

B'nai Mitzvah Tutor Information – 2010

Cantor Martin Goldstein 303/758-9400 (shul) 303/757-4533 (home)

Times available: T/W/Th afternoons, Sunday mornings
Where: HEA, Cantor's office
Lessons begin: 8 to 9 months prior to the bar/bat mitzvah date
Length: ½ hour lessons, varied as needed
Charge: \$1,500

Philosophy: My basic philosophy is very simple. Your child's Jewish life does not end at the bar/bat mitzvah. Our time together goes beyond chanting Torah, Haftorah and davening. I strive to establish a relationship that will engender a Jewish identity and love of Yiddishkeit that will carry them into young adulthood and beyond. Each child's lessons are tailored to meet the individual needs and capabilities of the student. I train each child to be the best that they can be, both musically and Judaically, while learning skills that they will have for a lifetime. I cherish the time I spend with my b'nai mitzvah kids.

Robin L. Hanssen 303/331-8631 (day and evening)

Times available: flexible
Where: My home (near Quebec and Alameda), flexible if needed
Lessons begin: 8 months – 1 year prior to the bar/bat mitzvah date, depending on skill level
Length: begins at 30 minutes, progresses up to an hour as needed
Charge: \$40/session

Philosophy: With a MAEd. in Jewish Education from the University of Judaism, I've taught bar/bat mitzvah preparation, Judaic studies, Hebrew and prayer to children and adults in a variety of settings for over 12 years. It is important to me that the time of bar/bat mitzvah preparation be meaningful for the student as well as for his/her family. I work to encourage the student to recognize that this transition is the true beginning of learning and Jewish living as a young adult. Inviting the parents to join me, I meet my students where they are individually, and gently but firmly I help to push them a bit further down the path of prayer knowledge and skill.

Steve Kapnik 303/753-9000 (office) 303/399-9438

Times available: Sunday mornings, T/Th evenings + other possible times
Where: my office (in Hilltop area), student's home, or the HEA
Lessons begin: 10 months – 1 year prior to the bar/bat mitzvah date
Length: 50 minutes
Charge: \$35/half hour or by agreement as necessary

Philosophy: In bar/bat mitzvah studies, I focus on understanding Hebrew in addition to training in skills. My goal as a teacher is to share enjoyable time learning together that will lead to a meaningful and accomplished bar/bat mitzvah and contribute to a lifelong comfort in services. My goal for my

Arden Wandel

303/355-1314 (day and evening)

Times available: Early mornings before school and after school M-F, Sunday
Where: Several synagogue locations
Lessons begin: If Hebrew skills are proficient, 6 months prior to the date, I first meet with the student and parents well in advance of the 6-month date
Length: 45 minutes
Charge: \$50/session

Philosophy: I always try to give a student a long-range view of where we will be as a people without our youth getting the proper education. I believe they must be prepared to lead services (not just Haftarah) so they can be comfortable in the synagogue as they grow into adulthood.