

HEA Approved B'nai Mitzvah Tutors

Rabbi Birdie Becker

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TIMES	M, Tu, Th after school and early evening; Sun morning; flex times during summer
WHERE	my home, Centennial; by Skype when travel is impeded
LESSONS BEGIN	9 months prior to ceremony. For students with learning differences or special needs, time may need to be adjusted. It is best to meet a year out to see if extra time is required.
LENGTH	Half hour lessons, varied as needed
CHARGE	\$35 per half hour
PHILOSOPHY	I work with students and families to develop skills that allow the student to participate maximally in his/her ceremony and continue to lead and participate in services. Recognizing learning differences, I teach to the student's learning style and skills to make this memorable experience enriching. A cantor, musician and author, with forty-five years in theatre, I also assist with proper singing and public speaking techniques and enrich the liturgy through exploring its meaning.
BIOGRAPHY	Ordained at the Academy for Jewish Religion-CA, she serves as rabbi at Temple Emanuel-Pueblo, president of the Rocky Mountain Cantors Association and is a Storahelling Maven. She officiates and teaches throughout the Rocky Mountain Region. Composer, musician, author of <i>Conversations at the Well: Where Modern Life and Ancient Stories Meet</i> , Becker holds Master degrees in Education, Social Work and Rabbinic Studies and a Doctorate in Education.

Cantor Martin Goldstein

HOME	
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WEBSITE	www.HEAdenver.org
TIMES	Tu, Wed, Thu 3:00-6:30 pm; Sun 9:30 am-Noon
WHERE	Cantor's Office and Sanctuary at the HEA
LESSONS BEGIN	Typically 9 months prior to the date
LENGTH	Half hour lessons, once per week
CHARGE	\$1500 for the entire process, payable in quarterly installments or however a family is able.
PHILOSOPHY	Cantor Martin Goldstein is beginning his 22 nd year at the HEA and has tutored over 400 of our B'nai Mitzvah students. His philosophy is based on the overall experience of becoming a <i>b'nai mitzvah</i> and not just getting up on the <i>bimah</i> . We study in depth the <i>Torah</i> and/or <i>Haftarah</i> portions and what it means to become an adult in the Jewish community. Using modern recording techniques and the latest technology, Cantor Goldstein individually tailors CDs and MR3 recordings for his students to fit the range of their voices and abilities. Marty can always be reached for consultation and believes in having the entire family involved in this wonderful learning experience.
BIOGRAPHY	Cantor Martin Goldstein is a seventh generation <i>Chazzan</i> who is beginning his 22 nd year at the HEA. Cantor Goldstein began his training at age 6 with his father the late Cantor Jacob Goldstein and also sang and was tutored by many of the great cantors of the time including Cantor's Moshe Gantchoff and Shalom Katz. Cantor Goldstein received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance from The Empire State College of The State University of New York and studied voice with Russel Oberlin and Adele Addison of the Metropolitan Opera.

Sherry Grinsteiner

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WEBSITE	
TIMES	M, Tu, W, Th 3:00-8:00 pm; Sun 1:00-8:00 pm
WHERE	My home; by Skype if preferred
LESSONS BEGIN	9-12 months (as needed) prior to date
LENGTH	45 minutes to 1 hour
CHARGE	\$40 per lesson
PHILOSOPHY	I am familiar with the service, the expectations and the overall process of <i>b'nai mitzvah</i> preparations. I know firsthand what a wonderful (and stressful) time this can be for you and your child. Because of this I will do my best to ensure that tutoring will not be something you will need to worry about, and your child enjoys. I will work with your child to master the prayers, the <i>Torah</i> and <i>Haftarah</i> chanting. We will also discuss the <i>Torah</i> portion in length for a better understanding of his/her <i>parasha</i> . Just as important, we will strive to connect and understand their role (now that your child is considered an adult) within our community and with the Jewish people at large. My work as a <i>b'nai mitzvah</i> tutor is a blessing and a precious opportunity. For many kids it is a time where they build one of the most important foundations of their Jewish identity and a solid appreciation of Jewish traditions. The opportunity of teaching <i>bar/bat mitzvah</i> I take seriously; it will be my honor and privilege to tutor your child.
BIOGRAPHY	An Israeli and native Hebrew speaker and a member of the HEA for past 15 years, I have taught at the HEA's Religious School and led Junior Congregation for 5 years. I am also a mother of four sons all of who celebrated their <i>bar mitzvahs</i> at the HEA.

Fred Karp

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WEBSITE	
TIMES	M, Tu, W, Th after 5:45 pm; Shabbat afternoon
WHERE	HEA
LESSONS BEGIN	8 to 9 months prior to the date
LENGTH	45 minute lessons, varied as needed
CHARGE	\$1,200, additional travel charge if not at HEA
PHILOSOPHY	The <i>bar/bat mitzvah</i> ceremony is a first bridge between private and public prayer. I encourage students to find their place in the Jewish community, at the sametime guiding them to a technical level that allows them to understand and enjoy their moment and to continue their learning and practice.
BIOGRAPHY	

Marlene Richter

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TIMES	M, Th, W before and after class; summer
WHERE	
LESSONS BEGIN	9 to 12 months before date
LENGTH	Half hour to 45 minutes, depending on how close to date; second lesson per week if needed
CHARGE	\$130 per month
PHILOSOPHY	The first of many religious milestones that a Jewish youngster prepares for should be a memorable experience, one that is shared with generations to come. My goal with each student is to have them enjoy the preparation. Students will learn <i>their Haftarah, Torah</i> readings and the <i>Shacharit</i> or <i>Mincha</i> and <i>Maariv</i> services. I will also teach them the content of their <i>Torah</i> portion and the messages we can learn from the portion. Using this knowledge, they will be able to prepare an address for the congregation on their special day. Of course, parents and relatives can review the blessing with us. My specialty is nervous or shy students and parents.
BIOGRAPHY	

Jerry Rotenberg

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WEBSITE	
TIMES	Sunday mornings
WHERE	My home—near Leetsdale & Holly
LESSONS BEGIN	8 months prior to <i>bar/bat mitzvah</i>
LENGTH	45 minutes
CHARGE	\$40 per lesson
PHILOSOPHY	I prepare each student for their special day as well as give them a deeper understanding of the Torah and Haftarah portions. It is important for each student to know that their bar/bat mitzvah is only the first step in a life time of Jewish education. Students should feel confident on their special day as well as have an eagerness to continue their learning.
BIOGRAPHY	

Arden Wandel

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TIMES	Sun–Thur, Fri (if times permit)
WHERE	Home, Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai, HEA
LESSONS BEGIN	10 months prior to <i>bar/bat mitzvah</i> if student does not read Hebrew 7 months prior to <i>bar/bat mitzvah</i> if the student does read Hebrew
LENGTH	45-50 minutes
CHARGE	\$65 per lesson
PHILOSOPHY	I work with student on <i>Shacharit</i> first, so they understand the format of the service. Then I work on the <i>Haftarah</i> and <i>Torah</i> portions. I also teach <i>Torah</i> reading for Thursday morning.
BIOGRAPHY	I have been teaching for 55 years and have taught over 5000 students, including students out-of-state (San Diego, Massachusetts, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Aspen and Vail) by telephone.