



Being Mitzvah

Timeline & Checklist

- **Kindergarten** - Enroll your child in Religious School
- **In 3rd grade** - Your child begins receiving Hebrew instruction. Hebrew tutoring happens one on one via Zoom for a half hour each week in addition to their Religious School classes.
- **In 5th grade** – Set your Be Mitzvah date
- **In 6th grade** - Students will learn to chant prayers in religious school and begin to discuss service project ideas with the Rabbi.
- **12 months prior** to Be Mitzvah-
 - Students should start attending services twice a month. Attendance cards are to be signed at services by a parent for documentation.
 - Your child will choose their service project. Implementing this project before the Be Mitzvah is required. It is strongly suggested that the bulk of the project be concluded 6 months before the Be Mitzvah.
- **7 months prior** -Meet with the Rabbi to determine the focus of the torah portion, your service project, speech, and any other expectations of the student and family
- **6 months prior** - Your child begins tutoring for the Torah and Haftarah portions. Parents oversee daily studying.
- **3 months prior**- Begin to schedule regular meetings with the Rabbi.
 - Provide a photo and blurb to the office for the temple bulletin
- **6-8 weeks prior** - Send out invitations. Select who will participate in the service
- **1 month prior**- Students and their parents should schedule rehearsals with the Rabbi.
 - Confirm plans for the Oneg shabbat held after the Friday night service and order altar flowers (if desired).
 - Prepare worksheet to return to the Office which will be used in preparing your service programs.

- **Friday night prior-** family and friends are encouraged to attend Friday night service. The parents will participate in candle lighting and kiddush. Remind guests that service begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.
- **Be Mitzvah day** - Arrive at 9:30 for photography and greet early arrivals. Services begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Time to kvell.

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After the Be-Mitzvah

It is our sincere hope that your Be Mitzvah is one of many meaningful steps on a lifelong journey of Jewish learning. Rabbi Marc runs our Confirmation program watch for more information on how to continue this awesome journey of faith!