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Mazel Tov! You have begun a very exciting time in the life of your family as your child embarks on the sacred journey towards becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

We welcome you to the next phase of your child's journey towards becoming a Jewish person who is recognized as able to take on Mitzvot, commandments, and is called on to contribute their best selves in the mending and repairing of our world.

We are very proud of our B'nei Mitzvah program and training that will teach and guide our students towards leading worship, chanting Torah and Haftarah, and teach us lessons learned from their Torah portion. To prepare them for these responsibilities, they are taught how to read Hebrew from the Torah, how to lead a worship service and the various rituals of Jewish prayer. They will engage with you, their parent (s), in the study of Torah through an understanding of their Torah portion. This process is designed to not only provide your child with the tools needed to become a B'nei Mitzvah in our community; even more importantly, this process is designed to be a beginning of further involvement in the life of Beth Am, the Jewish people and the community.

This sacred process can sometimes be overshadowed by schedules, to-do lists and worry about being "prepared" enough. Please know that we are here for you and join you fully in partnership on this journey.

Many Blessings,

Rabbi Bellows