



B'NAI MITZVAH HANDBOOK

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This handbook is the product of many hours of creation, revision, and review. It is a work-in-progress.

Please review it carefully and advise Rav Tyler Dratch (ravtyler@bethambaltimore.org) of any areas that you believe should be enhanced, any information you would like to see added, or any comments in general.

Thank you and have an enjoyable experience on the path to your child's B'nai Mitzvah.

In this booklet we provide you with helpful information about your child's upcoming Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah celebration. We know that you have many questions and we try to answer the most common ones. Please feel free to contact any of us (see page 14) if you have questions we have not answered in this handbook.

WHAT IS B'NAI MITZVAH?

The traditional answer is that when boys reach the age of 13 and one day on the Jewish calendar and girls reach the age of 12 and one day on the Jewish calendar, they are fully subject to the *mitzvot* (sacred obligations) of Judaism. They carry the direct moral responsibility for their actions. (One of the *mitzvot* they have is honoring and obeying parents. In theory, they should be more responsive to you, not less.) Because they are responsible, they count in the *minyan* and may, therefore, lead services. Today, to give parity, we typically wait for the ceremony until the age of 13 for all students.

The B'nai Mitzvah ceremony is nominally the celebration of a child's first participation in the service as an adult, but because of the changes taking place in the lives of almost all family members, the ceremony and the celebration become much more than that. Our goal is to maintain and enhance the synergy between private passages and Jewish values connected to the celebration.

B'NAI MITZVAH + JEWISH EDUCATION

At Beth Am, any Jew is entitled to be called to the Torah to celebrate a rite of passage and there are many opportunities to do so. The Saturday morning B'nai Mitzvah ritual, however, represents the congregation's investment and commitment of its resources in making this aliyah a memorable celebration in your lives and a significant affirmation of Jewish values in the ongoing life of the community. Such an investment begets reciprocal responsibilities. You and your child should clearly understand them before entering the final stages of preparation.

1. Membership: Families must be members in good standing to receive a Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah date assignment. Families must maintain their membership and be current in their financial obligations for the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah date to be utilized. Beth Am is always sensitive to congregants' needs and

unique situations. We are happy to work with you in reconciling, to the best of our ability, individual and congregational needs.

2. The Board of Trustees lists specific learning goals that students should have achieved by their Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah celebrations. Since these are congregational goals, students in the Jewish Discovery Lab or in an area Jewish Day School are considered to have achieved them. Children are required to attend the Jewish Discovery Lab or a Jewish Day School through their Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah year and expected to participate in Beth Am's post B'nai Mitzvah programs. Exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the Rabbis and the Executive Director. Special learning needs and capabilities are always taken into consideration.
3. Adult Services: **It is expected that each student will attend at least nine (9) services at Beth Am in their sixth grade year preceding the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah.** Attendance at services will allow the student to develop a comfort level with the prayers and customs of the service. It is best that some of these services be in the Sanctuary to help the students become comfortable with the space. There will be occasional programming throughout the year for B'nai Mitzvah families to attend services together, and to participate in family learning after services or other experiences.

EXPECTATIONS

The B'nai Mitzvah experience is a seminal moment in the life of a Jewish child. It is an achievement that, through hard work and commitment, will instill a great deal of pride among your family and friends. Your child's service may look different based on distinct learning needs. Each service is designed in consultation with Beth Am clergy, B'nai Mitzvah tutors, and the family. Here are the most common expectations:

1. Recite the *brachot* before and after the Torah reading and chant the *maftir aliyah*.
2. Chant the *brachot* before and after the *haftarah* as well as the *haftarah* itself.
3. Acquire the skills to do the above two items through learning trope (cantillation markings). Our strong desire is for B'nai Mitzvah students to become life-long participants in Jewish life, including services, and to apply their skills to future torah/haftarah reading opportunities. In certain circumstances, a student will need assistance from a recording.
4. Give a *D'var Torah*, a 5-7 minutes speech which demonstrates your child's understanding of the Torah portion and its relevance. Your child's speech should include a thank you to the individuals who have made this a personal, family and congregational *simcha* (joy).
5. Lead parts of our services along with the clergy, minimally the Torah service and the blessing on wearing a tallit.

