

B'nei Mitzvah Celebration Requirement

Temple Beth El is an inclusive congregation and lives the value of loving our neighbor as ourselves. The B'nei Mitzvah pre-teen years are a challenge to every child in some respect. It is our goal to be sure that every child in our community knows they are valued, cared for and respected.

Therefore, we require that each family invite the children listed on their child's class roster (this is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total grade) to their B'nei Mitzvah celebration. Additionally we recommend that all parents strongly encourage their children to attend all B'nei celebrations to which they have been invited.

At the Cantor's initial meeting with the family (approximately 6 months prior to B'nei Mitzvah), each family will receive their class roster. Six weeks prior to their B'nei Mitzvah date, they will be asked to show the cantor their guest list confirming they've met this requirement. If extenuating circumstances exist (i.e. regarding a child in the class), parents will be asked to notify the clergy. If a family finds this financially burdensome, they are asked to speak with any member of the professional staff.

Approved by Board of Directors
February 5, 2007