbers, women during weekday morning services. They are not worn on Shabbat.

Tikkun Olam – Repairing the world.

Trope - musical cantillations that direct the reader in chanting from the Torah and *Haftarah*.

Y’varechecha – Priestly blessing, recited by parents for their children.

PARENTS PRAYER – VERSION A

Read at morning minyan on Thursday before Bar/Bat Mitzvah

For a boy:

בְּרוּךְ שֶׁפָּטַרְנוּ מֵעֲנֹשׁוֹ שְׁלֵזָה

BARUCH SHEP'TARANU ME'ONSHO SHEL'ZEH.

For a girl:

בְּרוּךְ שֶׁפָּטַרְנוּ מֵעֲנֹשָׁהּ שְׁלֵזָה

BARUCH SHEP'TARANU ME'ONSHAH SHEL'ZO.

Dear _____

Today you have the privilege to take over your responsibilities as a Jew. As your parents, we are blessed having you. From the day you *were born we have tried to raise you as a Jew by teaching you the Jewish Heritage and to become a Bar / Bat Mitzvah. From now on it is your responsibility to learn more about Judaism, Jewish Practice and Tradition. We will always be at your side to help you with the sacred task that you are beginning today.

May the Almighty bless you with success; may you be prosperous in all your ways to find grace and mercy in the eyes of G-d and humanity. Amen.

*[alternative for adoptees: “became part of our family”]

PARENTS PRAYER – VERSION B

Read at morning minyan on Thursday before Bar/Bat Mitzvah

For a boy:

בְּרוּךְ שֶׁפְּטָרָנוּ מֵעֲנִשׁוֹ שֶׁלְּזֶה

BARUCH SHEP'TARANU ME'ONSHO SHEL'ZEH.

For a girl:

בְּרוּךְ שֶׁפְּטָרָנוּ מֵעֲנִשָּׁה שֶׁלְּזֶה

BARUCH SHEP'TARANU ME'ONSHAH SHEL'ZO.

O God of all humanity:

We lift our voices in gratitude that the Torah has come into the world through the Jewish people.

We lift our voices in gratitude for the ideals it teaches: justice; compassion; devotion; the partnership of mind, heart, and deed.

We lift our voices in gratitude that our son/daughter

_____ takes his/her place among the people of Israel. We pray that _____ will do so with pride and joy. As You called Israel to be a light to the nations, so, too, we pray that our son/daughter will be his/her own ray of light to the world.

How to Have an *Aliyah*

These instructions are provided to help guide you or refresh your memory in proceeding step-by-step through your honor. Remember, you are among friends and family, and you will have people to help and guide you along the way. It is good to practice the blessings in advance; an audio recording can be sent upon request. Here is a "My Jewish Learning" video tutorial for the blessings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=326UpV60hFQ>.

Appropriate dress for women for The Emanuel Sanctuary consists of covered shoulders, back and midriff. Please bring a sweater, jacket or shawl if necessary. Men should wear a collared shirt. For an *aliyah*, men wear a *talit* and both men and women wear head coverings. Women may also wear a *talit*.

- Shortly before it is your turn for an *aliyah*, go up to the *bimah* and sit in a chair next to the Rabbi. If you have the first *aliyah*, go up when the Torah is being paraded around the congregation. For the next ones, go up when the previous person is reciting the blessings.
- When it is time for your *aliyah*, you will be called to the *bimah* by your Hebrew name. Come forward to the Torah reading table. The reader will then show you (with a silver *yad*) the place in the Torah where he/she will read. Touch with one of the *tzitzit* of your *talit*, the place shown and then kiss the *tzitzit*. If you are not wearing a *talit*, (some women do not) use the cloth Torah binder. You will find it on the table.
- Take hold of the Torah handles and recite the blessing (attached) before reading the Torah. This will be printed in large type (both in Hebrew and transliteration) next to the Torah. Remember to repeat the second line, after the congregation.
- The reader will then read from the Torah. Follow the pointer with your eyes while the reader is reading. When the reader concludes, touch the Torah again with the *tzitzit* at the place where the reader points to and again kiss the *tzitzit* (or Torah binder).
- Take hold of the Torah handles, roll the Torah closed and recite the blessing after reading the Torah (attached).
- Move to the right side of the Torah reading table next to the *gabbai* and stay on the *bimah* until the conclusion of the next *aliyah*.
- Cross the *bimah* to the stairs on the Rabbi's side and return to your seat. It is fine to shake hands and greet people on your way back.

Defining Our Terms

aliyah – literally, going up to the Torah to say the blessings before and after the reading

bimah - raised area where the Rabbi stands and the Torah is read ***gabbai*** – the person who stands next to the Torah reader to help him/her. ***talit*** – prayer shawl

tzitzit - knotted fringes of the *tallit yad* – pointer

TORAH BLESSINGS

Touch your *tallit* or the Torah binder to the spot and kiss your *tallit* or the Torah binder. Holding both handles, roll the scroll closed and say:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ.
Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach.

The congregation responds
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va-ed

You repeat
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va-ed.