There are many other opportunities for leadership and participation which are offered to children once the tutor is confident that the student can complete the above. They include:

1. Reading additional aliyot from the Torah. We suggest working "backward" (e.g. first adding the 7th aliyah, then 6th, etc.)
2. Leading Shacharit, or another part of the Service.

ABOUT THE CELEBRATION

A Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah celebration is a melding of the family's personal and ongoing Shabbat joys, and the joys that form the structure of the service. When the right balance is achieved, the joys reinforce each other. That balance begins with understanding that a child celebrates becoming B'nai Mitzvah at the congregation's service. There may be other celebrations at the same service such as a Baby Naming or an *Aufruf*. Even if there is no other major celebration, the congregation's policy is that at least three *aliyot* will be reserved for people other than the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah family and friends.

HONORS

Enclosed is the honors form (also available electronically) which needs to be given to Rav Tyler **four** weeks before the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah ceremony. If you are preparing a booklet for the service (possibly including names of service honorees), you will need to make sure the Rabbis and Executive Director have a draft copy three weeks before the event for review and approval. If you need help, call Rav Tyler and set up a time to meet.

We encourage you to ask family members and friends, who are capable of doing so, to read Torah. Notify Beth Am beforehand who will be reading. Rav Tyler will contact Torah readers two weeks before the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah ceremony to ensure they are prepared.

Here are some guidelines in filling out the honors form:

1. The congregation reserves three of the seven *aliyot* for its members. This gives you four *aliyot* to assign to family and friends. The Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah is not counted in this number. They have a separate aliyah as the maftir(ah).
2. You may call couples or families in a single *aliyah*.
3. The congregation needs to know full Hebrew names. This typically includes the individual's Hebrew name, son/daughter of, father's Hebrew name, and mother's Hebrew name (i.e. *Yerahmiel Daniel ben Eliezer v' Rina Freidel*).
4. People accepting an *aliyah* should be comfortable chanting or reciting the blessings before and after the Torah reading and should be familiar with the rituals of the reading. If they are not comfortable, we will be happy to show them how to do it—or they can ask their own rabbi to give them guidance.
5. All men accepting an *aliyah* are required to wear a *tallit* in addition to a head covering; women are encouraged, but not required, to wear a *tallit*.

In addition to aliyot, you may designate people for the following:

P'tichah - Open and close ark: One or two people come up to the ark at the beginning of the Torah service. Using the pulleys on the right side of the curtain, they open and close the ark curtain at the cues of the Rabbi.

Hotza'ah - Take Torah out: This person should be strong enough to physically take the scroll out of the ark, carry it, and negotiate steps. In addition, they may carry the Torah if they feel comfortable doing so. Several times during the year there is more than one Torah used. We will tell you if that is the case.

Hagbahah - Lifting the Torah: The person who lifts the Torah from the reading desk is called the magbia (fem. magbihah). Most adults and teens are capable of lifting a Torah. The issue is not upper body strength, but understanding how to handle the weight of the Torah.

G'lilah - Tying the Torah: The person who does this is called a *golayl* (fem. *golelet*). They roll the scroll together after the person who lifts the Torah is seated. Then, they put the band around it, put the mantle on it, then the shield, the *yad* and the crowns.

Hachnasah - Returning the Torah to the Ark: This person carries the Torah in the procession and returns it to the Rabbi who places it back in the ark when the curtains are opened. The Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah may opt to carry it in this procession.

S'gurah - Opening and closing the Ark: One or two people come up to the ark when called, just before the procession which returns the Torah to the ark. Using the pulley at the right side of the curtain, they open and close the ark curtain at the cues of the Rabbis. This occurs after the procession has brought the Torah back to the ark.

4. All honors may be given to people of all genders.

All religions have certain exclusive, covenantal acts which are permitted only to their adherents. An example is the Christian communion; for Muslims it would be participating in the entire service; in both cases others may be present but not take part in the covenantal act. Jewish covenantal acts include leading the congregation in its ritual prayers and accepting an honor for the Torah service and its reading. These may only be done by Jews. If you have non-Jewish relatives or guests whom you wish to honor during your *simcha*, they may accompany a Jewish honoree.

People who have *aliyot* should be familiar with the Torah *brachot* (blessings). Printed (including transliteration) and audio renditions of the blessings may also be found on the B'nai Mitzvah page on the Beth Am website. Hebrew and transliterations are located on the reading table the day of the B'nai Mitzvah.

