

**Tamid B'nai Mitzvah 5th Grade Family Orientation Night**  
**February 11, 2016**

**Welcome to a Great Jewish Experience**

- B'nai Mitzvah course runs for two years at Tamid
- Pre-Mitzvah class (year one) in 2016-17 meets Monday 430 to 6 PM
- Pre-requirement: Hebrew Letter Mastery

**Learning Goals**

- Prayer Mastery (Year 1)
- Completion of Ethics Curriculum (Year 1+2)
- Completion of Mitzvah Project (Year 2)
- Transition from child into young adult: topics and discussion (Year 1+2)
- Family Tree Project (Year 2)

**Ceremony Prep Timeline**

**2-3 years before your child's ceremony**

- Meet with Rabbi and set your date
- Students must know Hebrew letters before entering the Bnai Mitzvah program
- Set the ceremony with Rabbi (date, venue, etc)

**4-6 months before your ceremony**

- Meet with Rabbi to plan logistics and details
- Family Participation (aliyot, special readers) discussed
- Student and Tutor begin Torah/haftarah training
- Parents send invitation

**3-6 weeks before the ceremony**

- Student meets with Rabbi to discuss/plan/prepare speech
- Parents discuss honors with rabbi of everyone who is participating in ceremony
- Parents and Rabbi complete ceremony outline

**2-3 weeks before the ceremony**

- Student submits final speech to Rabbi
- Parents and rabbi meet by phone to discuss any last questions
- Final rehearsal at Tamid: Wednesday, 2-4 PM of the week of your ceremony.

**Important Documents and Links**

*<http://tamidnyc.org/learn/bnai-mitzvah/>*

- Tamid B'nai Mitzvah Handbook (12 pages)
- Student Mitzvah Checklist
- Rabbi Darren's 7 Steps to Writing a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Speech
- Music and Prayer Streaming Online