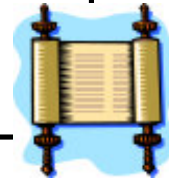


Bar/Bat Mitzvah Monthly Project



Month 1

before your Bar/Bat Mitzvah

FINAL PREPARATIONS

In a short time, you will be celebrating your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. You have learned over these past 12 months the true meaning of this simcha. You have become fluent in reading and chanting prayers, and reading from the Torah. Now it is time to make sure all your papers are in order and everything is nicely prepared.

1. Make sure the liturgy section of the Service (the A or B part) is stapled together. Have you read over the English words in the service, in addition to the Hebrew?
2. Make sure the Torah and Haftarah section of the service is stapled together in its own packet. Your tutor should be able to help you with this.
3. Is your d'rash complete and stapled together in a third packet?
5. Have you decided who will be given the honor of the first two aliyot?
6. Have you gone over the Torah blessings with them and taught them how to do an aliyah at TRS? Direct these people to our website to learn how to do an aliyah: www.templerodefshalom.org and follow the Lifelong Learning menu links to B'nai Mitzvah.
7. Has your parent(s) thought about what they will say in the parent(s)' prayer that they say to you privately as the service begins? Don't let them tell you what they are going to say!
8. If you are wearing a tallit, have you learned the blessing to say when you put it on?
9. If you would like to practice touching the Torah with your tallit before you chant the blessings of the third aliyah, you should practice this at one of the rehearsals. Bring your tallit to a rehearsal.