

ק"ק עדת ישראל – עדזשווער

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**Bar and Bat Mitzvot @ EAYC**

**Mazal tov!**

**We are pleased that you have chosen to celebrate your simcha with us at EAYC.**

 **Please read through this entire document fully before submitting your booking form.**

**EAYC Bar and Bat Mitzvot Booking Process**

**EAYC Bar and Bar Mitzvot Booking Policy**

Before completing your form, please bear the following guidelines in mind.

**Membership:** Only Full Members of EAYC are eligible to book Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. If you are not a full member and would like to celebrate your simcha with us, please contact the Honorary Secretary secretary@eayc.org to discuss membership application or the Office Manager on admin@eayc.org to upgrade if you are already a Friend of or Mispallel.

**Submitting your booking form**: B”H many smachot are booked to be celebrated at EAYC. We therefore recommend that you submit this form as early as possible. We accept booking forms up to four years prior to the date of the simcha. Ideally, a simcha should be booked at least a year in advance where possible.

**Deferring your simcha**: Bar and bat mitzvot must be celebrated on a Shabbat in close proximity to the child’s Jewish birthday, except in exceptional circumstances.

For boys, this means either of the two Shabbatot immediately after the Jewish birthday.

For girls, this means either of the two Shabbatot directly before or the two immediately after the Jewish birthday – leaving a choice of four Shabbatot in total. If you are planning a joint bat mitzvah celebration that does not fall within these parameters, please raise this with the Gabboyim.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Hebrew birthday falls on a Shabbat, that Shabbat is considered the first Shabbat after the Hebrew birthday.

**Sharing your simcha**: There may be other smachot booked to be celebrated in our community on the same Shabbat as your simcha. If this happens, you will be informed either at the time of booking or subsequently should a clash arise at a later date. This may require you to share the available kibbudim and/or make a joint kiddush.

**Sharing bar mitzvah smachot**: In the event that two (or more) families wish to celebrate a bar mitzvah on the same Shabbat in the same minyan, the families will be expected to agree how the leyning and kibbudim are split, with the default position that they are split equally between the families. Where a bar mitzvah is booked less than a year in advance, the family (or families) that originally booked that Shabbat will have priority and it will be their choice how the leyning and haftorah are divided, if at all. However, irrespective of time of booking, all the bar mitzvah boys will be given aliyot, and in most circumstances the families will still be expected to share the kibbudim.

**Kiddushim in Beit Shvidler Primary School**: EAYC has exclusive rights for the BSPS Hall for Shabbat kiddushim booked more than a year in advance. However, within a year of any date, BSPS may accept private bookings, so any desire expressed to hold a kiddush in BSPS within a year of the Shabbat in question will be conditional on the BSPS Hall being available then for Shul use. The Office will be in touch closer to the date of your simcha to finalise details of the kiddush.

**Bar mitzvah leyning tutor**: The choice of who to teach your son(s) to leyn and/or read his haftorah is an important one. The Gabboyim are happy to assist in selecting the correct match for your son(s). Once you have retained a leyning tutor, the Gabboyim would be grateful if you would ask him to get in touch very soon after beginning to teach your son(s) so that we can discuss with him the shul’s expectations.

**Bar mitzvah leyning farher**: Bar mitzvah boys who wish to leyn at any minyan must be 'farhered' (tested) in advance. This should be done 6-8 weeks before the Shabbat of the bar mitzvah to leave sufficient time to practise further if necessary. It is your responsibility to arrange the farher, but the Gabboyim can advise you of the various testers in our community. An additional farher will be required should the bar mitzvah boy wish to leyn in the year after his bar mitzvah.

**Bar mitzvah on Shabbat Zachor and Shabbat Parah**: It is our shul’s minhag that a bar mitzvah boy does not read the maftir and haftorah on Shabbat Zachor, which is the Shabbat before Purim, or the maftir on Shabbat Parah, which is the Shabbat after Purim.

**Smachot on Shabbat Ha'gadol, Shabbat Chazon and Shabbat Shuva**: It is our shul's minhag that the Rabbi is called up for maftir and reads the haftorah on Shabbat Ha'gadol (the Shabbat before Pesach), Shabbat Chazon (the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av) and Shabbat Shuva (the Shabbat between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur).

**Celebrating in the Sephardi minyan**: We welcome families wishing to celebrate their smachot in the Sephardi minyan, and those wishing to do so should indicate so below. We will consider any requests for the Sephardi minyan to be held in a larger venue.

**Celebrating in the hashkama minyan**: In exceptional circumstances we offer the option of celebrating smachot in the hashkama minyan for smachot where fewer than 25 guests are expected to join the minyan.

**Hall hire:** If you wish you book the shul hall other than for a kiddush, please contact the Office to request the hall hire booking information.

**EAYC Bar and Bar Mitzvot Booking Form**

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| **Applicant's name** |  |
| **Membership status** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Child's name** |  |
| **Child's Hebrew name** **(English letters)** |  | **ben/bat** |  |
| **Child's English date of birth** |  | **Approx.** **time of birth** |  |
| **When and at which minyan you would like your son to have his Bar Mitzvah call-ups/when you would like to celebrate your daughter’s Bat Mitzvah?** |
| **Minyan** | **Day** | **Date** | **Kiddush/l’chaim** |
|  | Monday/Thursday |  |  |
|  | Shabbat |  | MDA / BSPS / No |
| **For Bar Mitzvah only** |
| Name of leyning tutor |  |
| Which parasha do you expect the Bar Mitzvah boy to be leyning? |  |
| How much of the Shabbat leyning do you expect the Bar Mitzvah boy to leyn? |  |
| Do you expect the Bar Mitzvah boy to read the haftorah? |  |
| **For both** |
| Approximately how many additional guests do you expect on Shabbat? |  |
| Would you like further information on hall hire?  | Yes / No |