B’nai Mitzvah

UPPER SCHOOL — GRADE 7
SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:30—11:30 AM @ JCH
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 4:00—5:30 PM @ JCH

OPENING THURSDAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL is Thursday, September 6, ending with an Ice Cream Social.

OPENING SUNDAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL is Sunday, September 16. The other school Sunday mornings in September are Holiday Family Experiences— as outlined on the Shalom Kids page.

GRADE 7 MITZVAH PROJECTS
All year, B’nai Mitzvah students will be collecting canned/ packaged food to donate to Samaritan House—Taunton Homeless Shelter. For Purim, students collect tissues and Q-tips for Samaritan House.

B’NAI TELEM MITZVAH PROJECT
On the first Sunday of each month from October 2018 to March 2019, B’nai Mitzvah students and as many parents as possible, will volunteer at the JF&CS Family Table in Canton, selecting, packing, and delivering bags of food to needy households. JF&CS is Jewish Family and Children Services. Parents will need CORI checks.

This group/family mitzvah project includes an in-class educational component for students on Sunday mornings, focusing on the Jewish response to hunger as well as other community needs.

Grace Farnan from JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council)—the agency that oversees and directs the TELEM and Bnai TELEM programs—will visit with parents and students on Sunday morning, September 16th at 9:30 AM.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING APPROPRIATE FOR GRADE 7
Special programming as outlined on the Shalom Kids page is also a part of our religious school curriculum for grade 7 B’nai Mitzvah students, except for the Curious George Sunday program, which will be for lower grades and Shalom Kids only. Visit www.jewishtaunton.com for details.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH SPRING 2019 SERVICES

Our Community Gathers on Shabbat
Young people “become” Bar or Bat Mitzvah when they turn 13 (in some communities, 12 or 12 1/2 for girls). This is an automatic occurrence.

A community celebrates the “becoming” Bar or Bat Mitzvah during a Torah service when the young person receives his/her first aliyah to the Torah.

For a variety of reasons, we schedule all our Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations in late spring, after Passover.

Our celebrations occur on Shabbat morning as part of our normal, weekly Shabbat services. While the service will be special because of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration, it remains a congregational morning of worship and celebration.

Everyone is welcome at the service. No invitation is needed. Everyone is welcome at Kiddush. No invitation is needed. Families usually hold parties and celebration of their own, and, of course, invitations are required for those—but no invitation is needed for services/kiddush.

In spring 2019 please join us as we celebrate the following young people becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah:

- Noah – May 11. Son of Liz and Dr. Jon
- Samantha – May 18. Daughter of Sherry and Ben
- Zachary – May 25 (Memorial Day weekend). Son of Stacey and Greg
- Alyssa and Jenna—June 1. Daughters of Lisa and Ed
- Ben—June 8. Son of Lisa and Paul
- Shoshanah—June 22. Daughter of Nancy and Ken

You can help our B’nai Mitzvah students by contributing to their mitzvah projects and by attending Shabbat morning minyans throughout the year to encourage and support them.