

Minchah Service for Shabbat

When a family decides to have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat afternoon, the service has greater flexibility in terms of what the celebrant may or may not do. The following service can be modified and be quite liberal, but this is the standard outline.

Traditionally, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah may occur whenever the Torah is taken out and the young boy or girl recites the blessing. Since the Torah is traditionally taken out on Shabbat afternoon, this kind of celebration may occur. Traditionally, the service is much shorter than that of the morning. If the Minchah service is close to sunset, then at the conclusion of this portion of the service, the congregation may read a short prayer or two (e.g. the shema and v'ahavtah) and/or a psalm and then proceed to Havdallah.

At the UVJC a traditional Bar/Bat Mitzvah service in the afternoon would consist of the following:

1. Mah Tovu (page 554)
2. Halleyuyah (page 194)
3. Shemah and V'Ahavtah (page 242)
4. Ashrei (page 558 in Hebrew or English responsively)
5. Hatzi Kaddish (564)
6. Torah Service-312 Shemah, echad, and gadlu
7. Reading of Torah (3 aliyot)
8. Haftarah (optional)
9. Return Torah to Ark -Yehallu and Etz Chaim-(Page 574.)
9. Hatzi Kaddish (page 576)
10. Amidah (578) and then L'dor v'dor (580).

11. Kaddish Shalem (594)
12. D'var Torah
13. Community Presentation, Educational Director
14. Parents' talk
15. Aleinu & Mourner's Kaddish (610 and 616)
16. Adon Olam or other melody to end service (412)

If it is sundown or thereafter, then we can do Havdallah which is quite beautiful, but if it is still light outside, then it can be done in the evening gathering or party.