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Bat Mitzvah at Chabad of Frisco

The following is a description of a typical Bat Mitzvah service, which is approximately one hour, and includes prayers as well as reading selected verses from the Torah portion and D'var Torahs (speeches). Six months of practice is typically necessary.

Program

- Welcome & Introduction
- Prayers or Hebrew Reading led by Bat Mitzvah girl
- Speech by Bat Mitzvah Girl + Coordinating Slideshow
- Mitzvah Project presentation (?)
- Parents' Greeting
- Video about her life (optional)
- Cup of Blessing or Candle lighting Ceremony (optional)
- Yivarechicha Blessing
- Candy Throw and Congratulations from Everyone
- Mazel Tov sung
- Oseh Shalom
- Reception (optional)

Ceremony Options

HAVDALAH SERVICE

The service can begin anywhere from one hour after Shabbat ends. The Bat Mitzvah girl welcomes everyone and speaks about the Havdalah ceremony. She honors close family members by having them participate in parts of the service. Havdalah is recited by the Rabbi and the Bat Mitzvah girl recites special Saturday night prayers. The ceremony continues as described previously.

SUNDAY MORNING OR EVENING CEREMONY

A Sunday Bat Mitzvah takes place as described on page one. The service can be followed by a brunch or a reception.

FRIDAY NIGHT CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

The Bat Mitzvah ceremony can be followed by a Friday night service for all guests to attend. In a Friday evening service, the Bat Mitzvah girl leads the women and girls in the candle lighting and blessing. In the winter, the candle lighting will be at the very beginning of the ceremony, and in the summer, the candle lighting will be after the Bat Mitzvah ceremony but before the Shabbat evening service. *Please remember that videos and cameras are only allowed until the Candle lighting service.* After the service, the Kiddush is recited by the Rabbi. The family of the Bat Mitzvah girl then hosts either a dinner or dessert reception.

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PICTURES AND MUSIC

If your ceremony is on Friday Evening, pictures and music are permissible until candle lighting. There is no limit to music and pictures during a weekday ceremony.

HONORS LIST, PRAYERS, PROGRAMS & INVITATIONS

We will provide you with an honors list that includes a list of honors to be given to various family members, friends together with a description of what the honors are, and whom they can be given to. We will also provide you with all the prayers. Sample Programs are also available upon request. If you need assistance for the wording of the Bat Mitzvah invitation, we have samples from which you can choose.

YOUR INVESTMENT

No membership is required to Bat Mitzvah your daughter at Chabad of Frisco.

Your investment for a Bat Mitzvah is as follows:

\$300	Kiddush Luncheon for 40 people**
\$50	Cleaning Help
\$360 - \$1,000	Donation to Chabad of Frisco
\$45/Private Lesson	45 minute private lesson x 7 Lessons

** If the ceremony is on a weekday morning or Friday light appetizers the cost is \$200

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

We will provide all tables, chairs, kippot, taleisim, siddurim, and chumashim.

Mushkie Kesselman will prepare all the food and purchase the paper goods.

The \$300 cost includes the following: 3 bottles of wine, grape juice, challah, meat cholent (chamim), 3 salads, 2 dips, pasta dish, fruit, bundt cake, water, clear plastic paper goods, black or maroon linen table clothes, silver, pink, or lime green table runners as well as food preparation and set up.

To add centerpieces, flowers, alternate décor, or additional food contact Mushkie Kesselman.

GUIDELINES

- Celebration should take place on or after the girl's 12th birthday
- She must attend our Sunday school program as well as private Bat Mitzvah lessons

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- The family is responsible to buy the candy that is thrown. The candy must be kosher and pareve (not dairy). Kosher symbols are a K or a U inside of a circle. Sunkist Gems are an example of kosher candy and highly recommended, as they are soft.
- All Food and liquor served after the service must meet the kosher standards of Chabad
- Girl should commit to joining Cteen for a year after her Bat Mitzvah

LESSON PLAN OUTLINE

Below is a list of the topics we will be covering during Bat Mitzvah lessons. Students will we receive a binder with all information and note taking supplies.

- Belief in Hashem, Creation, our Connection to Hashem and discuss Mitzvah Project
- The Soul Struggle and Meaning of Becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- The Jewish Yearly Cycle and Jewish Holidays
- Shabbat and Havdallah Significance and Practice
- The Three Mitzvot of a Jewish Women and Bake Challah
- Jewish Women Throughout History
- Speech Writing