

Participate IN ritual life AT Or Zarua to mark becoming A Bar OR Bat Mitzvah

STEP 1:

MEET WITH RABBI BOLTON

Together, we'll explore what your day will look like.

We expect all those marking a Bar or Bat Mitzvah to **read the Maffir Aliyah (from the Torah) and the Haftarah in Hebrew**, and to be called to the Torah for an Aliyah.

Families have the opportunity to participate further in our service (if child or family member can become proficient):

- Read more Aliyot from the Torah
- Lead the Torah service
- Lead Shaharit or Musaf
- Lead t'filot at the end of services

The Bar or Bat Mitzvah can prepare a **D'var Torah** with Rabbi Bolton, to be given at their celebration.

STEP 2:

WORK WITH A TUTOR FROM OUR APPROVED TUTOR LIST

Once you know what you'll need to prepare, we'll send you a list of our approved tutors.

We're happy to recommend one, or you can reach out to all to see who would be the best fit (personality, schedule, rates, etc.).

Already have a tutor in mind?

Connect them with Rabbi Bolton so that he can vet them as an OZ tutor.

The tutor will work with the student to prepare the Torah reading and Haftarah.

Need a little Hebrew help along the way?

If you need extra Hebrew reading support, we'll explore options to get you the boost you need!

STEP 3:

PREPARE FOR THE BIG DAY!

Meet with Rabbi Bolton to study your "Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parashah." Engage in a family book discussion, guided by Rabbi Bolton.

Explore with Rabbi Bolton what it means to be a Jewish adult. Learn the obligations and rituals that we perform as Jews.

Come to Or Zarua services leading up to your ceremony, on Shabbat or any other morning. **At least six Shabbat mornings are required.** See what OZ's services are like as you become part of our unique t'filah community.

Add even more to your experience —

Engage in ongoing study with Rabbi Bolton — explore traditional texts or begin to consider your relationship with Israel. Start a relationship with an organization meaningful to you as you begin a life of **hesed**.

Or Zarua's B'nei Mitzvah Cohort



PARTICIPATE IN OZ Events

ATTEND (at least) six events at Or Zarua with your family in the name of being part of the Cohort.

Commit to two events from each of these categories:

- **Family Shabbat & Lunch or Family Shabbat Dinner**
- **Family Hesed Program**
- **Or Zarua Community Event**



LEARN AS A Family

LEARN together, focusing on a theme from one or all of our three tracks:

The Power of God
The Power of Israel
The Power of Tzedakah

Before attending one of your selected community events, sit down for 30 minutes as a family and study together.



CREATE A Community

CONNECT with other kids and families preparing to mark becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Share your experience with other families, and add meaning to your own by preparing as part of this special Cohort community!

Join us at our four Cohort gatherings, where we will learn and explore together!



CHART YOUR Jewish Future

EXPLORE what life looks like as a Jewish adult! Everyone in the family is on a journey.

What aspects of your Jewish life and practice are most meaningful to you?

What aspects of Judaism do you find interesting? What would you like to explore more?

How does membership at Or Zarua continue to inspire throughout teenage years and beyond?