

B`nei Mitzvah Program

You can expect: a learning enrichment program that will include a series of workshops and sessions with the children, as well as their families; social opportunities for families at oneg Shabbat, tours of Jewish Toronto and other events; a Tzedekah project, and more.

As with the current b'nei mitzvah program, next year's will be under the direction of volunteers Jonathan Silin, an internationally-renowned scholar of education with a particular interest in Jewish learning, and board member Eden Nameri, whose present portfolio includes our children's programming and other education matters at Shir Libeynu.

Rabbi Goldberg guides each family through the bar/bat mitzvah process, personalizing the ritual to make it one truly meaningful, while ensuring that each candidate understands her or his role in the community as well as the ability to make a difference (*Tikkun Olam*). She leads each bar or bat mitzvah ceremony, usually with our chazzan, Daniela Gesundheit, or another in the chazzanut team, in front of the congregation at Shabbat services, when family, friends and members of Shir Libeynu attend to celebrate this important milestone. By participating at monthly Shabbat services and other Shir Libeynu events, the children will be developing a bond with each other and the community, which in turn will be fulfilling the action of l'dor v'dor (from generation to generation).

It is not too early to make inquiries and commit to the program NOW, so you can be assured of a place and a time next year; as a community without a permanent site, our limited spaces fill up quickly. Planning for your child becoming a bar or bat mitzvah includes lots of steps, and we will walk you through them and inform you of costs, expectations and other details. [Write](#) our administrator, Natalie Wallach, at: admin@shirlibeynu.ca.

Also, look at our [site page](#) for more information. Please note that the cost of the program is for 2014/15, and subject to change.

And remember, if you have younger children who are more than a year away from becoming bar/bat mitzvah, it's not too early to introduce them to our haymishe and inclusive community, and some Jewish learning, by bringing them to shul every month. Our Shabbat services are very accessible. Even very young ones are welcome to participate in our children's learning program in a nearby classroom and by joining us in the chapel, too.

Please let your friends and family members know about our program.

Be a part of this enriching, spiritual and joyful step in a young person's education!