

# Bar/Bat Mitzvah Monthly Activity



## Movie Night!

This month's activity is to experience Judaism through the eyes of Hollywood. Being a Jewish adult means understanding about the journey our people took to get where we are today. It means taking a look at challenges that have faced other Jewish teens and adults. The resilience and endurance of our people have been captured in numerous movies that depict Jews in a myriad of ways, from: Jews in the Bible, to Jews who suffered, to Jews who have dealt with anti-Semitism, to Jews who have left a mark on this world. The first few movies on the list are all about someone having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Seeing how someone else experiences a Bar or Bat mitzvah may help you find the meaning in your own.

There are many movies out there, most of which you can find online at a streaming service, such as Netflix or HBO Go, Amazon, or even on DVD from our Temple library. Feel free to choose one from our list or pick a movie that you heard about. It has to have a Jewish theme and enable you to think about your Judaism.

Watch the movie with your family and then discuss it when you are finished.

Some questions to consider:

1. What was the subject of the movie that related to Judaism?
2. How did the movie make you feel about being Jewish?
3. If the movie was about a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, how did it make you feel about your own upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah? What did it teach you as being most important?
4. If the movie depicted a historical time, what did you learn about that time period that you didn't know?
5. If the movie depicted modern times, were there any similarities between your life and what was depicted in the movie?

Here are some movies that we recommend. You can find descriptions for some of these at:

[www.templerodefshalom.org/movielist](http://www.templerodefshalom.org/movielist)

- Keeping Up With The Steins
- Sixty Six
- Eli's Coming
- Praying with Lior
- Hey Hey, It's Esther Blueberger
- The Outside Chance of Maximillian Glick
- Paperclips
- The Ten Commandments
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Ushpizin
- Crossing Delancey
- The Chosen
- The Jazz Singer
- The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz
- Life and Times of Hank Greenberg
- A Life Apart
- A Stranger Among Us
- School Ties
- Driving Miss Daisy
- Biloxi Blues
- Yentl
- Frisco Kid
- Fiddler on the Roof
- Goodbye, Columbus



## Monthly Service Attendance



### **MACHBERET T'FILLAH: SERVICE JOURNAL** *11 Months Before Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony*

Attend a Friday night service at Temple Rodef Shalom. Check the Connection or website for the time. ([www.templerodefshalom.org](http://www.templerodefshalom.org))

1. What was different about the Friday night service compared to the Saturday morning service?
2. What do the parents do in the service?
3. What do the Bar/Bat Mitzvah students do in and/or after the service?
4. Who sits on the bimah during the service?