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“Working with Wendy and the entire staff at the Hilton Carillon was a phenomenal experience. I would do it all over again in a heartbeat. I just wish we had another child, so we could plan another Bar or Bat Mitzvah at the Hilton Carillon!”

-Jenny Alexander



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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planning Calendar

- 1-3 years in advance**
 - Begin to meet educational requirements.
 - Set date and begin to gather information to decide format.
- 9 to 12 months in advance**
 - Determine budget.
 - Plan tentative guest list.
 - Select theme.
 - Select and reserve site for main reception.
 - Interview and contract with professionals including party planner, caterer, photographer, florist and entertainment.
 - Meet with synagogue staff to discuss Bar/Bat Mitzvah policies.
- 6 to 9 months in advance**
 - Reserve facilities for such functions as Shabbat eve dinner and Sunday brunch.
 - Select and order invitations and thank you notes.
 - Select caterer for oneg and kiddush
 - Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests, especially if your event is “in season.”
 - Complete guest list and collect addresses.
- 4 to 6 months in advance**
 - Send Save The Date cards.
 - Order any imprinted items, like yarmulkes, napkins.
 - Recontact caterer, restaurant or hotel with approximate number of guests.
 - Make menu selections.
 - Make a list of clothing needs.
 - Order flowers/decorations for synagogue, reception.
- 2 to 3 months in advance**
 - Address invitations and mail
- to out-of-towners.**
 - Purchase religious items such as yarmulke and tallit.
 - Help with child’s speech.
 - Have formal picture taken for sign-in board, synagogue bulletin, newspaper.
 - Finalize bakery order to include challah for kiddush and Bar/Bat Mitzvah cake.
- 6-8 weeks in advance**
 - Mail invitations to local guests.
 - Send announcement to the synagogue bulletin.
- 4 weeks in advance**
 - Finalize hotel reservations and plan hospitality baskets for out-of-town guests.
 - Determine transportation arrangements as needed.
 - Send announcement and photo to the *Jewish Press*.
 - Finalize arrangements with rabbi, i.e. aliyot honors.
 - Complete candle lighting or other reception presentation.
- 2 weeks in advance**
 - Draw up seating plan.
 - Make place cards.
- Final week**
 - Have final consultation with caterer, florist, photographer, entertainment and confirm schedules.
 - Confirm head count/floor plan with caterer.
 - Deliver items, i.e. yarmulke and programs to synagogue.
 - Deliver hospitality baskets to the hotel.
 - Rehearsal at the synagogue.
 - Relax and enjoy!

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