

Beit Mitzvah

The B'nei Mitzvah Programme
at Belsize Square Synagogue

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VeShināntam LeVanekha

“AND YOU SHALL TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN...”

(DEUT. 6:7)

Overview of Today's Session

- ▶ What does it mean to become Bar / Bat / B'nei Mitzvah?
 - ▶ Purpose and objectives
 - ▶ The Five T's of Jewish identity
- ▶ Our B'nei Mitzvah Programme
 - ▶ Expectations
 - ▶ Key People
 - ▶ Timeline Overview
- ▶ FAQs

What does it mean
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What does it mean to become B'nei Mitzvah?

- ▶ Coming of Age
- ▶ Continuing Tradition
- ▶ Being Counted as Part of Community
- ▶ Becoming Accountable
- ▶ Gaining Privileges
- ▶ Deepening Connections

The Five T's of Jewish Identity

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- ▶ Torah
- ▶ Tefilah
- ▶ Tzedek
- ▶ Tarbut
- ▶ Tzioniyut

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Overview of the Beit Mitzvah Programme

- ▶ Sunday Morning Classes
- ▶ Private Tutoring
- ▶ Personal Project
- ▶ One-on-One Torah Study with Rabbi Botnick
- ▶ Regular Check-ins with Cantor Heller
- ▶ Additional Hebrew Support if Needed
- ▶ Shabbaton for Years 6-8
- ▶ Shabbat Dinners and Events for Families

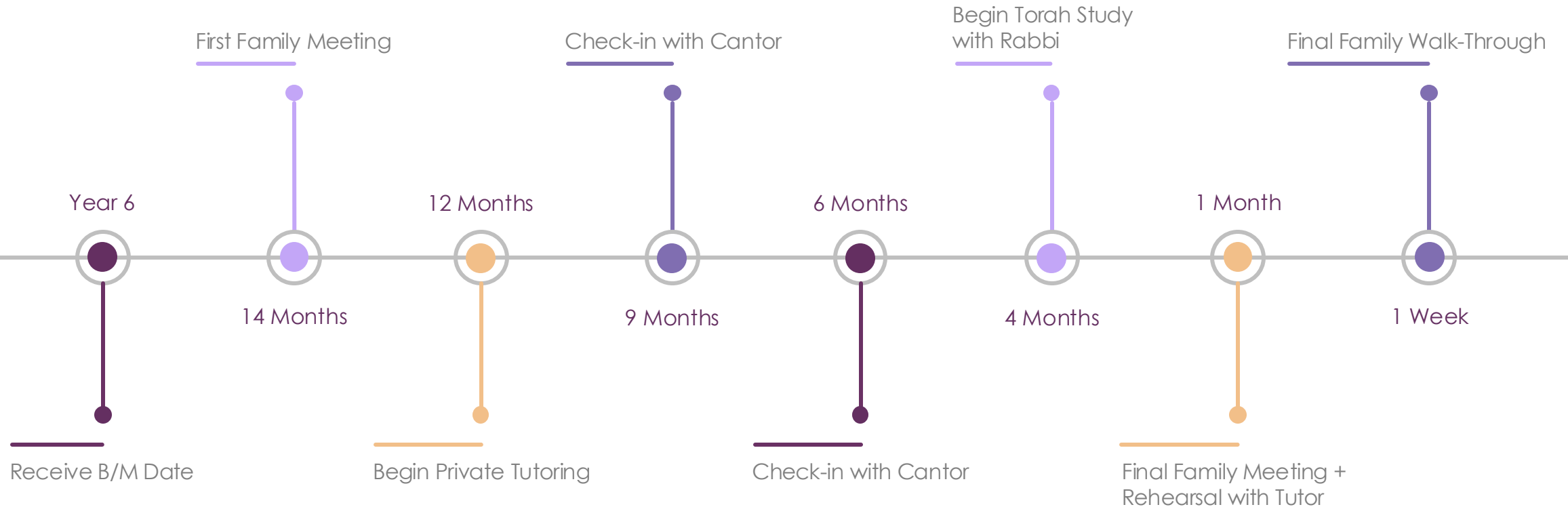
Expectations of B'nei Mitzvah Students

- ▶ Be Called to the Torah
- ▶ Read from the Torah
- ▶ Lead Some Key Prayers
- ▶ Share a D'var Torah
- ▶ Undertake a Meaningful Project
- ▶ Engage Deeper with Belsize
- ▶ Attend Sunday Morning Classes
- ▶ Regular Shabbat Attendance

Key People at Belsize

- ▶ Cantor Paul Heller cantor@synagogue.org.uk
- ▶ Rabbi Gabriel Botnick rabbi@synagogue.org.uk
- ▶ Caroline Loison caroline@synagogue.org.uk
- ▶ Susannah Alexander
- ▶ Adam Rynhold adam@synagogue.org.uk
- ▶ Claire Austin claire@synagogue.org.uk
- ▶ Jeannie Cohen jeannie@synagogue.org.uk

The Beit Mitzvah Timeline



Frequently Asked Questions

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- ▶ How are dates assigned? Can they be changed?
- ▶ How do we find a tutor? Do you have a list?
- ▶ Can we get a jump start on the process?
- ▶ Can you help us strengthen our Hebrew skills?
- ▶ Are Sundays mandatory?

Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ No Haftarah?!
- ▶ Can non-Jewish family members be involved?
- ▶ Are there additional costs?
- ▶ Is Shabbat Service attendance mandatory?
- ▶ Can you help us think of Project ideas?

Thank You!

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