

A BAR MITZVAH AT THE JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER

Mazal Tov on your upcoming *simcha*!



According to Jewish tradition, a Bar Mitzvah reflects a major turning point in the life of a Jewish boy and as such, we believe very strongly that every boy should celebrate this milestone in a meaningful and traditional manner. The Bar Mitzvah boy should feel a sense of relevance and connectedness to this auspicious threshold in his life. He should take pride in his Jewish identity and be filled with enthusiasm to take his place as a full-fledged member of the Jewish nation.

We are pleased to present a variety of options to personalize the service and make this day one to remember for years to come. Every one of these options can be customized to meet your needs during your consultation with the Rabbi.

BAR MITZVAH SERVICE:

The following is a sample description of a typical Bat Mitzvah service. The ceremony includes Hebrew and English readings as well as a speech delivered by the Bar Mitzvah boy with reflections on the meaning of this important milestone, his path in reaching it and lessons from the Torah portion.

A typical Bar Mitzvah service includes:

- ◆ Prayer service
- ◆ Reading of the Torah, *Haftorah*
- ◆ Mazel Tov & Candy throw
- ◆ Speeches delivered by the Rabbi, the Bar Mitzvah boy
- ◆ Reception

The Bar Mitzvah boy may choose to do as much as lead the entire service and read the Torah and *Haftorah* or as little as just being called up to the Torah for an *Aliyah* (or anything in between.)



STUDYING:

The Bar Mitzvah boy needs to work with a private teacher to learn about the importance and meaning of the Bar Mitzvah, to read from the Torah, learn to lead the prayers and put on *Tefillin*.

RECEPTION:

Following the service a reception can be arranged to take place at JDC. Our in-house Kosher catering can make all the arrangements. Please contact Chany for details.

CEREMONY OPTIONS

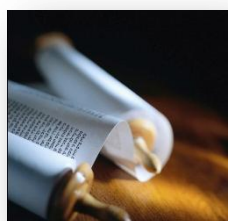
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:

A Shabbat Morning Service begins at 9:30 a.m. with *Shacharit* (morning service.) It includes the Torah, *Haftorah* and speeches. Services generally end approximately 12:00 p.m., after which guests join the congregation for a *Kiddush*.



SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:

This ceremony which lasts approximately an hour begins with *Mincha* (afternoon service.) There is a short Torah reading during the service (no *Haftorah*), followed by the speeches and the service concludes with *Maariv* (evening service) and *Havdalah*. In the winter it would be early afternoon and in the summer it would be evening.



WEEKDAY SERVICE:

The weekday *Shacharit* (morning service), short Torah service (no *Haftorah*) and speeches take approximately 1 ½ hrs. You may choose to have a Bar Mitzvah on a Monday, Thursday, or *Rosh Chodesh* (1st day of Hebrew month.)

If you have any questions please call Rabbi Benny Rapoport 570-587-3300