SPECIAL OPTIONAL CEREMONIES AND PARENT PARTICIPATION

Before taking out the Torah, we suggest that the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah be presented with a *tallit* which they wear for the rest of the service. Parents are invited to say a few words **(2-3 minutes maximum)** to your child upon presentation of the *tallit*. We encourage parents, older siblings and other family members who can chant Torah to do so.

Greeters

Our custom is to have the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah family invite the family of the next Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah to be greeters. They should be at the synagogue no later than 9:15am on the day of the event.

REHEARSAL

A final rehearsal must be scheduled four weeks before the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah. Please coordinate this rehearsal with the Rabbi's assistant so that at least one of our clergy can be in attendance. Rehearsals will include all aspects of the service, including singing parts of the Torah Service, reading from the Torah, chanting the *Haftarah* and reading the speech. The immediate family is required to participate in the rehearsal.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Beth Am Sanctuary is available to you and your family the days before the *simchah* to take B'nai Mitzvah pictures. Please note that photography is prohibited on Shabbat. You must coordinate with the Executive Director before scheduling the photographer.

DRESS

A Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah ceremony is a celebration of one's taking their place in the adult Jewish community. Just as our behavior in Synagogue should reflect our deeper commitments to God and our traditions, so too our dress

should reflect those same commitments. We also know that different B'nai Mitzvah students will dress differently for many reasons. Questions about appropriate dress on the Bimah should be directed toward the Beth Am clergy.

THE DAY

Since services begin promptly at 9:30am, your family should be at the synagogue by 9:15am. Ask the Executive Director about suggested arrival times for your guests, those with honors, as well as young guests.

As a public facility in the state of Maryland, no smoking is allowed. Firearms are also not permitted in the Beth Am building.

Out of respect for the sanctity of the Sabbath, the policy at Beth Am Synagogue is that **no photography or use of cell phones occur during Shabbat** on synagogue premises. This includes texting or use of smartphone for **any** non-emergency.

YOUNG GUESTS

Young guests are expected to act in a manner befitting their presence in a House of God. **Ensuring this is the responsibility of the host family.** It is our sincere hope never to have to ask any individual to leave the service. **Use of cell phones and all electronic devices is prohibited** at any time in the building on Shabbat. The host family is expected to ensure that a responsible adult remains at the synagogue until all invited child guests leave after the Kiddush luncheon.

The Beth Am policy is that you invite all of your B'nai Mitzvah child's Lab classmates to the service/reception. This is a time when these children develop the social skills that will serve them through life.

Child Care and Youth Services

We offer child care for children 2-5 years old and youth services for grades K-7th. Guests are welcome to join if so desired.

BAR/BAT/B-MITZVAH VALUES

Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah is a major “milestone” in a person’s developing sense of Judaism. You have affirmed certain Jewish values by joining Beth Am and educating your child. The ceremony will take place in our Sanctuary, using our customs and values. We hope that your celebration of the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah will be consistent with those values. Some of the values we care most about include:

Hevruta - Friendship and the sense of belonging: Your children are at a very vulnerable age. Memories of rejection are long-lasting. The sense of *hevruta* continues in activities such as Jewish Discovery Lab and K/USY.

Tzedakah: We traditionally express our thankfulness for our *simchas* by giving to others. Many families make a contribution to a project called **Mazon** which is Hebrew for *food*. Many families having a *simcha* donate three percent of its cost to a program which distributes food to the hungry. Other donations and causes are fine as well.

Hinuch - Education: Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah takes place at a moment when your child has achieved mechanical competence in certain selected areas. They have just reached an age when the ability to conceptualize can make the mechanical skills meaningful. To discontinue education now is to imperil what they have learned so far. We strongly encourage continuation in our post b’nai mitzvah educational programs and youth groups.

Mitzvot - Sacred Obligations: The ceremony symbolizes the acceptance of mitzvot and the commitment to continued and increased observance. We recommend that students should have tefillin by the beginning of seventh grade. At weekend

events and encampments by Kadima/USY, our participants will have opportunities to wear their *tefillin* and learn more about their meaning.

Tzedek - In addition to ritual *mitzvot*, the *mitzvah* of service to the community is a strong Beth Am value. Students participate in a class Mitzvah project in Jewish Discovery Lab in 6th and 7th grade, and can design their own if desired.

