



Dear B'nai Mitzvah Families:

We hope that you all enjoyed a meaningful High Holy Day season and that you and yours are staying healthy!

As we continue in the reality of the protocols around COVID-19, we have developed a way for the B'nai Mitzvah students to continue their GROUP B'nai Mitzvah training online beginning Thursday, November 5th.

In order for the students to get the most out of their online learning the class will be divided according to the specific part of the service they will be participating in as part of the B'nai Mitzvah celebration. Classes will be smaller and the melodies will be more targeted to the specific melodies of each service.

If your child is scheduled for Rosh Chodesh or a Mincha/Ma'ariv "Havdallah" service, their weekly class will be 4:15-4:45 PM, and if your child is scheduled for a Shabbat morning, their weekly class will be 4:45-5:15 PM. Zoom links will be sent so when you receive them please **click on the class time that corresponds to the type of service you have booked** (weekday Rosh Chodesh, Mincha/Ma'ariv "Havdallah" or Shabbat morning).

Individual lessons which begin 6- 8 months before the simcha will also take place online for the time being. You will be contacted (by Cantor Tracy) to arrange these lessons.

We expect the newest protocols to be announced by the province at the end of October. Once we know this information, the office will begin reaching out to families to help make decisions around their simcha planning.

We look forward to working with everyone to make this time meaningful and special for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Cantor Tracy
Congregation Etz Chayim

Congregation Etz Chayim is committed to harnessing the power of community and the strength of our roots to enhance Jewish life and spirituality through prayer, learning, ritual, tikkun olam, meaningful social connections, and engaging Jewish experiences.

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