



## **BAR/BAT/B'RIT MITZVAH PARENT** **HANDBOOK**

***This booklet is divided into three sections:***

**Section 1:** A timeline marking when certain tasks need to be completed.

**Section 2:** Has information you need about your child's *Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah*.

**Section 3:** Identifies your role in assisting the Temple and other *Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah* families.

The purpose of this guide is to describe and explain the philosophy and policies of Temple Isaiah concerning *Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah*. We suggest that you read this guide carefully because it will answer many of your questions. If after reading this handbook you still have questions, please feel free to call the Temple office and speak with the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator.

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# "TO DO" TIMELINE

This timeline is a personalized way for you to keep track of when you need to be aware of certain components of preparing for your child's Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **6<sup>th</sup> Grade logistics meeting** – October/November of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- \_\_\_\_\_ **1 yr (approximately)** Sign up for family assignment as usher for Friday and Saturday Shabbat services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **1 (approximately) year** Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah date – begin attending Friday night or Saturday morning Services at Temple Isaiah twice a month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3/6 months (approximately)** –D'var Torah Meeting and Mitzvah Journey Commitment meeting will take place.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **9 months (approximately)** Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah date – family meets with the Rabbi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **6 months (approximately)** Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah– tutoring fee due and tutoring. Begins (24 sessions, plus one family session)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **5 months (approximately)** D'var Torah Meeting with Rabbi Axler. Mitzvah Journey Commitment meeting with Rachel Petroff Kessler.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **5 months** work out arrangements with B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator on when professional photos will be taken at the Temple.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **5 weeks and 3 weeks before** Bar/Bat/B'rit mitzvah, will be Torah/Haftarah reading rehearsals on the Bimah with Rabbi Plotkin. If partnering, both students will rehearse together.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **4 months before** – order kipot if ordering from Temple. B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator has a discount code.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **4 weeks before** – let the office know if you wish to help sponsor the Friday night Oneg Shabbat. The fee is \$108.00 (subject to change). Sponsoring helps make for an enhanced Oneg.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3 weeks before** – let the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator know if you would like to do the candle blessing and reading(s) at the Friday night Shabbat before your Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah. Please note that only Temple members older than 13 (not the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah Student) may read during Friday night services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2 weeks before** – have aliyah and prayer reading forms neatly filled out (forms are editable) with Hebrew names (where appropriate) and give to B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2 weeks before** – tell the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator approximately how many guests you will have so the sanctuary seating can be set up appropriately. If having a kiddush, luncheon, grab-n-go or evening affair, all room set ups must be handed in. Caterer Certificate of Insurance and Health Department Certificate, liquor license along with Temples Caterer's Agreement must be received from caterer. Any other outside vendors must send their Certificate of Insurance to B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **1 week before** date the student has a rehearsal on a Thursday (3:45 to 4:45) with Rabbi Axler. If partnering, both students will rehearse together.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Day before:** Rehearsal for student and parents with Rabbi Axler between (9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.). If partnering, both families will rehearse together.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Day before:** Bring into the Temple office: (if sharing the service, bring in the following items between the two families). 1 uncut braided challah • 1 small bottle of **white** grape juice • kipot if you have them (with baskets, if desired) • Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah pamphlets (with baskets, if desired)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **BAR/BAT/B'RIT MITZVAHDATE! Mazel Tov!**

## **TEMPLE ISAIAH'S PHILOSOPHY OF BAR/BAT/B'KIT MITZVAH**

Temple Isaiah views a child's Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah as a landmark in their Jewish education and identity. Not only is a Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah a ceremony which marks the religious coming of age, but it recognizes the child's and family's commitment to Judaism and its traditions. To make a difference in the life of our children and families, the Temple offers a comprehensive program that encompasses the middle and high school years.

