

Family Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation Sheet

Name of Student: _____

Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____

Family Task List

_____ I have chosen a tutor. This person is: _____.

_____ I have a *siddur* (prayer book; may be purchased through the Reconstructionist Press if your family does not have one already).

_____ I have a *chumash* (Bible) – *encouraged but optional*.

_____ I have made the following decision about using a lay cantor:

_____ I have decided to use a lay cantor. _____ I have paid the lay cantor's fee, if requested.
This person is: _____.

_____ I have decided not to use a lay cantor.

_____ I have chosen a volunteer coordinator. This person is: _____

I have let the office manager know who my volunteer coordinator is.

(Responsibilities: volunteer recruitment for greeters, set-up, clean-up, help with the meal)

_____ The person who will coordinate ritual aspects is: _____

(Responsibilities: making sure ritual items are set up/transported, sound system is set up)

(This person is assigned by the ritual committee)

_____ I have confirmed with Rabbi Laurie the outline of my service.

I have prepared a pamphlet to distribute at my Bar/Bat Mitzvah due by the final run-through.

(Please bring a copy with you)

_____ I have paid the Bar/Bat Mitzvah donation of \$250 to Shaarei Shamayim.

Space

_____ I am aware of the parameters for building use at the First Unitarian Society. I have let the office manager know my set up needs.

Special issues to work out include: _____

Student Task List for Service

Learning how to chant my Torah portion

Target date for completion: _____ Date completed: _____

Learning how to chant my Haftarah portion

Target date for completion: _____ Date completed: _____

Learning all of the prayers for the service

Target date for completion: _____ Date completed: _____

Writing my dvar Torah

Target date for completion: _____ Date completed: _____

Learning 3 traditional Torah commentaries (if opting out of Hebrew Haftarah)

Target date for completion: _____ Date completed: _____

Student Projects

Project for the Shaarei Shamayim community: _____
_____ # of hours I spent: _____

Tikkun olam/Gemilut Chasadim project outside the community: _____
_____ # of hours I spent: _____

I have decided to give tzedakah in honor of my Bar/Bat Mitzvah to the following organization:
_____ (*suggested, not required*)

Student Attendance at Shabbat Services

List dates in advance of Bar/Bat Mitzvah for 12 required services – at least 8 should be at Shaarei Shamayim, and at least 6 should be small Saturday morning services in the Gaebler.

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| 1. | 7. |
| 2. | 8. |
| 3. | 9. |
| 4. | 10. |
| 5. | 11. |
| 6. | 12. |

Scheduled Meetings with Rabbi Laurie:

Date of my run-through for my bat mitzvah:

Additional Notes