

# Bar Bat Mitzvah Policy

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In order to have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Neveh Shalom all members must maintain a Member in Good Standing Status

In General: A member in good standing is one who has paid:

- A) At least 50% of his dues, assessments, and all other sums due the Congregation by January 4 of the fiscal year for which such sums are due; and
- B) All final balances on dues, assessments and all other sums due the Congregation by June 30 of the fiscal year for which such sums are due.

1. It is strongly recommended that every student who is eligible is enrolled in Congregation Neveh Shalom's ALIYAH Jewish Learning program.
2. All students, excluding those currently enrolled at PJA Day School, will attend Neveh Shalom Religious School, grades 3-5. All students, including PJA Day School students, will attend 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Neveh Shalom. The student will attend a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the sessions each year.
3. The student's progress and attendance at ALIYAH will be monitored regularly by ALIYAH staff and communicated to Cantor Bletstein and each child's parents.
4. The student will attend a minimum number of Shabbat, holiday, or weekday services each year he/she is enrolled in ALIYAH.

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade – holidays

6<sup>th</sup> grade – 10 Shabbat services plus holidays

7<sup>th</sup> grade – 10 Shabbat services plus holidays

The expectation is that in the calendar year prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the student will attend 10 Shabbat services. *(The required services are in addition to High Holyday services)*

5. All exceptions to the policy, including exceptions for children with special needs, will be decided by the Clergy in consultation with the Director of Congregational Learning after a written request for exceptions is made by the family.