Our experience is the older the children, the more they need the continued guidance and nurturing environment of their synagogue. We want the synagogue to become an integral part of the life of our children and their families. We want our children to continue to grow Jewishly, to be challenged intellectually and to be supported in their formative years. In our judgment, these goals are best achieved through continued study through Confirmation and beyond. We at Temple Isaiah are convinced that the more our children are with us, the more they will know, and the more committed and connected they will be. We look forward to continuing to be a part of your child's Jewish journey today and for many years to come.

**MAZEL TOV!**

### **REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES**

**EDUCATION:** It is the Temple's philosophy and policy to provide a comprehensive educational experience for all our children. Preparing for a Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah at Temple Isaiah includes formal study through regular attendance at the Temple Isaiah Religious School as well as regularly attending services the year before the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah. We hope that the students make a commitment to continue with a religious education through Confirmation class (10<sup>th</sup> Grade). When beginning this journey, the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah students along with their parents/guardians enter into a *B'rit* (covenant) with the Temple to this effect.

**SERVICE ATTENDANCE:** Our policy is that each student, we hope together with their family, must attend Shabbat services twice a month for the twelve months prior to the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah ceremony. This policy was established to help prepare and familiarize the child with Shabbat services and rituals, as well as experience the spiritual joy of Temple Isaiah services. We believe this is necessary and important, so the child is more fully prepared to accept the commitment they are about to undertake. These services include Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat, as well as holiday services. These Saturday morning services include our periodic "Shabbat & Schmooze" services and our "Lobby Minyan."

Consult our website ([www.templeisaiah.org](http://www.templeisaiah.org)) for service schedules. Yellow attendance cards are available in a basket on the table outside the sanctuary, for the student to fill in and hand to the Rabbi at the conclusion of the service to be credited for their attendance toward fulfilling this requirement. If your child attends a Shabbat service at a different Temple, please notify the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator, so a credit can be given. We realize attendance during the summer can be difficult. If your child is away at overnight summer camp, let the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator know so a note can be made for the accepted absence.

**TUTORING:** Individual tutoring will begin approximately six months (25 sessions) before the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah date. The Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah tutor will contact the family (via email) about setting up a schedule for tutoring. The Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah tutoring fee is due ***before*** tutoring begins unless payment arrangements are made with the Executive Director. Tutoring times are scheduled for individual thirty-minute sessions that meet weekly up through the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah week. **Tutoring sessions missed without 24-hour notice given (exceptions for extreme circumstances, of course) will result in an additional fee of \$25 per session/per child.**

The course of study provided by the tutor, Rabbi, and religious school for the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah student is designed to teach each student the skills necessary for participating in Shabbat services, reading the Torah and Haftorah portions, and analyzing and explaining the significance of their particular portions.

**TEMPLE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:** All fees (e.g., Temple Member Commitment, school tuition, Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah fees) must remain current. Any special arrangements must be made with the Executive Director.

**EDUCATIONAL SHABBATONS:** Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah students are required to attend Educational Shabbatons (Shabbat retreats) as a part of their program in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades. The dates will be published in a timely manner. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade retreat is a daylong Shabbaton that will generally be held in March. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbatons are overnight (Friday-Saturday). The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton will be held in the fall (usually November) and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton will usually be in January or February of your child's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade year.

**D'VAR TORAH MEETING:** About five months before the BAR/BAT/B'RIT Mitzvah, a *D'var Torah* meeting needs to be scheduled between your child and Rabbi Axler. All Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah will deliver a *D'var* (brief talk, interpretation, or explanation) on either the Torah

portion or the Haftarah portion for the week. The Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah will then submit in **Word document** the draft to Rabbi Axler at: rabbiaxler@templeisaiah.org as well as Lori Levitas at lori@templeisaiah.org

**GROUP SESSIONS WITH THE RABBI:** In the months before the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah date, the student begins a series of six weekly group sessions with the Rabbi. They are held on Thursdays, between 4:45 and 5:45pm. If the student cannot attend one series of the six sessions, they are welcome to join another series **BEFORE** their B'nai Mitzvah date. These sessions involve a range of significant topics such as: the meaning of the BAR/BAT/B'RIT Mitzvah, G-d and prayer, modern Israel, the Holocaust, the Torah, and rituals and customs. An additional goal of the class is to provide the students with an opportunity to get to know the Rabbi more personally and to explore questions with him. These sessions must be completed **BEFORE** the child's Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah date.

