



Year 3
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Lesson Aims

LO: To find out more about the Jewish ceremonies when Jewish children become adults.

- SC: I know a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is when Jewish children become an adult.
- I can label a picture to show the important parts of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



Main Teaching Summary

- Today we are looking at the Jewish ceremonies of Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah.



Starter

- Make a list of what you think the best and worst things about being an adult might be.
- What does your parent or carer think? Do they agree with you?

What is Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah?



- Move from being a child to being an adult.
- Judaism says a boy is a "bar mitzvah" when he turns 13 and a girl becomes "bat mitzvah" when she turns 12.
- The child is now responsible for what they do. If they do anything wrong, it is their fault and not their parents'.
- The children must now make sure that they follow the Jewish laws.
- No ceremony is needed to celebrate this but many people choose to have a special party.



What happens in the service?

- On the Shabbat following his thirteenth birthday, a Jewish boy is called up in front of the congregation (the people) in the synagogue to read a passage from the Torah in Hebrew (quite a long one sometimes!).
- He also usually makes a speech, which traditionally begins with the phrase "today I am a man."
- His father traditionally says a blessing thanking God that he is not responsible for his son's sins any more (because his son is old enough to be held responsible for himself).
- These days, the religious service is followed by a party that is often as fancy as a wedding reception.



Main Teaching Activity

- On the work sheet, label the parts of the Bar Mitzvah ceremony and thoughtfully answer the question.

Important parts of the ceremony



- Tallit- Children usually wear a Tallit from the age of Bar Mitzvah.



- Kippahs are worn during Bar Mitzvah.

Important parts of the ceremony



- Menorah - It is used during Jewish worship and lit during a Bar Mitzvah.

*Please share our
joy as our son
David becomes a
Bar Mitzvah*

- Torah -The bar mitzvah boy to share a Torah thought at this celebration.



Important parts of the ceremony



- Yad pointer - This is used by the reader to follow the text during the Torah reading at the ceremony.

- Watch this clip about Bar Mitzvah

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zm7tfg8>

Bat Mitzvah



- In some parts of the Jewish church, women are not allowed to join in religious services, so a bat mitzvah, if celebrated at all, is usually little more than a party.
- In other parts of Judaism, the girls do exactly the same thing as the boys.
- Watch this video clip to find out more about Bat Maitzvahs.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n2kgx>