

## **Training process and timeline:**

### **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

Orientation and date selection.

### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

Mitzvah Day and Tikkun Olam Projects begin.

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

Students have the opportunity to study with and get to know our clergy team during Religious School.

### **9 MONTHS BEFORE:**

Active preparation for the ceremony begins. Students attend weekly seminars (Hebrew Boot Camp, Prayer Seminar, Torah Seminar, Haftarah Seminar) on Wednesday afternoons followed by private mentoring sessions as time draws nearer to their service. More details will be provided to each family about the specific dates and classes.

### **2-3 MONTHS BEFORE:**

Parents will receive a request for a picture of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah child and information regarding the student's Mitzvah project for inclusion in *The Judean*. At this time, you will also be asked for the Hebrew names of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student and their parent(s).

### **4-6 WEEKS BEFORE:**

The B'nei Mitzvah coordinator will contact you to schedule a *D'var Torah* (speech) meeting and rehearsals with the Rabbi and/or Cantor. A speech outline to guide your child in preparing for the meeting will be e-mailed in advance.

### **3-5 WEEKS BEFORE:**

The officiating clergy will meet with you and your child to discuss the Torah portion and the *D'var Torah* that the child will be giving during their service.

### **1-2 WEEKS BEFORE:**

You and your child will meet with the officiating clergy in the sanctuary or chapel to review the sequence of the service, and chant everything that they have studied.

\*\*\*If you are planning on having photography at or before the service, you need to reserve the space with the B'nei Mitzvah coordinator. Also, if you have a video montage for your reception, you need to bring it on a labeled flash drive to our B'nei Mitzvah coordinator, one week before or earlier for testing.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE:**

Your family is invited to participate in the *Erev Shabbat* service, where your child will chant the Kiddush. Your attendance needs to be confirmed with the B'nei Mitzvah coordinator.