



MISSION

To provide a meaningful bar or bat mitzvah experience for different kinds of learners, and their family and friends

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Participating in a bar or bat mitzvah is like planting and cultivating the seed that can support and nourish each person throughout life in decision making, confidence, trust and values. Whether in living rooms, meeting spaces, or in our sanctuary, we will provide full support—from beginning to end—for your family’s needs. Our rabbi and professional learning specialist meet one-to-one with each student on a weekly basis. We concentrate on having fun, while learning and preparing for this meaningful Jewish rite of passage.

METHODS

Individualized learning is supported by differentiated instruction, use of dry erase boards, games, time for reflection, hands-on materials, encouraging questions, and completing a creative and unique prayer-binder project.

TIME

Approximately 9 months – 1 year

BEGINNING THE JEWISH JOURNEY

Our goal is to meet each student exactly where (s)he is, and to craft together an individualized plan that integrates specific needs, interests and skills. There is no “cookie cutter” bar or bat mitzvah, just as each child is unique and has a personalized learning style. Ritual possibilities include:

- Creating a short, small and informal afternoon or havdallah ceremony in your home
- Learning the “prayer basics” in either English or Hebrew
- Researching a Jewish topic of interest and developing an individual project
- Discovering the process of writing a personal statement
- Experiencing a mitzvah project and sharing with family and friends

GUIDING JEWISH WISDOM

“Teach according to each child’s own way, and each child will heartily find a unique path to follow.”
(Proverbs 22:6)

“There are four types among those who sit before the sages: the sponge, the funnel, the strainer and the sieve. The sponge absorbs all. The funnel takes in at one end and lets it out the other. The strainer rejects the wine and retains the sediment. The sieve rejects the coarse flour and retains the fine flour.” (Pirkei Avot 5:15)

FOR QUESTIONS, MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION FEE,
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