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BAR – MITZVAH INFORMATION PACKAGE

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PARENT INFORMATION

1. **Tefillin** – must be Kosher, and can be purchased through Chabad (or by a pre-approved source agreed upon by Rabbi Matusof). Budget is approximately \$425.00.
2. **Frequency of classes** - once a week. Close to Bar-Mitzvah, it will be more often.
3. The child is expected to know, learn and *do his homework*; otherwise it is a *waste* of everyone's time.
4. **Photographs** – cannot be taken on Shabbat, but can be taken during the week.
5. **Reception, Kiddush, caterers etc.** - *All* Bar-Mitzvah arrangements *must* be approved by Rabbi Matusof.
6. **Invitations** – Should also be reviewed by Rabbi Matusof.
7. A Shabbos experience with the family at the Rabbi's house.
8. **Instructor** - Rabbi Matusof, other Rabbi on staff, and some classes with other qualified staff members.
9. **Cost of Bar-Mitzvah** – Our Policy is Open door/No Membership, however we **must** get financial support from members of our community, *especially those benefiting from our programs*. Money will *not* be in the way of preparing your child for the Bar-Mitzvah, however, we *hope* you will not abuse this **warm** open-door policy, and **will contribute to the extent of your ability**, and help Calgary-Chabad go on with its work.

Suggested contribution for classes and actual Bar-Mitzvah is \$1200.00. Post-dated cheques or credit cards are welcome. Feel free to spread payments for up to two years (\$50-100 per month). *If you cannot afford this contribution, please feel free to discuss it with Rabbi Matusof.*

Please Note: For the use of the kitchen, hall for Kiddush, and Kiddush, there will be a charge. The amount depends on use. This should be discussed with Rabbi Shimon Bercovice.



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CONTENTS FOR BAR-MITZVAH CLASSES

1. The meaning behind Bar-Mitzvah
2. How to put on Tefillin
3. Read blessings (according to ability) for:
 - A. Aliya
 - B. HafTorah
 - C. Hamotzi
 - D. Bentching
 - E. Lead parts of the service
4. General information about Jewish history, ethics, customs, holidays and values.
 - A. All the holidays –
 - Rosh Hashana
 - Yom Kippur
 - Sukkot
 - Simchat Torah
 - Chanukah
 - Purim
 - Pesach
 - Shavu'ot
 - B. History
 - C. The Synagogue – objects ...
 - D. Bris Mila
 - E. Fast Days
 - F. Tefillin
 - G. Shabbos
 - H. Mezuzah – scribe, Torah scroll
 - I. Kashruth
 - J. Brochos
 - K. Tzedakah
 - L. Talis and Tzitzis
 - M. Israel – the Holy Land
 - N. Judaism in modern society
 - O. Peer pressure
 - P. Judaism on the internet



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APPLICATION FORM

CHILD'S INFO

English name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ ____ ____
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Time: _____ am/pm

Hebrew Date (if known): _____

Schools Attended: _____

Past membership in a synagogue YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please list: _____

Past attendance at synagogue YES _____ NO _____

Please describe the knowledge level of your child: _____

Child's previous Hebrew education (if any): _____

Does your child have any learning difficulties with general studies? ____ YES ____ NO

If yes, please describe: _____

GENERAL:

Were there any conversions and/or adoptions in the family? ____ YES ____ NO

If yes, please explain: _____

PARENTS FIRST & LAST NAMES: _____

Home Address: _____ Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Married? _____ Divorced? _____ Date of marriage _____ Place of marriage _____

Jewish Marriage? YES NO If YES: Congregation: _____ City _____ Country _____

Name of Rabbi _____ (Please attach Ketuba – Marriage Contract)

FATHER'S INFO:

Father's First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

JEWISH _____ KOHEN _____ LEVI _____ YISRAEL _____ CONVERTED _____

Grandfather's (father's father) first and last name: _____



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Grandfather's (father's father) first Hebrew or Yiddish name: _____

JEWISH _____ KOHEN _____ LEVI _____ YISRAEL _____ CONVERTED _____

Grandmother's (father's mother) first and last name: _____

Grandmother's (father's mother) first Hebrew or Yiddish name: _____

JEWISH _____ KOHEN _____ LEVI _____ YISRAEL _____ CONVERTED _____

Father's Work: _____ Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

List people who know you:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

MOTHER'S INFO:

Mother's First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

JEWISH _____ KOHEN _____ LEVI _____ YISRAEL _____ CONVERTED _____

Grandfather's (Mother's father) first and last name: _____

Grandfather's (Mother's father) First Hebrew or Yiddish name: _____

JEWISH _____ KOHEN _____ LEVI _____ YISRAEL _____ CONVERTED _____

Grandmother's (mother's mother) first and last name: _____

Grandmother's (Mothers mother) first Hebrew or Yiddish name: _____

JEWISH _____ KOHEN _____ LEVI _____ YISRAEL _____ CONVERTED _____

Mother's Work: _____ Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

List people who know you:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are you planning to make a party? If yes, please check: Chabad House _____ Other _____ Kosher Event? Yes No

Are you planning to sponsor (Please Circle): A Kiddush? Adult Education Class? Dedicate a Brick? Other

(Please describe) _____



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Planned Day of Bar-Mitzvah: _____

Please describe all plans of the Bar-Mitzvah celebration: _____

Please describe your specific requests (if any): _____

Financial Commitment: I/We will continue to commit to a pledge in honor of my/our son's Bar-Mitzvah, and help cover cost in the amount totaling _____, payable in the form of:

Check enclosed Post-dated checks Amount: _____

Please charge my VISA Master Card cc. # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Date: _____

I have also read the Parent Information and agree to all the points.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

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In some cases proof of Jewish identity might be required. Rabbi Matusof will be more than happy to guide and help you get what ever is required. Please when possible attach as many Jewish documents as possible. (IE Ketuba, photos of headstones of grandparents, photos etc).

Rabbi's Comments: _____
