

Bar Mitzvah Package

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Bar Mitzvah preparation at Chabad of Monterra. When your child reaches the age of Bar Mitzvah, we share the privilege and responsibility of welcoming him into the adult Jewish community. Together, we hope to instill the meaning and significance of the occasion, to celebrate appropriately and to honor your child's place among the Jewish people.

Our primary goal during Bar Mitzvah preparation is to guide our children towards living proud, knowledgeable and enthusiastic Jewish lives. We've prepared the following guidelines to assist you in planning this joyous occasion.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions you may have.

Mazel Tov!

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Bar Mitzvah Guidelines and Policy

Defining Your Heritage

Chabad recognizes any child born to a Jewish mother as Jewish. If a child's mother or maternal grandmother was converted to Judaism, please set up an appointment with the Rabbi to ensure those conversions meet the standards of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

Parent Initial

Determining the Torah Portion

Traditionally, the Bar Mitzvah's Torah portion is the Shabbat following his 13th Hebrew birthday. You may choose a more convenient weekend as long as it is after that date. To find out your son's exact Hebrew birthday, please contact Rabbi Adi. No date will be reserved until all applicable paperwork is submitted and a \$100.00 deposit is paid.

Parent Initial

Hebrew School

A Bar Mitzvah marks a Jewish male's commitment to his community. To achieve a solid appreciation for this sense of duty, we require our Bar Mitzvah students to attend Hebrew School from the fifth grade through Bar Mitzvah. During this time your son will enhance his Hebrew reading skills and gain a basic knowledge about Judaism and general Judaic ideas related to Bar Mitzvah.

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Weekly Private Lessons

During the year before his Bar Mitzvah, your child will meet weekly with our Bar Mitzvah specialist, Rabbi Adi, to prepare his personal Torah portion to varying degrees and per each child's ability.

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Post-Bar Mitzvah

In keeping with the theme of Bar Mitzvah, a child's entry into Jewish adulthood, Chabad at Monterra requires continuing Jewish participation for at least one year following the Bar Mitzvah. Some ideas are: continuing in a Jewish Day School or participation in our Teen club. We believe that this type of commitment underscores the message that the Bar Mitzvah is the beginning and not the end of a lifetime of Jewish learning and spiritual fulfillment.

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Receiving Tefillin

To prepare for his new role as an active member of the adult Jewish community, the Bar Mitzvah boy should receive a pair of Kosher Tefillin at least two weeks prior to his 13th Hebrew Birthday. We can point you in the right direction on this topic, help you choose the Tefillin and discuss the various options and pricing.

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Tefillin Ceremony

The donning of Tefillin is the highlight of the Bar Mitzvah; a moment in time where the Bar Mitzvah boy connects himself to over 3,000 years of Jewish tradition and binds his heart and mind eternally to G-d. We recommend that on the Thursday before the Bar Mitzvah weekend, the family comes to morning services. The men don Tefillin and your son gets called to the Torah for the first time. Usually this mini celebration coincides with the photography session.

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Ceremony at Chabad

All Bar Mitzvah ceremonies are held at Chabad of Monterra. We can hold seating for up to 80 people. Outside décor is welcome at the at family's expenses.

Parent Initial

Pictures and Video

It is a great idea to capture your son's special experience for posterity. Since Jewish law

prohibits taking pictures on Shabbat, we recommend that your family come to Shul on the Thursday morning preceding the Bar Mitzvah when the Torah is read and take pictures before and during the morning service. Popular pictures are: putting on Tefillin, holding the Torah, reading the blessings, family in front of the ark, etc...

Parent Initial

Catering

Any and all food arrangements must be approved by Chabad at Monterra. Most caterers that are under strict Orthodox supervision are acceptable. The Shul must approve the caterer and menu and reserves the right to deny any caterer the right to cater an event at the Shul. Please inform the Shul of the caterer and menu of your choice in advance to avoid any last minute surprises and to allow the Shul to make all necessary arrangements, ensuring 100% satisfaction.

