

## Section 1 – Bar/Bat Mitzvah Timeline

The table below is designed to give you a detailed description of what you can expect in the months prior to your child’s bar/bat mitzvah. In the left-most column, you may write in the month that corresponds to the time listed in the middle column. In the right-most column, there is room for you to check off each item as it is begun and/or completed.

<b>Month</b>	<b>During 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Begun/Completed</b>
	Begin thinking about/learning about/working on your Gemilut Chasadim Mitzvah Projects. <i>This will be part of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. For ideas, see separate list provided later in this Guide.</i>	
	<b>As Soon as Possible</b>	
	Confirm facility rental (see information later in this Guide).	
	<b>12 Months Prior (Month: _____ )</b>	
	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Packet given out at family meeting. Packet includes Guidelines and Parashah Booklet.	
	Student must begin to read the <i>entire</i> Torah portion in English and write a two- to three- page summary. This will enable the student to select the part that interests him/her most. Eventually, this essay will be developed further at the meetings with the essay coach and the student.	
	Fill out Gemilut Chasadim Mitzvah Project form (see form later in this Guide).	
	<b>11 – 8 Months Prior (Month: _____ )</b>	
	During this period the student should be working on the Torah summary and haftarah essays. No later than nine months prior, the student should be finished with the final draft of the Torah summary and begin work on the haftarah essay.	
	<b>10 Months Prior (Month: _____ )</b>	
	Lessons begin with the bar/bat mitzvah coach.	
	<b>4 – 5 Months Prior +/- (Month: _____ )</b>	
	Student continues studies with the Cantor.	
	<b>3 – 1 Month Prior (Month: _____ )</b>	
	Meetings with Rabbi to work on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> essays, go over final preparation, rehearsals and family meeting.	

	<b><u>3 Months Prior (Month: _____)</u></b>	
	Temple account must be in good standing. To confirm your balance due, if any, call the Temple Office, at (201) 848-1800.	
	Upon completion of the required Hebrew portions and blessings, all students will attend a rehearsal class (Tuesdays, 5 – 6 pm) to practice chanting in front of the teacher and other students.	
	<b><u>2 Months Prior (Month: _____)</u></b>	
	Fill out Mitzvah Project Collection form (see form later in this Guide). For ideas, see separate list provided later in this Guide.	
	Fill out Bar/Bat Mitzvah Profile for the Bulletin (see form later in this Guide), and E-mail, mail or bring to the Temple Office.	
	<b><u>1 Month Prior (Month: _____)</u></b>	
	Arrangements need to be made with Sisterhood for sponsorship of Oneg Shabbat refreshments and Sanctuary flowers (see form later in this Guide).	
	Send in Video Recording Order form, if desired (see form later in this Guide).	
	If renting facilities, contact the Temple Office for caterer and/or delivery details.	
	All facility rental bills are due.	
	Student needs to be fully prepared with all Hebrew blessings and portions.	
	<b><u>The Week of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah (Month: _____)</u></b>	
	For security purposes, provide an alphabetized guest list to the Temple Office by the Tuesday before the event.	