

BAR/BAT MITZVAH GUIDELINES

A highlight of a young persons life and a focus of the Jewish life-cycle is B'nai Mitzvah. We celebrate B'nai Mitzvah with great pride and enthusisam at Bet Shira. Please note the following guidelines published bi-annually to make our program run smoothly.

1. A child at Bet Shira Congregation is eligible for a B'nai Mitzvah at the age of **13** years. The celebration of this ceremony should take place after their thirteenth (13th) birthday.
2. All B'nai Mitzvah candidates must have at least five (5) years of formal Jewish education.
3. When a child reaches the age of **10**, the B'nai Mitzvah Date Registration Form must be filled out. This form is available in the Synagogue Office, where a log will be maintained of all registration forms. *Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Please do not fill out this form or request a date prior to your child's 10th birthday.*
4. We will review the eligibility status for B'nai Mitzvah in reference to his/her accomplishments in religious studies upon return of the Registration Form.
5. The Synagogue will do its best to accommodate the request for one of the preferred B'nai Mitzvah dates. **No date will be assigned without a registration form.** We request parents file their date selection on time.
6. Confirmation of assigned date will take place no earlier than 30 months in advance.
7. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fee of **\$1000** is payable as follows:
 - \$350** due with registration form
 - \$350** due when letter of confirmation is received
 - \$300** due no later than 6 months prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah date