

LEADERSHIP IN THE SERVICE

When a student has completed all of their required studies (Torah Service prayers, Torah and Haftarah readings, etc.), they may choose to take on further leadership in the service in consultation with the hazzan.

Kiddush:

The chanting of the Kiddush during the Friday evening service is an especially meaningful way to begin Shabbat. Most students are encouraged to learn the prayer for blessing the wine and recite it during the Friday Night Service before their B-Mitzvah.

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv:

Students can learn to lead these two parts of the Friday evening service in coordination with the hazzan. They will have to have a good musical ear and a strong work ethic to master all of the prayers contained in these services. Sometimes, a student will choose to do either Kabbalat Shabbat or Ma'ariv so as to lessen the pressure of learning the entire evening service.

Shabbat Morning Shacharit:

This service begins with "Shochan Ad" and runs through to "Kaddish Shalem." It includes lots of liturgy that the student will be unfamiliar with and have to learn diligently. Some children choose this portion to lead if they prefer chanting/davening in front of fewer people.

Shabbat Musaf Service:

The Musaf service is more familiar to our students because they study it in the 6th grade year in Junior Congregation. Therefore, they are much more familiar with the liturgy and prep time is considerably smaller. There are larger crowds during Musaf as the service is almost at its conclusion.

Other Davening Opportunities:

There are several vibrant minyanim at Beth El (Minyan Chaverim, Early Morning Minyan, Daily Minyan) that are happy to have student daveners looking to practice their skills or lead services that may not be available on the day of their B-Mitzvah. Consult the hazzan for help in finding the right opportunity for your child.