**REHEARSALS:** As a part of the B'nai Mitzvah process, your child will have a series of rehearsals in the final weeks of preparation to make sure they are comfortable on the Bima and reading directly from the Torah scroll.

The first set of rehearsals will be with Rabbi Plotkin and will be held on Wednesdays five weeks before and three weeks before the actual Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah. The first of the two will be at 4:30pm and the second at 5pm. These rehearsals will give our B'nai Mitzvah the opportunity to read or chant their portion from the actual Torah Scroll and to practice their Haftarah from the Bima. B'nai Mitzvah should bring all of their tutoring materials with them. If partnering, both students will rehearse together.

Rabbi Axler also holds two rehearsals. The first one will be on Thursday afternoon between 3:45 to 4:45pm, the week before the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah date. The second and final rehearsal will include the student and their parents. This rehearsal typically takes place from 9:30-11:00 am the Friday morning before the scheduled Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah ceremony. The list of Aliyot (those who will say the Torah blessings) and Readers are due at the first Thursday rehearsal. If partnering, both students will rehearse together.

For all of these rehearsals a parent (or responsible adult) must be present. Optimally all parents will attend the final full rehearsal on the day before the service with Rabbi Axler. If the regular day for any rehearsal is on a holiday or the day before a holiday, for which the Temple office is closed, the day has been shifted either forward or backward as the calendar dictates. Please check your individual schedule. ***In addition, no professional photos or videos can be taken during the rehearsals.***

**MITZVAH JOURNEY COMMITMENT:** The Torah provides 613 Mitzvot which are a path to connect with God and your community, and to live a meaningful life with Jewish values and action. Our Mitzvah program is designed to allow you to experience some of these joyful obligations of Jewish life. Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah students will select twelve different mitzvot to try, then after reflecting on their experience and having a conversation with Rachel Petroff Kessler, select a thirteenth mitzvah to take on for an extended "mitzvah commitment." These meetings need to be scheduled 3 to 6 months before the Bar/Bat/B'rit mitzvah. During this process if there are questions, Rachel can either be reached at the office 301.317.1101 or by email [rachel@templeisaiah.org](mailto:rachel@templeisaiah.org) The B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator will schedule this meeting.

## SHABBAT SERVICES ON THE BAR/BAT/B'RIT MITZVAHWEEKEND

### SHABBAT EVE SERVICE – FRIDAY

**FAMILY ATTENDANCE AT FRIDAY OR SATURDAY SERVICE:** Families and Bar/Bat/B'rit mitzvah are expected to be at Friday night services in order to begin the Shabbat of their Bar/Bat/B'rit mitzvah together with the community and with the honor of leading the community during the service. (Sometimes there are specific family obligations that make this impossible and we understand that, but request that you let us know.) The honors taken on by the family vary, but typically involves the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah student leading the extended Friday evening Kiddush (Blessing over the wine/juice). Additional honors might include an English reading, lighting the Shabbat candles, the Torah Aliyah or even being the Torah reader. Our Friday night services are usually at 8:00pm, with the fourth Friday (Family Service) at 7:00pm. However, there are exceptions to this, due to several factors. Check the website schedule and/or the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah Coordinator.

**READERS:** Often families will recite the candle blessing or the Torah blessing. ***Only adult Temple Isaiah members may be asked to read during Shabbat evening services.*** Siblings over 13 years old may serve as readers, but the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah Student *does not* read. Friday night readings are a way of engaging our members to help lead a service and to help with a sense of community.

**ONEG:** Many families choose to honor the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah Student during the Shabbat evening service the night before the ceremony. If you wish, to expand the Oneg selection, you may provide a (store bought, nut free) special cake/cookie, etc. to mark your *simcha*, otherwise we will supply the food. If you would like to sponsor the oneg, please

contact the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator ahead of time to talk about what you will be bringing. Sponsoring the Oneg costs \$108 (subject to change) per family and will result in an expanded Oneg selection.

## ***SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE - BAR/BAT/B'RIT MITZVAH CEREMONY***

Much time and preparation has gone into making the BAR/BAT/B'RIT Mitzvah's participation in the service a memorable and spiritual milestone in the student's life. All the requirements and guidelines are set up to provide for a well-prepared student and family. This helps ensure that the service will run smoothly, and the student's experience will be a pleasant and meaningful one.

The service begins on time. All guests should be seated at least five minutes before the service which is scheduled to begin at 10:00am. Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah parents should be taking their seats roughly 5 min. before the service begins. Generally, guests will follow the lead of the family. This will help with the service beginning on time. The Rabbi will take each Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah Student into his office around 9:45am to help them focus and bring peace into their mindset. We encourage that Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah families arrive no later than 9:30am.

At Temple Isaiah it is customary to have the student chant the Blessings before and after the Torah and Haftarah portions and recite the portions themselves in Hebrew. The Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah student will have prepared a speech explaining the meaning of the either the Torah or Haftarah portion or its significance. The student will also present personal remarks. We find our students are confident and calm because they have been prepared thoroughly. The speech is intended to reflect the "voice" of our students and their reaction to the material in their portions.

There are prayers/readings and aliyot that the student's family and close friends can participate in during the service. Each family may have several readings which can be assigned to family and/or friends. There are some readings that are particularly appropriate to be recited by non-Jewish family members or friends. In addition, you may invite family members/friends to share the special honor (Aliyah) of blessing the Torah before the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah student does. Each family has a number of aliyot; the last aliyah is chanted by the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah Student. Grandparents (when applicable) usually receive the first honor(s), then family members and/or friends. The parents recite the next to the last blessing and the child goes last. The Hebrew names for those who are blessing the Torah are needed (if available) and should be given to the Rabbi two weeks before your date (at the Thursday rehearsal with Rabbi).

**HONORS:** During the Shabbat morning service, in addition to the Aliyot and English readings, each family may participate in the following Honors:

- **Presentation of Tallit** – the tallit is typically presented to the child by the parents although the honor is sometimes given to a grandparent or other relative. The tallit is handed to the child, the presenter gives the child a kiss and/or a hug, and then the presenter sits down. The child recites the blessing and then puts on the tallit.
- **Lifting and holding the Torah (Hagbah)** – one person from each family may be given this Honor. TORAH HOLDER/PASSER (13 or older. Must be Jewish). There can only be 1 Torah Holder & 1 Torah Passer. Please coordinate with your partner.
- **Dressing the Torah (Gelilah)** – up to two people (usually children) from each family assist the Rabbi in replacing the Torah cover, yad and crowns.
- **Opening and closing the Ark**. May be done by anyone.
- You will note that the Reading Sheet (in this packet), has alternative readings that are appropriate to be assigned to non-Jewish family or friends you wish to honor in this way. If you need further guidance in this question, feel free to consult with Rabbi Axler.

**TRADITIONS AND ETIQUETTE:** There are a number of traditions and etiquette guidelines that are important for guests to be aware of to safeguard the sanctity of the ceremony and to reduce distractions for the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah Student, family and worshippers. As tempting as it may be to applaud the student, congratulations are reserved for after the service. Leaving the Sanctuary should only be done when absolutely necessary, preferably not when the Torah is out of the Ark or during the Mourner's Kaddish. ***Cell phones must be turned off. Texting during the service is not allowed. No photos or videos may be taken.***

Many families have asked about what type of dress is appropriate for attending a Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah ceremony. All those who wish, are encouraged to wear a kippah/tallit as a sign of reverence. Appropriate and modest dress honors the occasion of Shabbat.

