

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

09:30 – 10:00 Guest Arrival at Synagogue

Guests arrive at the synagogue, greet family members, and take their seats before the morning sanctuary service begins.

Location: Temple B'nai Israel Sanctuary

10:00 – 11:30 Shacharit Service and Torah Reading

The guest of honor leads prayers and reads their portion from the Torah scroll in front of family and friends.

Location: Temple B'nai Israel Sanctuary

11:30 – 12:00 Family Portrait Session

Formal photos are taken on the bimah with immediate family, extended relatives, and clergy.

Location: Temple B'nai Israel Sanctuary

12:00 – 13:00 Post-Service Kiddush Reception

Guests gather in the social hall for light refreshments, traditional blessings over wine, and fresh challah.

Location: Temple B'nai Israel Social Hall

13:00 – 13:30 Transition to Evening Venue

Guests and family leave the synagogue to rest and prepare for the evening party celebration.

Location: Transit to Grand Ballroom

17:30 – 18:30 Cocktail Hour

Evening guests arrive to enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres, signature mocktails, and adult beverages in the foyer.

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

18:30 – 19:00 Grand Entrance and Family Speeches

The guest of honor makes a dramatic entry into the main room followed by heartwarming speeches from parents and family.

Location: Grand Ballroom Main Stage

19:00 – 20:30 Celebration Dinner Meal

A multi-course gourmet dinner is served to all guests in the main dining room.

Location: Grand Ballroom Dining Area

20:30 – 21:00 Hora and Traditional Dancing

Guests take to the dance floor for the traditional high-energy Hora dance, lifting the guest of honor on a chair.

Location: Grand Ballroom Dance Floor

21:00 – 21:30 Candle Lighting Ceremony

The guest of honor calls up close family and friends to light 13 custom candles honoring loved ones.

Location: Grand Ballroom Main Stage

21:30 – 22:30 Evening Party and DJ Dance Floor

The DJ kicks off an interactive set of pop music, group games, and continuous dancing for teens and adults.

Location: Grand Ballroom Dance Floor

22:30 – 23:00 Cake Cutting and Dessert Bar

The celebration concludes with a ceremonial cake cutting alongside a grand dessert display.

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer