

BAR/BAT MITZVAH CEREMONY

B'NAI AVRAHAM

1. Opening Prayer (Rabbi)

Father, we thank you that You have brought us together to study Your Torah, to fellowship with You, and to witness the coming of age of your child, _____ . We ask for your blessing upon each of us and upon this family as we acknowledge _____ as a son / daughter of Your Holy Torah.

2. The Purpose of BAT/BAR MITZVAH (Teaching)

- **BAT/BAR MITZVAH = Son/Daughter of the Commandment and coming of age of accountability for own actions. It brings the years of childhood to an end and opens a new chapter in the life of the person.**
- **We are still observe the Torah of Moses**
- **613 Mitzvoth given in Torah**
- **We are under the Torah halakah of Rebbe Yahshua HaMoshiach**
- **Love the YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength, and to love you neighbor as yourself. Without love there is no basis for faithfulness.**

3. The true purpose of a BAR/BAT MITZVAH

- **To bless a child into adulthood and to recognize that they are now old enough and mature enough to study the Word of YAHWEH and to develop their relationship with the Master of Life. Prior to a BAT or BAR MITZVAH a child is directly under the authority of their mother and father.**

4. The Child's Prayer (*Any Appropriate Prayer from the heart may be substituted*)

Father, I ask that you speak through me today, to reveal your Word to all who who need to hear and to understand your love for us.

5. Torah and HafTarah Reading and blessings

6. Candidate's teaching of the Torah

7. Parental Blessing and prayer

Baruk shepatrani me-onsho shel zeh

Blessed be He Who has freed me from responsibility for this (son or daughter).

(For sons)

Mother: YAHWEH make you like Enoch, to desire to walk with Elohim.

Father: YAHWEH make you like Avraham, to walk by faith and not by sight

Mother: YHW make you like Yoseph, to reveal His Word in your life, and in the world

Father: YAHWEH make you like Yahshua, willing to submit to His will

(For Daughters)

Mother: YAHWEH make you like Sarah, to believe what seems impossible.

Father: YAHWEH make you like Devorah, to walk in faith and under His authority

Mother: YAHWEH make you like Esther, to reveal His Word in your life, and in the world

Father: YAHWEH make you like Mariyam, willing to submit to His will

(Any other blessings the parents feel are appropriate)

11. Kiddush

Baruk atah YHWH, Eloheinu Melek haOlam, borey pri hagaffen

12. Closing Prayer (Rabbi)

YAHWEH bless you and keep you. YAHWEH make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

13. Celebration (HaMotzi)

Baruk atah YHWH, Eloheinu, Melek haOlam, Hamotzi lechem min haeret.