Mishpachah - Family: The Bat/Bat/B-Mitzvah student is not the only family member undergoing transition. The process of the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah symbolizes the changes that are taking place in the family as a whole. Through family participation, attendance and education, we hope the process will strengthen the whole family's Judaism.

RECEPTIONS AT BETH AM

In the Beth Am tradition, we expect *Kiddush* luncheons to include the B’nai Mitzvah guests, as well as the congregants. We recommend considering 70 congregants in your numbers. If the family chooses to take their guests off-premises for lunch, the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah family is expected to sponsor a congregational *Kiddush* luncheon.

Beth Am is committed to observing Jewish dietary traditions and also wishes to provide its congregants with the widest possible choices of caterers. To achieve this, it is imperative that all menus from outside caterers be approved in detail by the Executive Director. Caterers who do not have kosher supervision may bring into the synagogue’s premises only dairy, vegetarian, and certain fish courses, only with permission from the Executive Director and Rabbi. Please see pages 10-11 for our approved sources of food list. Once the menu is approved it must be adhered to exactly, unless a change is specifically approved by the Executive Director. Failure to adhere to these procedures may result in the loss of some or all of the caterer’s deposit as well as the loss of catering privileges at Beth Am.

Arrangements for a Kiddush luncheon reception, including catering plans, should be discussed with the Executive Director **at least four (4) months prior** to the Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah. All suppliers should call the synagogue office at least one week in advance to arrange delivery times.

Kosher caterers may provide an unrestricted luncheon using their equipment. Any caterer you hire may prepare a **dairy only** luncheon in our kitchen. The Executive Director requires that a menu be provided **three (3) weeks in advance** for review and approval, and the Executive Director must speak with the caterer in that timeframe as well. Food may be reheated, not cooked, in the kitchen and served in chafing dishes in the Social Hall. No cooking is allowed in the Social Hall: this includes crepes, omelets and stir-fried foods.

- All outside caterers must pay a \$400.00 security deposit fee to the congregation and provide a certificate of insurance **two weeks** prior to the event. A refund will be made subject to a post-event inspection for cleaning and damage (a sum may be retained).
- All caterers must complete event day deliveries by **9:00am**.
- Caterers' vehicles may remain on the parking pad in the courtyard.
- Caterers should remove all event trash.
- Tables and chairs should be broken down and stacked as requested by Beth Am staff. The facility should be left "broom clean."
- Special arrangements must be made if balloons are to be used (must be anchored).
- Confetti and similar products may **NOT** be used to decorate.
- Please contact the Executive Director about Beth Am's current allergy policy.

When preparing **your own Kiddush** luncheon menu and serving, requirements must be discussed **four (4) months** prior to the event with the Executive Director. On the event day, it is your responsibility to leave the kitchen and Social Hall clean. Prepared food brought to the synagogue, whether supplied by a caterer or by you, must be in new disposable containers. All ingredients used must be dairy or *pareve* and therefore may not contain any animal shortening. Purchased items should be in sealed packages certified as kosher and marked with acceptable *hekhshers* (Kosher symbols). See the approved sources of food list on pages 10-11.

Beth Am has twenty (20) 60" round tables, four (4) 8' long tables, ten (10) 6' long tables, ten (10) 5' long tables, and 150 white upholstered chairs, plus 50 metal chairs available for your use at no additional charge. Seating is available in the social hall, courtyard (weather permitted), and at high top tables in the lobby.

Music - (neither electronic or live) is not permitted at Beth Am on Shabbat morning or during our *Kiddush* luncheon. Kindly direct any questions regarding this to the Executive Director.

We invite you to continue your celebration with an evening party at Beth Am. Please consider having a brief *Havdalah* ceremony if Shabbat concludes before or after your reception so as to mark a ritual and spiritual break between Shabbat and *Hol*.

Prior to the end of Shabbat, appropriate Jewish-themed celebratory music (recorded or live) is permitted. Following *Havdalah*, "party music" is allowed.

If you wish, photo displays of the B'nai Mitzvah may be set up inside the Social Hall. No inscription (writing) during Shabbat will be permitted.

If there is to be a "cake ceremony," flowers or flags may be used in lieu of candle lighting, which is not allowed on Shabbat.

B'NAI MITZVAH EXPENSES

Congregational Kiddush Luncheon

Please speak to the Executive Director for complete details.