## IMPORTANT DETAILS TO PREPARE FOR THE BAR/BAT/B'RIT MITZVAH

**TALLIT:** It is customary for each family to provide their Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah with a tallit. The tallit is presented to the student by the parents or other adult of choice at the beginning of the service. The tallit could (not absolutely necessary) have the Blessing on it so the student can recite the prayer before putting it on. If tallit does have a blessing, make sure the blessing is as follows:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהִתְעַטֵּף בְּצִיצִית.

English transliteration: Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hitateif batzitzit.

If you are not sure this is the blessing on the tallit, before you purchase it, please make a copy and send it to the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator for proofing. Online sites such as Amazon often feature something that looks like a tallit, but which is a "Messianic Tallit" - that is, a tallit used by Christians. ***These are not appropriate under any circumstances.***

**FLOWERS/FOOD BASKETS:** Some families have found it a nice addition to decorate the front of the bimah with flowers. If you choose to do so, please have them before 1:30p.m. on the Friday before the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah. Families who share a Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah coordinate the ordering and payment for the flowers or baskets themselves.

**KIPOT:** Many families like to order *kipot* (yarmulkas) for their guests. These can be ordered through the Temple OR from the comfort of your very own home computer. We have samples to show. All you need to do is make arrangements with B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator to see the samples and then place your order. The kipot are shipped directly to your home. If you prefer to order yourself, we use *Mazel Skull Cap*. Their contact information is:  
<http://www.kippah.com> or Toll Free: 1-888-547-7247. Here is the information you need in order to receive the same pricing as we receive: YOU MUST PAY IN FULL AT THE TIME OF ORDER. YOU **CANNOT** CHOOSE THE "BILL ME LATER OPTION." For customers to place their order online, our **username is ISA122** and our **password is TI200**. This is located on the bottom left of the webpage. *We do receive notification of orders made, please DO NOT share our username or password with anyone else.* Orders cannot be placed without an initial payment. Prices subject to change.

If you provide kipot, we suggest you put them in a basket placed on a table outside the sanctuary. You may want to arrange the child's name or invitation on the basket to guide your guests to the correct kipot.

**BAR/BAT/B'RIT MITZVAH PROGRAM:** Some families choose to provide a printed program describing the purpose of the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah ceremony, the Torah, and other Jewish traditions. Families who are sharing a Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah often choose to write the program together and have enough copies made for all their guests. This is optional and at the families' expense. For samples, please consult with the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator.

**HONORING HOLOCAUST VICTIMS: REMEMBER A CHILD:** It is customary for us, to remember bitter times even during times of joy. Some families choose to remember a child/relative who perished during the Holocaust. The Generation After organization will give you the name of a child who perished in the Holocaust. You are given a certificate as well as key information about the life of the matched child and when possible, will include bibliographic/references, citations, or links to enable families to conduct even more in-depth independent research. The generations can thereby "communicate" with each other and perhaps the tragically curtailed lives of those one-and-a-half million children will inform the lives of subsequent generations. You can request a particular gender and/or location as well as a specific person, to make it more personalized for your child and family. The Survivors organization needs at least eight weeks to make a match and get you the certificate. It is proper to send them a donation for their efforts. To participate in the Remember a Child program, be matched with a child Shoah victim, and receive a Scroll of Remembrance for your BAR/BAT/B'RIT Mitzvah, please submit your completed information via the Remember A Child/Program Participation Form (<http://genafterdc.com/remember-a-child/program-participation-form/>) on their newly designed webpage at <http://genafterdc.com>.

**TABLE OUTSIDE OF SANCTUARY:** If you choose to have kipot, handout, or Holocaust memorial certificates, they may be displayed on this table.