And continue:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוֹ
מִכָּל הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.
*Baruch attah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam, asher bahar banu micol
ha-amim v'natan lanu et Torato. Baruch attah Adonai noten HaTorah.*

Follow in the scroll while the reader chants the portion. They will show you the place again.
Touch your *tallit* or the Torah binder to the spot and kiss your *tallit* or the Torah binder. Holding both handles, roll the scroll closed. Then say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת
אֱמֶת, וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

*Baruch attah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam, asher natan lanu Torat emet v'hayei olam natah b'toch-
enu. Baruch attah Adonai noten HaTorah.*

BLESSING THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Birchot Ha-Mishpacha	בְּרָכוֹת הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה
FOR THE SONS	
Yesimcha Elohim K'Efrayim Ve'chimenashe <small>May G-d make you like Efraim and Menashe</small>	יְשִׁימְךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֶּׁה
FOR THE DAUGHTERS	
Yesimech Elohim Ke'sarah, Rivkah, Rachel Ve'Leah. <small>May G-d make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah</small>	יְשִׁימְךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּשָׂרָה, רִבְקָה, רָחֵל וְלֵאָה
MAIN BLESSING (for a boy or a girl)	
Yevarechecha Adonai Veyshmerecha, Yaer Adonai panav Elecha Vichuneka, Yisa Adonai Panav Elecha, Veyasem Lecha Shalom. <small>May G-d bless you keep you. May G-d shine the Divine face upon you and be gracious to you. May G-d watch over you always and bless you with peace.</small>	יְבָרְכֶךָ !! וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ, יֵאָר !! פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיַחֲוִינֶךָ, יֵשָׂא !! פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיִשֶּׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם

Sheheheyanu

The Rabbi calls on the parents to say the following blessing during the Shabbat morning service:

ברוך אתה יי אלוהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she- heheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi-anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Means: "...Who has kept us in life, sustained us, and brought us to this moment."

Bimah Honors

EXAMPLE THIS IS ONLY TO SHOW YOU WHAT THE BIMAH HONORS ONLINE SHEET LOOKS LIKE. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR HONORS ON THE GOOGLE DOC. SET UP FOR THAT PURPOSE. YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A LINK TO THAT DOCUMENT ONE YEAR BEFORE YOUR DATE. IF YOU HAVE NOT, OR WANT TO BEGIN EARLIER, PLEASE CONTACT HAZZAN MOSHE PINCHOVER: mpinch@emanuelsynagogue.org.

Shabbat Parashat

Saturday, 2024

Bar/Bat Mitzvah –

Pesukey Dezimra	
<i>Open the outer curtain</i>	
Shaharit	
Torah Service	
<i>Petiha (open the Ark)</i>	
<i>Sefer Torah (carry the Torah)</i>	
<i>D'var Torah</i>	<i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i>

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Shevi`i Aliyah # 7	Parent(s)				
חצי קדיש Moshe					
Maftir	Bar/Bat Mitz-vah				

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by Rabbi Blessing מי שברך לבר/בת מצווה

יברכך Parents' Blessing

We congratulate grandparents... (and ask them to rise) We remember...(name of grandparent or loved ones)

שהחיינו Shehecheyanu

"סימן טוב"

Hagbaha

(lifting the Torah)

Gelillah

(Binding the Torah)

Haftarah

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Distribute candy? Y/N

Throw candy? Y/N

Rabbi's Charge to Bar/Bat Mitzvah

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149	Prayer for Israel	Hebrew English
149	Prayer for peace (optional)	
151	Ashrei	

153	Returning Torah Service	
	<i>Returning Torah (Carry the Torah)</i>	
	<i>Hachnassa (Open The Ark)</i>	
	Sermon	
155	Musaf	Hazzan
181	Kaddish Shalem	
182	<i>Ein Keloheinu</i>	
183	<i>Aleinu</i>	
184	Mourners Kaddish	Rabbi David Small
185	<i>Ark Opening</i>	
185	<i>Anim Zmirot</i>	
	<i>Close outer curtain</i>	
	ANNOUNCEMENTS	
187	<i>Adon Olam</i>	
315	Kiddush & HaMotzi	<i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i>

Minḥa Havdala

Name Information to Prepare *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Certificate

If you have your child's naming certificate- please submit a copy

Student's full name

In English: __

In Hebrew__

ben/bat ____v' ____

Child's name(s) father's name(s) mother's name(s)

(Transliterations in English are okay)

Family member names:

(English)

Siblings:

Grandparents:

PHOTO and INFORMATION for EVERYTHING EMANUEL

We publish photos of upcoming B'nai Mitzvah in the Newsletter along with their names, the names of the parents and the names of any grandparents who are members of The Emanuel.

PHOTO: Please use the best quality digital camera available to you for best print quality. Your child's photo should ideally be a headshot (shoulders up). Please send your photo as an attachment; please do not embed the photo in the body of the e-mail.

INFORMATION: Along with your photo, please e-mail the following information **as you wish it to be published** in the Newsletter:

Name of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Name(s) of the parent(s)

Name of any grandparents who are members of The Emanuel

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

For a January or February Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Deadline: Nov. 23
For a March or April Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Deadline: January 23
For a May or June Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Deadline: March 23
For a July or August Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Deadline: May 23
For a September or October Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Deadline: July 23
For a November or December Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Deadline: September 23

Please contact Lisa Lenkiewicz at 860-236-1275 ext. 110 or lisal@emanuelsynagogue.org with any questions.

The prices below are for planning for up to 25 (including our minyanaires)

BASIC: \$50

- orange juice
- milk
- cereal
- mini bagels w/cream cheese
- babka/coffee cake
- mini muffins
- clementines or bananas

DELUXE: \$75

Added to above:

- egg salad
- cheese/crackers
- herring
- berries

PREMIUM: \$100

Added to all the above:

- lox
- tomato
- onion