

How to Be the Perfect Guest at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah

We are so glad you will be able to join us to celebrate.

Our happy event is also a sacred event, taking place in God's house of worship, our synagogue, during our holy Sabbath services. You may show respect for our traditions and for the other worshipers in the following ways:

- Men and boys should keep their head covered with a yarmulke during services and, following services, during the refreshments (referred to as kiddush). (Women and girls are also welcome to cover their heads but are not obligated to do so except when ascending the bima.) Jewish guests are welcome to wear a tallit (prayer shawl) during services. Women and girls who wear a tallit are also to cover their heads.
- Please be respectful of the sanctity of the synagogue through proper dress, for example by refraining from wearing sleeveless or backless tops and very short skirts. (In addition, the sanctuary can be very cool, especially in the summer.)
- Two books are used in our services, a blue prayer book (Siddur) and a red Bible (Humash). Please do not place these on the floor as they contain God's name.
- We refrain from writing, drawing, taking photographs, videotaping, playing gameboys, playing the piano or other instruments, or smoking anywhere on synagogue premises on the Sabbath and holidays to protect the sanctity of the holy day.
- Please put your mobile phones and pagers on quiet mode so as not to disturb the service, and except for emergencies, no cellular phones should be used in the building.
- Please do not bring gifts into the synagogue on the Sabbath.
- We strive to be an allergy free-fragrance free environment. Please be considerate of others by refraining from wearing fragrances.