



*A Bar
Mitzvah At
Lubavitch Jewish Center
of Alaska*

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According to Jewish tradition, a Bar Mitzvah reflects a major turning point in the life of a Jewish boy and as such, we believe very strongly that every boy should celebrate this milestone in a meaningful and traditional manner.

We are proud to present you in this book with a variety of bar mitzvah ceremony options and suggestions to personalize your service and make this day one to remember for years to come.

BAR MITZVAH CEREMONY - OPTION A

The following is a description of a traditional Bar Mitzvah ceremony at the Center on Shabbat morning.

10:00am – Shabbat Service Begins;
Arriving of Family & Guests

11:00am – Torah Reading;
Aliyahs to Honor Male Relatives of the Bar Mitzvah Boy

11:45pm – Bar Mitzvah Boy Called Up to the Torah for the Last Aliyah
Bar Mitzvah Boy Chanting of the Blessings
Optional Chanting of Torah Reading

Candy Throw and Congratulations from Guests
Mazel Tov Sung by Congregation

12:00pm – Bar Mitzvah Boy Chanting the Haftorah Blessings &
The Haftorah

12:15pm – Rabbi's Comments & Sermon

12:30pm – Speech by Bar Mitzvah Boy based on the Torah Portion

(includes readings of selected verses)

Parents' Greeting
Priestly Blessing by Grandparents
(Optional Reading in Hebrew & English)

12:45pm – Musaf Additional Prayer
Bar Mitzvah Kiddush & Reception to Follow

BAR MITZVAH CEREMONY – OPTION B

The following is a description of an abbreviated Bar Mitzvah ceremony at the Center on Shabbat morning.

11:00am – Torah Reading;
Arriving of Family & Guests
Aliyahs to Honor Male Relatives of the Bar Mitzvah Boy

11:45pm – Bar Mitzvah Boy Called Up to the Torah
for the Seventh Aliyah
Bar Mitzvah Boy Chanting of the Blessings

Candy Throw and Congratulations from Guests
Mazel Tov Sung by Congregation

12:15pm – Rabbi's Comments & Sermon

12:30pm – Speech by Bar Mitzvah Boy based on the Torah Portion
(includes readings of selected verses)

Parents' Greeting
Priestly Blessing by Grandparents
(Optional Reading in Hebrew & English)

12:45pm – Musaf Additional Prayer
Bar Mitzvah Kiddush & Reception to Follow

BAR MITZVAH CEREMONY – OPTION C

The following is a description of an abbreviated Bar Mitzvah ceremony at the Center on a weekday in which the Torah is being read, such as Monday, or Thursday, or any other weekday when Rosh Chodesh (New Month) falls. The ceremony may take place in the morning, afternoon, or evening before sunset.

12:00pm* – Arriving of Family & Guests

12:15pm – Welcome & Introduction

12:30pm – Torah Reading;
Two (Three) Aliyahs Available to
Honor Male Relatives of the Bar Mitzvah Boy

12:45pm – Bar Mitzvah Boy Called Up to the Torah
for the Last Aliyah
Bar Mitzvah Boy Chanting of the Blessings

Candy Throw and Congratulations from Guests
Mazel Tov Sung by Congregation

1:00pm – Rabbi's Comments

1:15pm – Speech by Bar Mitzvah Boy based on the Torah Portion
(Optional readings of selected verses in sermon)

Parents' Greeting
Priestly Blessing by Grandparents
(Optional Reading in Hebrew & English)

Bar Mitzvah Reception to Follow

****Times given as example of duration only***

GUIDELINES AND SUGGESTIONS

- ◆ *A boy's Bar Mitzvah celebration should take place after his 13th Hebrew birthday.*
- ◆ *It is recommended to compile a program booklet to help guests follow the Bar Mitzvah ceremony, as well as Kippot with the Bar Mitzvah inscription, as a souvenir for the guests.*
- ◆ *When the Bar Mitzvah ceremony takes place on a weekday, you have the option of hiring a photographer or videographer for the ceremony.*

TUTORING

The Pre-Bar Mitzvah “curriculum” serves as a forum for discussion and discovery, encouraging the Bar Mitzvah boys to learn more about this unique time in their lives. The Bar Mitzvah boy will be receiving special lessons which will cover the following syllabus:

- ◆ In depth learning of his Torah portion including selected commentaries
- ◆ Comprehensive review of the Haftorah and its historical context
- ◆ Jewish Life Cycles (*unless that has been covered in his Hebrew Youth Club classes*)
- ◆ Meaning and historical context of his favorite prayer

After the majority of the studying has been accomplished, the Rabbi will guide the Bar Mitzvah boy in preparing his speech and in choosing the appropriate verses, from his Torah and Haftorah portions, to be included in the ceremony.

MITZVAH PROJECTS

The Bar Mitzvah boy is encouraged to choose a Tzedaka project, (such as volunteering his time, donating to a good cause, etc.) in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

RECEPTION CATERING

For reception menu options, please discuss with Esty catering accommodations available by outside caterers who will use Center kitchen facilities to prepare food.

Mazel tov on your upcoming simcha!

If you have any other questions feel free to call Rabbi or Esty at
907~279~1200

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Registration Form for Bar Mitzvah

Family Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Date of Bar Mitzvah Ceremony: _____

Child's name: _____ Child's Hebrew name: _____

Grade _____ School: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Hebrew Birthday: _____ Bar Mitzvah Parsha: _____

Ceremony:

What type of Bar Mitzvah Ceremony would you like?

- Option A
- Option B
- Option C

Reception:

Brunch/Dinner by caterer _____ (name of caterer)

Light refreshments prepared by _____ (person preparing refreshments)

Approximately how many people are you inviting? _____

*Use of Kitchen/Facility Set-up fee to be determined by group size

Bar Mitzvah Tutoring Fee: \$50/session

Bar Mitzvah Classes Fee: Suggested Donation: \$1,000

May be paid in full or in installments.

Payment \$ _____ enclosed in full \$ _____;

Enclosed is _____, remainder will be paid by _____