



CONGREGATION RODEPH SHALOM B'NAI MITZVAH TIMELINE

5th Grade

Recommendations	The 5th Grade year is a waiting year with no Bar/Bat Mitzvah meetings, etc. We do encourage attending the Parents Helping Parents Meetings on Sundays during Berkman Mercaz Limud to hear from other parents about the process, attending midweek Hebrew to strengthen your child's Hebrew skills, and attending Shabbat services as often as possible to help your child gain confidence with the liturgy.*
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6th Grade

2 Sunday Sessions	Attend two 6th grade Family Education/B'nai Mitzvah Orientation sessions to prep for next year.
Fridays/Saturdays	Attend Friday evening Shabbat services and Saturday morning B'nai Mitzvah services to become familiar with our services.

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year

9 months before	Your family meets with Rabbi Maderer to discuss the Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation process.** Schedule weekly tutoring with RS tutors through Benay Stein.
6 months before	Your child will start his/her weekly tutoring with an RS tutor.
6 weeks before	Your child will meet with Cantor Frankel weekly (4 sessions) and will have 2 meetings with Rabbi Freedman to work on his/her d'var torah. These meetings are in person, at Rodeph Shalom, in the afterschool hours. Benay Stein will set up these meetings about 1-2 months prior. Before your child begins seeing the clergy, please submit your RS bulletin form to Benay Stein. She will email this form to you in advance of the deadline.
Saturday before	Your family will serve as greeters at the Bar/Bat Mitzvah before your child's. Usually, this is the week before, but the clergy office will inform you of the date - so please be sure to check your availability, and add that date to your calendar.
Tuesday before	Your child will have a final rehearsal in the sanctuary with Rabbi Maderer.
Friday night before	Your family will be honored at the Friday Night Shabbat service before your date. Your family will light the candles and lead kiddush.
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Day	It's your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah Date! Mazel Tov! You will have a short rehearsal at 9:30am in the sanctuary, and will be ready to go by 10:30am. The service begins at 10:45am.

Helpful Information []

Flowers, times for the services, final rehearsal scheduling? Candice Nemoff, cnemoff@rodephshalom.org []

All other scheduling, materials, bulletin, and any other questions? Benay Stein, bstein@rodephshalom.org

*Once you have been assigned a date, we require that you remain members in good standing, and that your child attends Berkman Mercaz Limud through seventh grade.

**Please note that all b'nai mitzvah fees must be paid, or payment arrangements made, before this meeting will be scheduled.