Temple Solel Bar/Bat Mitzvah Timeline

All B'nai Mitzvah families must be current members in good standing and the student(s) must be enrolled in Raker Religious School or Pardes in order to obtain and retain a bar/bat mitzvah date. In Advance:

2 Years (approx.) Families receive a date request mailing to complete, late summer, 2 years out.

B/M Fee Billed Once the chosen date is confirmed, the family is billed for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee.

12 Months Contact the Temple Solel office if you would like to reserve the Social Hall.

Kick-off Appt. Prior to this appointment, you will be notified by the rabbis' assistant of your preset (11 mos. approx.) meeting date via email. This introductory meeting is conducted with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student, parent(s) and the rabbi. Bar/Bat Mitzvah student and parent(s) meet with the rabbi to discuss expectations, mitzvah project, and other pertinent details.

9 Months Bar/Bat Mitzvah student is assigned a tutor and Torah/Haftarah portions and begins meeting with his/her tutor and is given the necessary materials.

1-2 Months Photo and information sheet for the B'nai Mitzvah announcement in the Pathfinder is due to the Temple Solel office. If you choose to submit this form to Jewish News, you are responsible for sending it to Jewish News directly.

D'var Torah Prior to the D'var Torah Appointment, you will be notified by the rabbis' assistant via PP1 & PP2 email of the preset D'var Torah (speech) and Pulpit Practice 1 & 2 sessions (PP1 & PP2). These appointments are conducted with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student, parent(s), rabbi and cantorial soloist and occur during specific times in accordance with the rabbinic calendar and in relation to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

6 Weeks Meeting between the family, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student and the rabbi to discuss the D'var Torah and review the status of the Mitzvah project.

1-1/2 Weeks Pulpit Practice 1 occurs. Honor Sheet and Hebrew Name 1/2 sheet form from this binder are both due to the rabbi at this meeting which is conducted in the sanctuary.

Wed. Prior Pulpit Practice 2 occurs and is held in the sanctuary as a rehearsal. Formal Photos If you choose to have formal photos taken that include the rabbi and/or cantorial soloist, there is a specific time that is set aside for this purpose. The hour prior to the start of Pulpit Practice 2 may be reserved by contacting the rabbi's assistant. The rabbi and cantorial soloist will not be available for formal portraits the day of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Photos During The policy for any photography and/or videotaping that occurs during the service is the Service as follows: Cameras must be stationary (on a tripod) with no shutter sound or additional lighting. The goal is to preserve the solemnity of this life cycle event.

~ Oneg/Streaming Services Fund sponsorship is embedded in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fee. Unless otherwise noted, parent(s)' names will be acknowledged in the Friday night bulletin and monthly Pathfinder newsletter.