

## **B. MITZVAH TUTORING SCHEDULE AND BEYOND**

All tutoring sessions are scheduled for 20 minutes unless otherwise specified. Students will learn their Torah and Haftarah portions during their tutoring sessions and are expected to practice the material in between sessions to ensure mastery of the material. The students will receive an assignment progress sheet from their tutor indicating exactly what they need to practice. It is requested that parent(s) sit in on tutoring sessions and monitor their child's progress regularly.

Below, you will find a breakdown of the B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring schedule, as well as the next steps following the tutoring process. This will help you discern if your child is progressing in a timely fashion. If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Dickson or Rabbi Bellows .

**Individual Tutoring:** 6 months prior to the date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, student begins private tutoring session at Beth Am and will have approximately 24 twenty-minute weekly appointments with a tutor

- Session 1 Prayer & Trope Review
- Sessions 2-5 Haftarah or Chanting
- Sessions 6-20 Torah or Haftarah Chanting
- Sessions 21-24 Torah Chanting without vowels, review & review of all prayers, Torah & Haftarah. The student will also be given the English readings to lead the service. The student is expected to practice this on their own, with guidance at home.

**Student Rehearsal:** Two weeks prior to B. Mitzvah. This is a rehearsal that focuses on reading Torah from the scroll, as well as the Haftarah. To this rehearsal, the student should bring all their B. Mitzvah materials, including the prayer proficiency booklet, D'var Torah, and the Service Leaders booklet. This rehearsal is held at Beth Am

**Final Rehearsal:** The first rehearsal takes place usually on the Monday of the week of the B. Mitzvah and is scheduled with Rabbi Bellows. Please plan on an hour and a half for this rehearsal. Parent(s) and siblings are asked to attend. This will be a run-through of the service from start to finish. Please bring all their B. Mitzvah materials, readings, parent prayer, and any optional readings (if any) you have chosen and your child's tallit. **THE FINAL REHEARSAL TAKES PLACE AT BETH AM. At this rehearsal, Rabbi Bellows will ask the student to share at least three positive qualities about themselves, and the parent(s) and sibling(s) are also expected to share the student's positive qualities.**

Please arrive to your B. Mitzvah service 30 minutes before the scheduled time. Thank you! Please reach out to Rabbi Bellows with any questions or concerns.