



## 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

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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

# Beit Mitzvah

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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

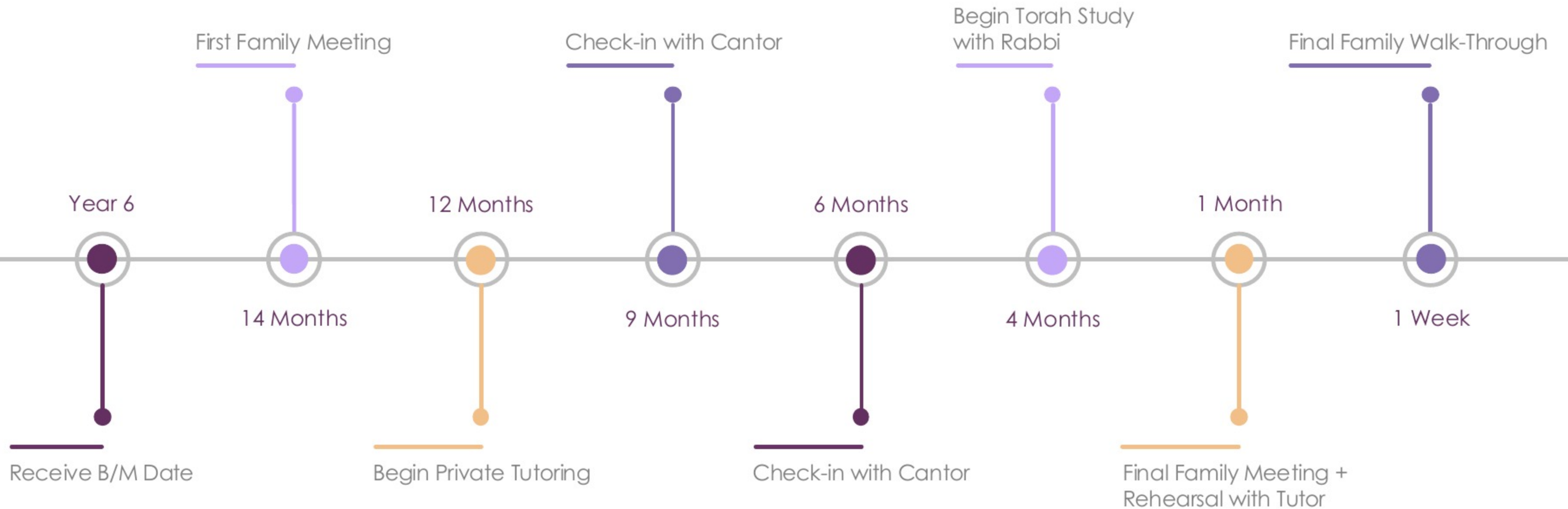
## Expectations of B'nei Mitzvah Students

- ▶ 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](mailto:cantor@synagogue.org.uk)
- ▶ Rabbi Gabriel Botnick [rabbi@synagogue.org.uk](mailto:rabbi@synagogue.org.uk)
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# 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?

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- ▶ 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!

