

NAMESAKE
(back cover)

Photo & Text about your child's namesake.

BAR/ BAT MITZVAH OF
(front cover)

Name

Photo

Date

Hebrew Date (www.hebcal.com)

Parshat (name of Torah Portion)

The Neshamah Institute

at (Temple Beth Sholom, Woodfield CC etc)

WELCOME LETTER FROM PARENTS
(inside front cover)

A short letter of welcome to your guests thanking them for sharing this day with you.

OUR SHABBAT SERVICE
(inside back cover)

A list of who has the honors in your service. Name and the relation to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah
ie: Aunt Susan Goldberg.

Check with Rabbi Rader about how many Torah Aliyot are included in your service.

LETTERS FROM SIBLING(S) TO BAR/BAT MITZVAH
(optional)

Open Ark
Carry Torah
Aliyah 1
Aliyah 1 Reader
Aliyah 2
Aliyah 2 Reader
Aliyah 3
Aliyah 3 Reader
Aliyah 4
Aliyah 4 Reader
Aliyah 5
Aliyah 5 Reader
Aliyah 6
Aliyah 6 Reader
Aliyah 7
Aliyah 7 Reader
Maftir
Maftir Reading
Haftarah

Prayer for Our Country
Prayer for The State of Israel
Carry Torah
Open Ark

MITZVAH PROJECT
(optional)

Your child can explain briefly what s/he did as a mitzvah project in honor of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

You can invite your guests to join you in your mitzvah project - whether it's raising money for an important cause or raising awareness of a need in our community. Sharing this information in your program expands the potential of the mitzvah project.

A photo of your child doing some aspect of the project is great if possible.

MY TORAH PORTION
(optional)

Your child will briefly summarize the Torah portion and what it means to him/her during our study sessions together. You may want to include this in the program as a preview to the "speech."

ISRAEL
(optional)

If you are planning a trip to Israel or elsewhere in honor of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you may want to include a brief description of your trip and its connection to this milestone.

MEMORIALS
(optional)

If there are significant family members who have passed away, you can include a photo and/or a description of the person to spiritually keep them in our midst on this occasion.

OTHER
(optional)

In place of any of the above options, you may want
to include

photos

baby photos, brief timeline of first 13 years

messages from special friends/relatives

to cut down on speeches at the service and/or party

a welcome from your child

fun facts about your child

artwork / writing by your child

any other personal touch...

HELPFUL HINTS

8.5 x 11 booklets are easiest.

Create booklets in four panel segments as above.

Start early by deciding on which elements you want to
include.

Work on one page at a time.

Have a sample ready by 1 month prior. You can always
update the honors page at the last minute.

Print booklets no later than the Monday prior to the
service.

Let a friend or two proofread the booklet before
printing.

Don't stress about it - this is all extra credit!!