

Holy Blossom B’nei Mitzvah Checklist

Things to Know 1 year before simcha - all Services

1. Tutor Allocation and Parashat Received - Approximate 8 to 11 months before B/M date

- Parents will receive email from Iris Spitz regarding assigned Torah Reading ☐
- B’nei Mitzvah fee link (fees & sponsorship opportunities) and introduction to Tutor - Note: Tutoring only commences with payment of fee ☐
- Date and time for 1st meeting with Cantor Rosen & Rabbi (child & parent(s)) ☐
- Re-Introduction to Venue Manager – [Calvin Wong](#) ☐
- Notify of any special requirements necessary for your child ☐
- Reminder to be enrolled for Gr. 7 YEC program (note: separate fee from B’nei Mitzvah fee) ☐
- Start working on Mitzvah Journal ☐

2. 4-6 Months prior to date:

- Confirmation letter , appointment schedule and resend sponsorship link received from Iris Spitz if not selected previously. ☐
- Simcha event (luncheon etc) confirmed with [Calvin Wong](#) ☐
- Optional: Book photo session with [Iris Spitz](#) on day of Final Rehearsal ☐
- Receive Honour form for Aliyot and honours ☐
- Receive link to book Kabbalat Shabbat for month of Simcha ☐

3. 3 -2 months prior to date:

- 1st Rabbi Appointment with Parent(s) ☐
- 2nd Rabbi Appointment, ☐
- 3rd & 4th Rabbi appointments for Mitzvah Journal & D’var Torah Prep ☐
- 2nd Rehearsal with Cantor Rosen - be prepared to chant parashat and and discuss Honour Form ☐
- Contact Calvin Wong if you plan to sponsor Congregational Kiddush/ Shacharit Breakfast (Rosh Chodesh/Festival) ☐

4. 1 Month Prior to Date:

- Submit Honour Form & confirm Kabbalat Shabbat attendance date date for lighting candles, Hamotzi & Kiddush ☐
- 3 weeks prior to date -3rd Rehearsal with C.S. Lindi Rivers or Cantor Rosen send honour form ☐
- 2 weeks prior to date - 4th Rehearsal with Cantor Rosen ☐

5. Week of B’nei Mitzvah

- Photo Session (May be booked before the Final Rehearsal - no photography allowed during rehearsal or service (photography on day of service is allowed in spaces of private simcha celebration) ☐
- Final Rehearsal – Immediate family participants (Review choreography, bring Yad (if applicable), B/M Binder and D’var Torah) -Submit Mitzvah Journal No photos may be taken during the final rehearsal. ☐
- Deliver Custom Made Kippot with 8x11 Sign for guests ☐
- If you plan to throw soft jelly candies (you can bring them as you arrive on Shabbat) let us know if you require a basket ☐

Things to know:

Kabbalat Shabbat Service: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

<https://holyblossom.org/holy-blossom-temple-livestream/>

[Kabbalat Shabbat Siddur Link](#)

- Kabbalat Shabbat Service: families are required to attend the Kabbalat Shabbat service (6 pm) either the week before or the day before your simcha. We invite the mother (and the families) of each Bar/Bat/Perach Mitzvah to light the Shabbat candles on behalf of the congregation. We invite each student to recite the Kiddush over the wine.

If you have family members unable to attend they may view the service from the link above.

Shabbat Service: 10:30am to 12:30pm (10:45am to 12:15pm for Family Service)**

Please bring the following with you to the Final Rehearsal and for the Service: Dvar Torah, Yad, Practice Book, Tallit

The wearing of masks is currently not required, we are a mask appreciated facility. Those who are not well are asked to stay home and view the service virtually. <https://holyblossom.org/holy-blossom-temple-livestream/>

For a family service a zoom link can be created to enable virtual viewing of the service with permission.

Day of Shabbat Service

- 10:15 am: the B'nei Mitzvah family (and significant family members may also attend) meet with the Rabbi to discuss the significance of the day. Each student is presented with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah certificate, and a gift towards both the Confirmation Israel Trip, and a NFTY Israel trip. Parents can present a tallit and kippah to their child, to recite the blessings for the first time.
 - 10:30 am: As the Service begins, the B'nei Mitzvah sit with their families at the front of the Main Sanctuary (or Youth Chapel). At the Torah Service, the B'nei Mitzvah are called up to the bimah with their parents. After the reading and the Rabbi's charge, the B'nei Mitzvah return to their seat(s) next to their parents.
- **Please note there is no photography during the final rehearsal, before or during the service. Photographers are not able to attend the service.**

Rosh Chodesh/Festival Daily Services:

Each of the same steps occur prior to the service in the Youth Chapel as listed above, however, services start at 7:30am weekdays, and 9:00am on holiday Mondays and Sundays. The service is generally 1 hour long and is conducted by Lay Leaders with clergy assisting during the Torah Service. The family will meet with the Rabbi 15 minutes before the service.

** Family will meet at 10:30 with Rabbi in the Lantern Board Meeting Room