B'nai Mitzvah Fee: \$1000

Includes the following:
(Shabbat morning through *Kiddush* Luncheon):

- Standard pre- and post-event work by custodial staff
- Security Guards (6 hrs.)

Additional Security

\$180 / \$250** for 4 hrs. per guard

Additional Custodial Staff*

\$190 / \$250** per person for event -up to 4 hrs.

Additional Food Service Staff*

Please speak to the Executive Director for complete details.

Caterer's Deposit

\$400 (responsibility of the caterer)

Social Hall Rental

Discuss rates with Executive Director for evening and other times

MAZON Contribution

3% of food costs (optional)

* Staffing recommendations/requirements should be discussed with the Executive Director at the meeting two months in advance of the event date.

(All of the above rates are effective as of March 2023 and are subject to change.)

Traditional donations to clergy/synagogue as well as gratuities (recommended) to custodial staff should be discussed when you meet with the Executive Director.

BAR/BAT/B-MITZVAH PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

The following is based on a time table prepared by experienced B'nai Mitzvah parents several years ago. A few changes and additions have been made.

Approximately 30 months before your child's Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah, you will receive the date.

1. Check with children of the same age in your family to make sure that cousins and close friends do not have conflicting dates (if that's important).
2. Make a tentative budget for the occasion so that you can decide whether you will do one or more of the following:

Kiddush

It is a Beth Am custom that a *Kiddush* Luncheon is provided by the B'nai Mitzvah family for the congregation following the service. The *Kiddush* Luncheon will be held in the Social Hall. Approximately 70 congregants are in attendance on a given Saturday. The menu, including wine and *challah*, should be discussed with the Executive Director.

Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah Party

1. Choose a caterer and reserve the date.
2. Choose entertainment (band, DJ, or other) and reserve the date. We invite you to rent our facilities for evening events (music and photography are not permitted at Beth Am on Shabbat and event start times on Saturday evenings vary depending upon sundown). See page 6 for music-related information.

12 -18 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE

1. You should be making arrangements for a tutor (compensation is responsibility of parents).
2. If you are using a photographer or videographer, reserve the date now.
3. Start any home improvements you feel need to be done in time for the occasion.

6-9 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE

1. You and your child should be regularly attending Shabbat services in the main Sanctuary. The chapel service provides you and your family an opportunity to familiarize yourselves with our melodies and customs in an informal, relaxed and participatory setting.
2. Select and order invitations which include our name and address as follows:
Beth Am Synagogue
2501 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
3. Please note on invitations that services begin at 9:30am.
4. Reserve a block of rooms for out-of-town guests.

3-6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE

1. Schedule an initial meeting with Rav Tyler three (3) months prior to your *Simchah*. For those who have fall dates, please make additional time in spring before summer vacations.
2. Your child's tutor should contact Rav Tyler to advise them of your child's progress. Rav Tyler should be able to tell you what type of progress your child is making and what other parts of the service he or she might do.
3. Purchase *tallit* and *kippah*.
4. Address invitations.
5. Touch base with the caterer, entertainer(s), photographer/videographer. Make sure they are aware of synagogue and Shabbat restrictions and times.
6. Assign family and/or friends Torah readings if appropriate and inform Rabbi Tyler.

2 MONTHS - 6 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE

1. Mail invitations.
2. Meet with Rav Tyler and Rabbi Burg. Rabbi Tyler will work with your child on a speech or *D'var Torah*. There will be one-two meetings for this. Schedule a second meeting with Rabbi Burg to finalize the *D'var Torah*, and for a "get-to-know-you" session. We ask that at least one parent is present at the meeting with Rabbi Burg.
3. Start thinking about honors. Call the Rabbi if you need to consult. (The honors are listed in this booklet, pages 2-3.)
4. Make a tentative guest list.
5. Meet with the Executive Director to make sure that you understand all arrangements and financial obligations.

2 MONTHS PRIOR (AT LATEST)

1. Inform the Executive Director of final arrangements concerning your affair which have to do with the use of the building, *i.e.*, deliveries, throwing candy, etc. Please confirm an acceptable time with the Executive Director to set up or decorate the Social Hall. Friday evening services may limit the availability.
2. Obtain all Hebrew names of those receiving honors (their Hebrew names, their fathers', and mothers' Hebrew names). Make sure that the honorees understand what they will be doing. Submit with the completed honors sheet three weeks in advance.
3. Prepare your program insert (optional), to be approved by the Rabbi and the Executive Director three weeks in advance.
4. Make or approve floor plans for various events in the synagogue three weeks in advance.
5. Try on clothes you are planning to wear.
6. Schedule future Torah reading with Rabbi Tyler.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

1. Final meeting and rehearsal with the Rabbis.
2. Submit any changes to the honors sheet to Rabbi Tyler a week prior.
3. Send service materials to your printer or copy shop.

