

## Temple Emanuel B'nei Mitzvah Brit

Preparing for a bar/bat mitzvah at Temple Emanuel is a religiously and spiritually significant experience which fosters meaningful engagement in the temple community. The year of preparation involves significant commitments from the student, parents, tutors, and teachers. This brit, or covenant, affirms your family's commitment to fulfilling the following guidelines for preparation, working in relationship with the student's teachers and tutors:

- Minimum 75% attendance at Sunday Religious School.
- Regular attendance at Kabbalat Shabbat and/or Saturday morning services. Parents are expected to join the student in attending at least 2 Shabbat services each month, reaching a total of 24 services during the year prior to bar/bat mitzvah. Holiday services and Torah study also count towards this requirement.
- Attendance at 4 b'nei mitzvah limmudim, or study sessions, with Rabbi Mark on Sunday mornings during Religious School.
- Active participation in the class mitzvah project.
- Commitment to daily study of the material covered during sessions with the tutor and Rabbi Mark. (20-30 minutes of daily study is required to master prayers, Torah portion, and haftarah.)
- Attendance at weekly study sessions with Rabbi Mark during the 6 months prior to the bar/bat mitzvah date.
- Maintaining communication with Rabbi Mark to schedule these sessions with them.
- Arriving on time for all tutoring and study sessions.
- Contacting tutors and teachers at least 24 hours prior to a session if unable to attend.
- Attending additional individual tutoring sessions if, at the time of beginning sessions with Rabbi Mark, he feels that further study is needed to master the prayer selections. Families will be expected to assume the cost of this additional tutoring.
- Maintaining membership in good standing at Temple Emanuel.

We understand the time and study commitments that are involved in successful preparation for a bar/bat mitzvah. We understand that at 3 months and again at 6 months into preparation, an assessment will be made by Rabbi Mark and the tutor to determine progress towards meeting these guidelines and fulfilling these goals. If preparations are not progressing on schedule, the Temple Emanuel Ritual Committee may determine that it is in the best interest of the student to reschedule the bar/bat mitzvah for a later date.

Child \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbi \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_