



B. Mitzvah Information for the day of the Service

SERVICE LEAFLETS

An individualized service leaflet is created through Beth Am. This leaflet style booklet includes the order of worship, the Torah and Haftarah portions in Hebrew and English, a page of definitions and explanations, and has space for a personalized letter, memorials and service honors.

OPTIONAL READINGS

Each family may include up to three optional readings which take place towards the start of the service. Eighteen optional readings to choose from are available online. If a family chooses to provide their own reading(s), approval needs to be obtained. Please turn these readings in to the office at least one month before your *simcha*. If you choose to create your own reading, it must be of a meditative nature having to do with the child coming of age or becoming an adult Jew. Please do not include personal praise/accomplishments in your readings, as they will not be approved.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please make arrangements with Marcy at Mchez@bethambg.org. B. Mitzvah pictures at Beth Am will be coordinated by Marcy and will only take place during Beth Am hours of availability. It is recommended that you have pictures at the Beth Am Sanctuary. Should you choose to take pictures at another sanctuary, please let Marcy know.

SECURITY

Security is required to assist at each service. Security is arranged through Beth Am.

HELPING FAMILIES

Each and every family is required to assist at two (2) services prior to their own. On your assigned day you will be serving as ushers and greeters to our guests who are celebrating with us. Your role as a helping family is essential and ensures that our services are welcoming and friendly. We are depending on all of our families to help each other on their special day. This provides your family an opportunity to experience the mechanics of a B. Mitzvah service prior to their *simcha*.

Kippot

Black *kippot* (Yarmulkes) are available for your service. Some families choose to provide *kippot* for the occasion. *Kippot* can be purchased online or at any Jewish gift store of your choosing. *Kippot* left over after the service can be collected by the B'nei Mitzvah family or donated to the Education Department.



Kiddush/Oneg

Friday Shabbat Evening: All families are asked to sponsor the Friday night oneg on the Friday prior to their *simcha*. Sponsorship of oneg is currently \$250 and your sponsorship and simcha will be published in the weekly email update. The oneg will have festive desserts, coffee and a table sign acknowledging your sponsorship and simcha. Families are encouraged to come to services on Friday night to celebrate Shabbat. Those who attend will be invited to the Bimah for a service honor such as lighting the Shabbat candles.

Shabbat B. Mitzvah Service: There will be only challah and juice provided immediately following your service. This Challah and Juice kiddish will be available for 20 minutes after the service. It is a time to receive Mazel Tovs but it is not designed to be a full kiddush or even kiddush lunch. If you would like to have a kiddush that is more than 20 minutes, an extended kiddush, that has more than challah and juice, please contact Marcy at the office. There are additional costs for an extended Kiddush and the family is asked to provide the food and drink as well as individual(s) to help serve.