

#MITZVAH QUEST 2026-2027

Keeping the Mitzvah in B'nai Mitzvah!

Mazel tov! As part of preparing for B'nai Mitzvah, your child will take part in our #MitzvahQuest program a journey that combines a personal mitzvah project with shared family and Temple service experiences, allowing students to live out the values of *tzedakah* (charity), *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving-kindness), and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) as they step into Jewish adulthood. Through shared moments and Jewish values, we're building a culture where students and their families practice *mitzvot b'yachad* (good deeds together), deepening their connection to the Jewish community, the City of San Antonio, and the world around them.

- **Shabbat Attendance**

*Students are expected participate regularly in Jewish worship by attending Shabbat services; **at least six on Friday evenings and six on Saturday mornings** beginning after their meeting with Rabbi Nathan. This practice helps students and families feel comfortable with our prayers, melodies, and traditions, making the B'nai Mitzvah service even more meaningful.*

Sign in using a form or QR code at the Temple front desk and upload a photo of yourself at services.

- **Personal Mitzvah Project**

Students will design a meaningful and unique project that reflects their passions and values. Rabbi Jonathan Falco will work with students and families to shape their ideas at their d'var Torah meeting.

- **Social Action- Direct Service**

Students and families should take part in at least two Temple Beth-El volunteer projects during the year. These events are designed to bring our community together in hands-on, direct service.

- Sunday, October 18 (specific details coming soon)
- December Mitzvah Month - any of our Temple opportunities)
- Sunday, January 31 (specific details coming soon)
- Sunday, Good Deeds Day, April 4 - any of our Temple opportunities)

To deepen personal impact, students will write short reflections after each experience. At least three reflections are required, with one for the personal mitzvah project and two for Temple-sponsored volunteer events. Students will submit reflections online at <https://tinyurl.com/mitzvahquestreflection>

Families unable to attend two events may propose an alternate project with Rabbi Falco's approval.

Each project and service should be treated with *kavod* (respect), punctuality, and openness. At least one adult family member should take part alongside the student, modeling our shared Jewish values in action. All projects and reflections should be completed at least one month before the student's B'nai Mitzvah date.

More B'nai Mitzvah Resources can be found on our Website: beth-elsa.org/bnai

Or by scanning the QR code

