

Temple Emanuel B'nei Mitzvah Date Guidelines

Stage 1:

Every student will be assigned the nearest possible Shabbat following his or her 13th birthday. (According to halacha, Jewish law, a child becomes a bar/bat mitzvah one day after his/her birthday. We will assign dates according to this principle.) Bar and Bat Mitvahs are not to occur on the actual date of the 13th birthday.

If more than one child has a birthday during the same week, the child whose birthday occurs first will be assigned the upcoming Shabbat date. Any other child (ren) will move in order to the following week(s). No one will jump over someone else when assigning dates during Stage 1.

Stage 2:

The Ritual Committee will send each family a calendar that will include the dates reserved for each child (Stage 1) and other available dates.

Families will inform the Ritual Committee if they wish to keep the reserved date for their child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. If the family does not want to accept the reserved date, they must submit three alternate dates that are acceptable to their family. These dates may include dates already reserved for another child. These reserved dates, however, will only be used if the assigned family does not wish to use that reserved date. Once all alternate dates are received, the Ritual Committee will assign Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates from the alternate dates submitted by the families.