

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS' REMARKS AND BLESSINGS

You are invited to make brief personal remarks to your child during the ceremony. The bar/bat mitzvah ceremony publicly welcomes a young adult into the congregation, so it is appropriate to talk to your child about his or her Jewish journey. Two questions to help you frame your remarks are:

1. What do you see in your child's Jewish future?
2. What has Judaism contributed to your child's life up to this point?

Other sources of inspiration for these remarks include the weekly Torah portion and your child's Hebrew name.

In lieu of a speech, many parents choose to bless their child on the bima. One such example is included in the appendix.

Please keep these remarks to one minute or less.