THE COUNTDOWN WEEK

Monday

1. Make sure you have two final copies of the speech. Give one copy to the Rabbi who will place it in a special folder on the *bimah* in case the other one is lost or misplaced.
2. All weekend clothes to the cleaners.

Tuesday and Wednesday

1. Confirm deliveries of all things coming into the building and notify staff in advance.
2. Check the location of *kippot*, if ordered (home, store, Beth Am).
3. Pick up the weekend clothes from the cleaners.
4. Dress rehearsal/pictures; schedule in advance with the office.

Thursday

1. Booklets, *kippot*, candy, other personal touches (including dressing the tables if you are doing it yourself) are in the building or completed by 3:00pm.

Friday

1. If you have followed this timetable, all you are doing is picking up guests and looking charming.

May your Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah experience increase your joy, our strength, and everyone's sense of community.

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Kosher List

GENERAL

Seven Mile Market
410-653-2000

Market Maven
410-844-8000

FULL-SERVICE CATERERS

Catering by Yaffa
410-486-3325

Hoffman and Co.
410-764-6100

O'Fishel Kosher Caterer
443-660-9132

Zeffert and Gold Catering
410-944-4481

FOOD SERVICE

The Knish Shop
410-484-5850

Dougie's BBQ and Grill
410-486-0060

Yesh
Idan - 704-707-6919

Milk and Honey Catering
David Gewirtz
david@milkandhoneybistro.com

Accents Grill
410-602-2224

David Chu's Chinese
410-602-5008

Goldberg's Bagels
410-415-7001

KB Grill & Wok
410-358-6349

Royal Kosher Restaurant
410-484-3544

Croustille Café
410-559-6940

Cocoaccino's
410-653-3888

Taam Thai
410-484-0585

PIZZA RESTAURANTS (DAIRY)

Mama Leah's
410-653-7600

Tov Pizza
410-358-5238

Caramel's Pizza
410-486-2365

BAKERIES

Croustille Café
410-559-6940

Parisers
410-764-1700

Sion's Bakery
443-548-0370

Nothing Bundt Cakes
410-413-7940

Rosendorf's Bakery (at Seven Mile)
410-653-2000

Goldberg's Bagels
410-415-7001

Bakery Express / Ms. Desserts
410-481-2000
(Ask for Kosher division)

**BJs and Costco are under supervision –
check specific products. Most decorated
cakes are kosher.**

NON-KOSHER / KOSHER "STYLE"

Quarry Bagel
410-753-3350

Eddies of Roland Park
410-323-3656

Bottoms Up Bagel
443-429-0402

Land of Kush (vegan)
Naijha Wright-Brown
443-844-5046 / info@landofkush.com

Check with the Executive Director before contracting. You will not be able to use the main kitchen, but you can use the auxiliary kitchen. The menus must be approved by Beth Am in advance – ONLY KOSHER STYLE FOOD ALLOWED (e.g.: egg salad, tuna, white fish, vegetarian salads, pareve items, etc.). The B'nai Mitzvah family must still provide for a nominal amount of kosher food for those who only eat kosher (Beth Am can order and send you the bill).

DIRECTIONS TO BETH AM

FROM THE NORTH

I-95 South to Baltimore Beltway I-695 toward Towson

I-83 South toward Baltimore

Exit 7, bear right onto Druid Park Lake Drive

Left turn at first light onto Linden Avenue

Proceed 2 blocks, right onto Chauncey Avenue

Beth Am is at the corner of Chauncey Avenue and Eutaw Place

FROM THE SOUTH

I-95 North to I-395 North to Baltimore

Exit onto Martin Luther King Boulevard

Proceed 2 miles

Left on Eutaw Street (becomes Eutaw Place)