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Guide to Chabad Bar Mitzvah Expenses and Fees

Event	Description	Cost	Additional Information
Hebrew School**	For the year	\$850	**Preferred, not Mandatory.
Private Lessons***	30-40 lessons throughout the year preceding the Bar Mitzvah is average	\$45 for ½ hour	Total will vary depending on your child's individual level and progress.
Tree of Life	A tribute plaque in honor of the Bar Mitzvah	\$180	Other dedications are also available
Tefillin*	A pair of Kosher Tefillin for the Bar Mitzvah boy	Starting at \$375	More for higher quality pair. Customized embroidered bags additional. Old pairs can be checked for \$75.

Kiddush*	After Prayer Kiddush	Price will vary	Cost will vary depending on party size and Kiddush preferences.
Synagogue Reservation*	Reserve your date exclusively for your simcha	\$100	Must be received before your date is confirmed.
Cleaning Fee*	To clean before and after your celebration	\$150	
Chabad Fee	Use of facility and general donation	\$360	

*Required

**Required unless the Bar Mitzvah boy is currently enrolled in a Jewish day school.

***Private lessons are essential in ensuring that the Bar Mitzvah boy is adequately prepared for the big day. You may elect to hire a teacher of your choice, however, whoever does teach your son must be familiar with the services of our synagogue.

Mother's Initial

Father's Initial

Chabad at Monterra thanks you for allowing us to host your son's Bar Mitzvah. In the merit of the Bar Mitzvah, may Hashem bless your entire family with only Simchas, health, and happiness.

Chabad at Monterra Bar Mitzvah Application

Please complete this application and complete and sign the financial agreement. Please note that no dates are secured until all paperwork and synagogue fees are submitted.

Date of Bar Mitzvah Celebration at Chabad at Monterra: _____

1. Name of child _____ Last Name _____

2. Hebrew Name of child _____

3. D.O.B. _____ **AM / PM**

4. Address _____

5. City _____ Zip Code _____ 6. Work

Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

7. Mother's name _____

8. Mothers Hebrew Name _____

9. Father's name _____

10. Fathers Hebrew Name _____

11. Is the natural mother of the child Jewish? **YES / NO**

12. Is the Grandmother on Mother's side Jewish? _____

13. Is the child a Kohen/Levi or Israelite? _____

14. Preferred date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony? _____

15. Have there been any conversions* or adoptions in the family history? **YES / NO**

If yes, please include all backup information and documentation.

16. Does the child know how to read basic Hebrew? Yes ____ No ____

17. Does the child have any learning problems with general studies? If yes, please share any relevant information. _____

18. Does your son own a pair of Tefillin? **YES / NO**

If yes when was it last checked? _____

Financial Agreement with Chabad Monterra

Event	Total
Hebrew School (required)	\$
Private Lessons (required) Average of 40 lessons at \$45 each	To be paid through Chabad at Monterra website. Go to www.jewishmonterra.com , click "Donate", In honor of : Bar Mitzvah lesson.
Tree of Life	\$
Tefillin (required) Starting at \$375	\$
Kiddush	\$
Cleaning Fee (required) \$150.00	\$
Synagogue Reservation \$100	\$
GRAND TOTAL	\$

I _____ have received a copy of Chabad at Monterra's Bar Mitzvah Guide. I have read, understand and agree to abide by all of the aforementioned Chabad at Monterra Bar Mitzvah guidelines, policies and expenses.

My total due to Chabad is \$_____. excluding my son's Bar Mitzvah lessons and any catering costs of the Kiddush unless otherwise indicated. I understand that private tutoring is a requirement for my son's Bar Mitzvah. I agree to hire a Bar Mitzvah teacher and pay his fee in full directly to the teacher.

I agree to pay, in full, the abovementioned total plus all necessary tutoring costs, as well as any other pre-agreed upon expenses, fees and charges incurred for the Bar Mitzvah. All balances due to Chabad will be paid in full before the Bar Mitzvah date. I am securing my Bar Mitzvah date with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold the Bar Mitzvah date.

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____