**HONORING YOUR SIMCHA:** Most families choose to mark their special simcha by giving a donation to one of the Temple's funds as a way of giving thanks for one's blessings, in particular the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Life Cycle Fund, or the Kulanu Fund. One particularly lovely way to honor this special day is with a leaf or rock added to our "Tree of Life", inside the sanctuary. A list of the funds can be found on our temple website.

**HONORING YOUR TUTOR:** Many families acknowledge the tutor's efforts by giving them a gift or donating to Temple Isaiah (<https://temple-isaiah.shulcloud.com/payment.php>). If you need any advice on what a tutor may appreciate as a gift, please contact your B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator. The Temple Isaiah tutors have spent every week for the past months, working with your child to help them have a meaningful Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah. It would be deeply appreciated, for the tutor to receive some sort of note regarding how the big day went for the family and especially for the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Whenever photography is going to be done at the Temple, the date/time **MUST** be approved by the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator. Photographs may **not** be taken during the service under any circumstance or during rehearsals with Rabbi Axler. On the morning of the Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah service photographs may be taken from 8:00 to 9:30 am. Only one family can have photographs taken on the morning of the b'nai mitzvah. Please note that the availability of the sanctuary can vary depending on what is happening at the Temple, so there must be coordination between the family and the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator. No photos can be taken on Friday's before 11:30am or during rehearsals with the Rabbi. The Rabbi is always happy to be in your photographs if you so desire. It is also required that we receive your photographer's Certificate of Insurance. Photographer and family must leave the sanctuary and bimah in good order.

**LIVE STREAMING/VIDEOGRAPHY:** All Saturday morning b'nai mitzvah services will be streamed online via StreamSpot. The stream may be watched live via Temple Isaiah's service and as an archive for a month following the original date of the service. Here is the link: <https://venue.streamspot.com/07482aca>. Additionally, each family will be provided with a direct download link the week following the service, allowing them to download a permanent digital file in the MP4 format. If a family is concerned about the public availability of LiveStream, contact the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator and we will password protect the LiveStream.

If you would like to have your own professional videographer at the service to video, please remember that this individual would only be able to stand in one place, must use a tripod and will not have the authority to direct the Rabbi, Cantor, or Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah and or family during the service. No other recording of Shabbat morning services at Temple Isaiah, by guests, is permitted.

## **CONGREGATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND THE BAR/BAT/B'KIT MITZVAH FAMILY**

Temple Isaiah is dependent on the collective efforts of its congregants. Congregants are actively involved in services, both behind the scenes and up front. For all services, congregants assist in setting up and supervising the sanctuary.

Each family will volunteer as ushers twice at a Friday night Shabbat service and twice at a Saturday Shabbat morning service, during the year before/of their Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah. You will have the opportunity to choose the dates that you serve. Detailed instructions will be provided. There may be times that families are asked to volunteer for more.

## **WHAT TO BRING FOR SATURDAY SERVICE**

### **BAR/BAT/B'RIT MITZVAH PARENTS PROVIDE**

*Please bring these in no later than the Friday before Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah.*

There will be a cart for all the items below in front of the B'nai Mitzvah  
Coordinator's desk.

*If sharing the service, bring in the following items between the two families.*

- One small bottle of WHITE grape juice
- 1 uncut braided challah

**OPTIONAL:** ●Kipot ●Basket for Kipot ●Holocaust Certificate ●Handouts ●Basket for Handouts  
●Directions to Party ● If having a double Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah, please  
identify your individual basket.

## **WEBSITE RESOURCES**

You can find the Parent Handbook, Aliyot & Readings, Mitzvah Project Advice, Catering Contracts, and many other resources on our website (<https://templeisaiah.org/> \* Learning \* Religious School \* B'nai Mitzvah Resources

The numbers below are to links that are actual chanting blessings (turn on your speakers). You can find other prayers there as well.

Go to (<https://templeisaiah.org/> \* Learning \* Religious School \* Prayers

Specific prayers you (BAR/BAT/B'RIT Mitzvah) will lead include:

#9

#10

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#28

#35

#41

#42