



ANSHE CHESED FAIRMOUNT TEMPLE

B'NEI MITZVAH PROGRAM

It is our hope that becoming a B'nei Mitzvah at Fairmount Temple will be meaningful journey for the whole family, a joyous sacred experience with our beloved congregation, and a powerful beginning for your child on a lifelong path of Jewish learning and living.

B'NEI MITZVAH TIMELINE

4
grade

4TH GRADE

- Grow Hebrew and t'filah (prayer) skills through ongoing religious school participation
- Initiate b'nei mitzvah conversation with families
- Begin date assignment/confirmation

5TH GRADE

- Continue growing Hebrew and t'filah (prayer) skills through ongoing religious school participation
- Confirm date assignment and torah portion

5
grade

6
grade

6TH GRADE

- Continue growing Hebrew and t'filah (prayer) skills through ongoing religious school participation
- Attend Cantor's Workshop to explore b'nei mitzvah blessings, prayers, Torah, and ritual

7TH GRADE/B'NEI MITZVAH YEAR

- Continue growing Hebrew and t'filah (prayer) skills through ongoing religious school participation
- Deepen community connection and responsibility through participation in Cantor's Workshop, madrichim and b'nei mitzvah service ushering programs

7
grade

WHO TO CONTACT

You may need to reach someone during this journey, we will work together to help you along the way:

Cantor Vladimir Lapin - vlapin@fairmounttemple.org
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B'NEI MITZVAH YEAR TIMELINE

12
months

- First family meeting with Cantor, then continue monthly meetings (lmarcus@fairmount.org)
- Confirm Torah portion & verses Tutoring needs assessed/begins (exact date varies and is adjusted to account for vacations/holidays/etc.)
- Submit Hebrew names

- Begin regular tutoring (frequency based on level of Hebrew and t'filah skills)
- Confirm temple celebration space (bsmith@fairmounttemple.org)

11
months

6
months

- First meeting with Rabbi, monthly (lmarcus@fairmounttemple.org)
- Begin d'var torah and speech preparation

- Begin rehearsals with tutor in temple
- Submit announcement photo and forms
- Send invitations

3
months

1
months

- Meet weekly with Cantor Lapin

- Final Rehearsal Photography in sanctuary

1
week

B'NEI MITZVAH RITUAL ENRICHMENT FUND COMMITMENT

Fairmount Temple requests all families participating in b'nei mitzvah contribute \$654.95 to the B'nei Mitzvah Ritual Enrichment Fund. Typically collected upon date confirmation, this contribution allows our congregation to enhance the b'nei mitzvah service and continue to fulfill this mitzvah for all families.

Ritual and educational materials
Bimah flower sponsorship
Cleveland Jewish News announcement
Security for service
Live-Stream (operator produced upgrade available)

To finalize a b'nei mitzvah date, please complete the Date Request form and contact Joey Laidman (jlaidman@fairmounttemple.org) to make your contribution all at once or to set up a recurring contribution over 12 months. .