

Welcome to Congregation Beth Shalom a Conservative, egalitarian, and interfaith-welcoming congregation. We hope you enjoy sharing this beautiful and meaningful day with our community, family and friends. While visiting Congregation Beth Shalom, we ask that you respect our customs by observing the following guidelines on this special day.

1. All males must wear a head covering called a *Kippah* or *Yarmulke* at all times as a sign of respect within the building. If you do not have your own we will provide one for you.
2. As part of our observance of Shabbat, personal electronic and gaming devices may not be used anywhere within the building. This guideline includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, cameras, tablets, e-readers and games. We recognize that some people may need to maintain constant accessibility and we ask them to keep their devices on vibrate or mute and take calls outside the building. Devices required for medical conditions are exempted from this policy.
3. The Bar or Bat Mitzvah has been studying, practicing and training for this day for over three years. Please respect the Bar or Bat Mitzvah and their family by not talking or clapping during the service. Please keep your exits and re-entries to the sanctuary to a minimum, as they can become distracting.
4. Although attire is a matter of personal taste and standards, some current fashions have elements that could be deemed too immodest for a synagogue service. Please be respectful in your manner of dress, keeping in mind this is a place of worship.
5. Our Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m. The Bar or Bat Mitzvah portion of the service will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. The entire service will last until approximately 12:00 p.m.

Please enjoy this milestone event in the life of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah. If you have any questions prior to the service, please email your host or Congregation Beth Shalom at RitualVP@BethShalomNB.org or NWeiss@BethShalomNB.org.