



Requirements for B'nai Mitzvah* at Temple Beth-El

1. Minimum three years of religious school or equivalent study set by the rabbi.
2. Tutoring for the Torah/Haftarah sections of the service beginning about 6 months before your date. Child must have established baseline Hebrew proficiency before tutoring may begin.
3. Writing a D'var Torah (talk on the Torah portion) to be given that morning.
4. Learning the prayers of the "Torah Service," also beginning about 6 months before your date.
5. Completion of the 13 Mitzvot Program, which includes as one of the "mitzvot" 13 hours of volunteer work.
6. Attendance at minimum 12 Beth-El Shabbat/Holiday services in the prior 12 months. These should include at least 5 Friday evening and at least 7 Shabbat morning worship services at Temple Beth-El. Plan on attending at least one adult service on Rosh Hashanah and one on Yom Kippur at Beth-El or another synagogue. Most importantly, you should plan on attending all the B'nai Mitzvah services of your class. We encourage you attend our "First Friday" services on the first Friday of each month as often as possible, as these are designed for families and include a special oneg cake to honor the children.

Fill out a "Shabbat Service Study Page" after at least 2 services and keep them your notebook.
7. Ushering. Your family has the responsibility of ushering during the BBM immediately preceding your child's. The family celebrating their BBM on the next BBM date after your child will act as the ushers on the morning of your child's bar/bat mitzvah.
8. Family must be up to date with Teruma contributions, Hebrew School tuition and B'nai Mitzvah fees. The B'nai Mitzvah fee is due before tutoring begins.

*B'nai Mitzvah is the gender-neutral term, similar to the use of "they" to refer to all.