

A BAR MITZVAH AT OTTAWA TORAH CENTRE CHABAD

Mazal Tov on your upcoming simcha!



According to Jewish tradition, a Bar Mitzvah reflects a major turning point in the life of a Jewish boy and as such, we believe very strongly that every boy should celebrate this milestone in a meaningful and traditional manner. The Bar Mitzvah boy should certainly feel a sense of relevance and connectedness to this auspicious threshold in his life. He should take pride in his Jewish identity and be filled with enthusiasm to take his place as a full fledged member of the Jewish nation.

We are proud to present to you a variety of options to personalize your service and make this day, one to remember for years to come. Every one of these options can be customized to meet your needs during your consultation with the Rabbi.

BAR MITZVAH SERVICE:

The following is a sample description of a typical Bat Mitzvah service. The ceremony includes Hebrew and English readings as well as a speech delivered by the Bar Mitzvah boy with reflections on the meaning of this important milestone, his path in reaching it and lessons from the Torah portion.

A typical Bar Mitzvah service includes:

- ◆ Prayer service
- ◆ Reading of the Torah, Haftorah
- ◆ Mazel Tov & Candy throw
- ◆ Speeches delivered by the Rabbi, the Bar Mitzvah boy
- ◆ Reception

The Bar Mitzvah boy may choose to do as much as lead the entire service and read the Torah and Haftorah or as little as just being called up to the Torah for an Aliyah (or anything in between.)



STUDYING:

The Bar Mitzvah boy needs to work with a private teacher once a week for approximately 10 months to learn about the importance and meaning of the Bar Mitzvah, to read from the Torah, lead the prayers and put on Tefillin.

RECEPTION:

Following the service a reception can be arranged to take place at OTC. Please contact our local Kosher caterers to make arrangements.

CEREMONY OPTIONS

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:

A Shabbat Morning Service begins at 10:00 a.m. with Shacharit (morning service.) It includes the Torah, Haftorah reading and the speeches. Services generally end approximately 12:15 pm., after which guests join the congregation for a Kiddush.



SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE:

This ceremony which lasts approximately an hour begins with Mincha (afternoon service.) There is a short Torah reading during the service (no Haftorah), followed by the speeches and the service concludes with Maariv (evening service) and Havdalah. In the winter it would be early afternoon and in the summer it would be evening.



WEEKDAY SERVICE:

The weekday Shacharit (morning service), short Torah service (no Haftorah) and speeches take approximately 1 ½ hrs. You may choose to have a Bar Mitzvah on a Monday, Thursday, or Rosh Chodesh (1st day of Hebrew month.)

If you have any other questions feel free to call Rabbi Blum 613.843.7770