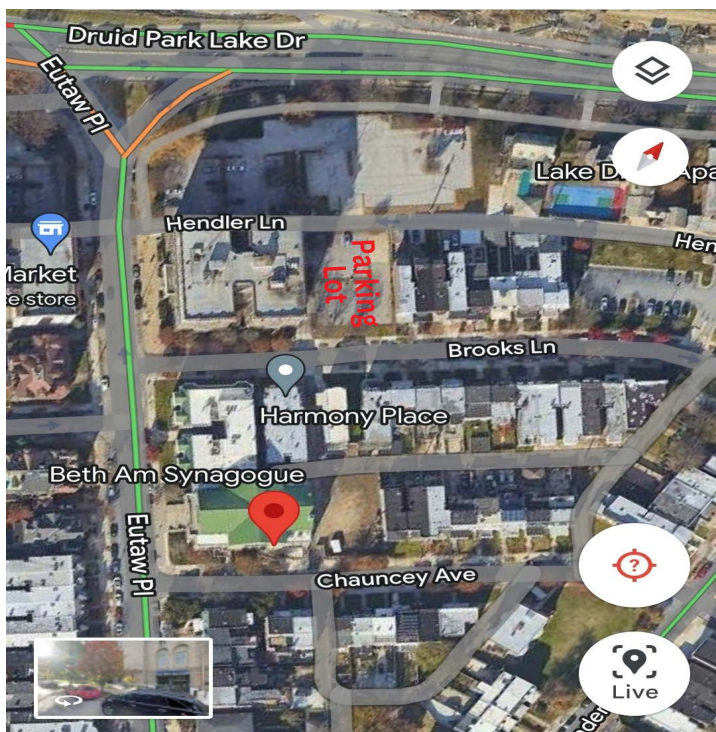
Proceed one mile. Beth Am is on the right, 1 block after the light at Whitelock

PARKING CHOICES

On-street neighborhood parking is available

Park in the lot behind the Esplanade Apartments which is accessed by passing Beth Am on Eutaw Place and making the first right onto Brooks Lane. Turn left into first parking lot and park only in spaces with blue lines.

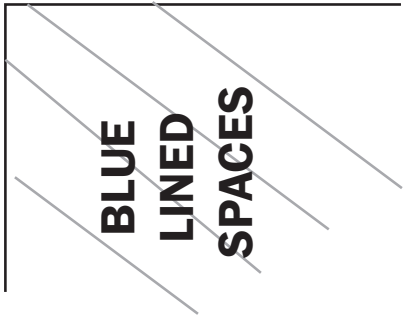
PARKING MAP



LINDEN AVENUE

BLUE LINED SPACES

PARKING
On street
and at
Esplanade
Apartments



TOW AWAY ZONE

ESPLANADE
APARTMENTS

A L L E Y

BROOKS LANE

NOTE:

THE PARKING AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE ESPLANADE APT BUILDING IS **RESTRICTED**. YOU ARE PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE SPACES BETWEEN THE BLUES LINES OR WHERE THERE IS A BLUE CURB (UNLESS ADVISED BY SECURITY) VEHICLES PARKED IN OTHER SPACES WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.



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Simcha Honors Form

Name	Date of Event

Family Coordinator (someone who will assist the Synagogue honors in locating the honorees)

Tallit Presentation with parents' brief remarks (2 minutes):

P'tichah - Opening the Ark

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names ben/bat ben/bat
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Passing down the Torah (Optional) No Yes (Please list by generation from oldest to youngest)

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Hotza'ah - Carrying the Torah

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names ben/bat
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Aliyah #1

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names ben/bat ben/bat ben/bat
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Aliyah #2

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names ben/bat ben/bat ben/bat
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Aliyah #3

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names
		ben/bat
		ben/bat
		ben/bat

Aliyah #4 (Usually Parents)

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names
		ben/bat
		ben/bat

Maftir(ah) (Bar/Bat/B-Mitzvah)

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names
		ben/bat

Hagbahah – Lifting the Torah

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names
		ben/bat

G'lilah – Dressing the Torah

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names
		ben/bat

Candy Distributors:

Ashrei:

PRAYER FOR COUNTRY:

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL:

Hachnasah – Carrying the Torah

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names
		ben/bat

S'gurah – Opening and closing the ark when the Torah is returned

English Name	Hebrew Name	Parents' Hebrew Names
		ben/bat
		ben/bat

If you would like to add any additional honors, or if friends or family members would like to read Torah, please contact Rav Tyler.



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