

Parent(s) Blessing(s)

Parents will bless the Bar/Bat Mitzvah at the podium. It may be given privately, publicly, or as a combination private, then public message. Please limit the blessing to ONE minute. Please do not use this time to describe the Bar/Bat Mitzvah's qualities in detail (please save this speech for the reception). Rather, we ask that you focus on a **blessing** for your child that encompasses his/her strongest characteristics, talents, and/or interests. We ask that these guidelines be especially honored at a morning service. Guidelines provided by the Rabbi for the Parents Blessings are provided below.

Sample final blessing

"Name: You have blessed us since the day you were born, and you continue to bless us today. You have honored us with your dedication to study, your true search for meaning in your Torah portion, and the grace and perfection in your leading of the prayers.

We pray that God continues to bless you with all the things that you treasure: love of family and friends, joy in life and good times, the time for good books, the inspiration for your drawing, insight for your deepening mind.

We pray that God guides you on a path of righteousness and goodness. You have brought so much to us and to all who know you. We know you will fill the world with your light and work.

And we pray that God will guide you toward deep fulfillment from your Judaism, from study, from prayer, from community, and from that special feeling you have when honoring God through the commandments.

You have been a blessing, and we pray that your life be blessed.