



Dear Prospective Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family,

Welcome to Tamid. We are very pleased to welcome you and your son or daughter to our congregation and mazel tov on your upcoming celebration. We believe in the importance of a successful and meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience and we have gone to great lengths to create a process that supports your child and your family during this once in a lifetime experience.

We expect to take your child on a Jewish journey that will expose them to the meaning of Jewish holidays, Torah, Hebrew, prayer, history, culture, Israel, community, and their own family's unique history. This can be accomplished in a minimum of one year but we expect our students to be enrolled in our school for at least two years to gain enough exposure to Judaism so that they have a context to their ceremony and to what it means to be a young Jewish adult.

We encourage new students to enroll in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class that meets on one afternoon each week from September to June. Three family meetings, two field trips, and one class over-night take place during the school year. Our rabbis meet with each family several times over the course of the year to plan a unique ceremony for each family.

Tamid is a unique synagogue in that we offer two tracks to Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation. We encourage each family to enroll in the group class for the benefit of important life relationships and the experience of travelling this journey with peers. However, we understand that not all students can manage the weekly meeting schedule and/or families have specific needs that can only be met through private one-one tutoring.

Each year, we are able to accommodate a few students in a private one-to-one option which covers the same curriculum as our group class but can be structured in a more tailor made approach. In this scenario, one of our faculty members come to your home on a weekly basis and the officiating rabbi meets with your child once per month to direct their learning and to create that special relationship that happens between a student and their rabbi.

We ask families that are considering the private Bar/Bat Mitzvah journey to follow the same enrollment and membership pathway that we expect from our congregation members and to enroll in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah course just as any student would. In addition, to cover the expenses for private training and tutors, we ask families for an additional minimum contribution of \$3600. These fees include everything that you will need during the preparation phase and what you will need at your ceremony including the use of the Torah scroll and prayerbooks.

If you have any additional questions or would like to speak about the specifics of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program, one of our rabbis would be happy to meet with you.

On behalf of our entire congregation, welcome to Tamid and mazel tov,

Robb Tretter, Va'ad Chair