



# CONGREGATION RODEPH SHALOM B'NAI MITZVAH TIMELINE

## The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year

<b>6-8 months before</b>	Your family meets with Rabbi Maderer to discuss the Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation process.*  Schedule weekly tutoring with RS tutors.
<b>6 months before</b>	Your child will start his/her weekly tutoring with an RS tutor. If your child has special learning needs, please contact Cantor Hyman to discuss options.
<b>6 weeks before</b>	Your child will meet with the cantor weekly (5-6 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. These will be set up about 1-2 months prior.  Before your child begins seeing the clergy, please submit your RS bulletin form. We will email this form to you in advance of the deadline.
<b>Saturday before</b>	Your family will serve as greeters (if applicable) 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.
<b>Tuesday before</b>	Your child will have a final rehearsal in the sanctuary with Rabbi Maderer.
<b>Friday night before</b>	Your family will be honored at the Friday Night Shabbat service before your date. Your family will light the candles and lead kiddush.
<b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah Day</b>	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

Honoring your b'nei mitzvah through giving opportunities? Contact Jeff Katz, [jkatz@rodephshalom.org](mailto:jkatz@rodephshalom.org)

Friday night involvement and participation? Sophia Schwab, [sschwab@rodephshalom.org](mailto:sschwab@rodephshalom.org)

All scheduling, materials, bulletin, and any other questions?  
Contact Cantor Bradley Hyman at: [cantorhyman@rodephshalom.org](mailto:cantorhyman@rodephshalom.org)

\*Please note that all b'nai mitzvah fees must be paid, or payment arrangements made, before this meeting will be scheduled. Your child must also be registered for and attending Berkman Mercas Limud through seventh grade.