April 2020

Dear Parents of Children born in 2010*,

We are looking forward to starting with you on the journey that will lead to your son or daughter becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah here at Temple Beth Ami. The experience is very meaningful and involves the parents, students, clergy, religious school and administrative staff all working together. You are as important a part of this process as your child. We hope that, between now and the day your child is called to the Torah, you will learn with us and find the experience to be enriching and fulfilling.

Our first B'nai Mitzvah Parents' Meetings will take place via zoom** Sunday, April 19, 11 am – 12:30 pm; it is imperative that at least one adult member of each family participate in this very important meeting. At this time, we will discuss the process of becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, our shared and individual responsibilities, and the importance of our working together to make this experience enriching and special for your child and you. We will also review the process of receiving your child's date.

Please take a few minutes to read the B'nai Mitzvah Guide on the Temple's website (www.bethami.org). Even if you have already had a child celebrate becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah here at the Temple, there have been many changes and innovations, so it is very important that you read over the materials before attending the meeting.

In the fall, soon after the High Holydays, you will receive a scheduling form and a copy of the B'nai Mitzvah Covenant. You will be given 30 days to process, sign and return both to me. Once the signed forms are returned, scheduling begins and you will be notified by email by the end of December of your date. Please remember that your child MUST be enrolled in and attending religious school in order to receive a date.

We look forward to working with you and your family during this wonderful time in your family's Jewish life. If you have questions in regard to this meeting or the scheduling process, please contact me idf@bethami.org.

We look forward to seeing you on April 19.

Sincerely, Diane Ferraro Temple Administrator

*PLEASE NOTE:

All dates will be assigned by birth year, January 1 through December 31.

** ZOOM Link https://zoom.us/j/767918031

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