



## B'NEI MITZVAH PROGRAMME

Our B'nei mitzvah programme starts in September of school year 7. Taught by a multi skilled team of Jewish educators, theatre specialist/musician, rabbinic student and our rabbi, we aim to create an enjoyable and meaningful experience that is not like being at school and is relevant and exciting. Our syllabus, developed over many years, teaches Reform Jewish approaches to identity (zehut) prayer (tefillah) and the festivals.

Our programme is co-ordinated by Steve Levenson. He oversees and monitors progress and manages our team of young educators/madrachim. Hebrew is taught either by Steve, who works with students who have no prior Hebrew learning experience, or our young educators, who teach one to one. Our rabbi and rabbinic student work with students intensively in the weeks and months before the bar or bat mitzvah itself.

Please be aware that we do expect you and your family to come regularly to synagogue and to take an active part in the community. This is what makes the experience so meaningful. This includes taking up roles as a steward and helping with kiddush, the celebratory nibbles after the service.

We book the actual date for the bar/bat mitzvah itself when children are in school year 5 but will do all we can to accommodate families who join at a later point and who want to become part of our community and our programme. Around ten children who join each year have no prior Hebrew learning experience.

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