

23 Kislev, 5779

December 1, 2018

BAR MITZVAH PROJECT

In honor of his Bar Mitzvah, Max continues the tradition of doing a “mitzvah” or good deed. Max is creating a team to walk in the National Brain Tumor Society’s annual DC Race for Hope. The walk will take place on May 5, 2019 at Freedom Plaza. Max will email you more details as the date gets closer. In the meantime, please take a Save the Date card and a bracelet (found downstairs in the Social Hall), and check out Team Schneider’s webpage at www.brainumorcommunity.org/goto/teamschneiders.

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

At the conclusion of the service, everyone is invited to join Max and his family for a Kiddush luncheon in the Social Hall, located one flight down from the Main Sanctuary.

SIXTH & I HISTORIC SYNAGOGUE

In the early 1900s, Chinatown was home to a vibrant Jewish community of German, Russian, and Eastern European immigrants. Designed by architect Louis Levi, this building was completed in 1908 as the second home of the Adas Israel Congregation. When Adas Israel relocated to Cleveland Park in 1951, this building became the home of Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church.

The building was put up for sale in 2002 and advertised as “suitable for a nightclub.” The head of the Jewish Historical Society appealed to the Jewish community to save the building. Within 24 hours, three local real estate developers - one Orthodox, one Conservative, and one Reform – bought the building. Renovations were completed in 2004 and the building was rededicated as Sixth & I Historic Synagogue.

Sixth & I is now a hybrid center for arts, entertainment, and ideas. It is a synagogue that reimagines how religion and community can enhance people’s everyday lives.

BAR MITZVAH

of

MAX ELI GENDERSON

מנחם אליהו

son of

STACI WALKES & RICK GENDERSON



*A Jewish home opens its heart;
A child is born
And his link to the generations is
proclaimed.*

*Today, a child, nearly grown,
Is called to read from the Torah
And is welcomed into our congregation.*

May this moment in time be blessed.

Hill Havurah of Washington, DC

Rabbi Hannah Spiro

We are honored and touched that you are sharing this very special day with us. Today's ceremony marks Max's coming of age within the Jewish community. As a **Bar Mitzvah** – translated as “son of the commandment” – Max assumes all of the religious, ethical, and moral responsibilities of a Jewish adult. He will, for the first time, put on the *tallit* (prayer shawl) that his Grandma Charlotte and Grandpa Abe bought for him in Israel when he was only 6 months old. He will then proudly wear that *tallit* as he leads the congregation in prayer and when he is, for the first time, called to the Torah by his Hebrew name.

The **Torah** - which is handwritten on parchment without vowels, punctuation, or notes – contains the Five Books of Moses. It is the foundation of Jewish law, history, and custom. The melodies – or cantillations - you will hear today have been handed down for thousands of years. Thank you Michael for teaching Max how to **leyn Torah** and for making Max part of that unbreakable chain of Jewish learners.

Max's **Torah** portion comes from the Book of Genesis. It is the story of Joseph during the time of his enslavement and imprisonment in Egypt. Today's **Torah** portion will be read in eight sections. Each section is preceded and followed by blessings of thanks for the gift of Torah.

Max will also chant the **Haftarah** and its blessings using a different ancient cantillation melody. Following the chanting of the **Haftarah** and its blessings, we will shower Max with candy to celebrate the sweetness of the moment.

Max will then share a **D'var Torah**, an interpretation or teaching from the **Torah** portion we read today. The **Torah** is then returned to the Ark at the conclusion of the **Torah** service.

We are delighted to honor the following relatives and friends during the **Torah** service:

Opening the Ark Evan, Ryan, Kavi, and Rivi (Cousins)

Aliyot (Torah Blessings) and Torah Readings

1. **Blessing:** Grandma Charlotte and Grandpa Abe
Reader: Max
2. **Blessing:** Grandma Barbara and Pop-Pop Joe
Reader: Max
3. **Blessing:** Staci and Rick
Reader: Max
4. **Blessing:** Aunt Wendi, Aunt Amita, and Uncle Gregg
Reader: Staci
5. **Blessing:** Aunt Lori, Aunt Donna, and Uncle Bruce
Reader: Aunt Donna and Uncle Bruce
6. **Blessing:** Kara, Dan, Morgan, and Josh (Siblings)
Reader: Rabbi Hannah
7. **Blessing:** Michael Allen (Teacher)
Reader: Max
8. **Blessing:** Max
Reader: Max

Haftarah – Chanted by Max from the **Book of Amos**

Hagbah/Gelilah Jake and Margo (Cousins)

Prayer for Peace Elyse and Hal (Cousins)

Prayer for Future Alana and Dan (Cousins)

Prayer for Leaders Rachel and Sam (Cousins)

Prayer for Israel Jamie and Bryan (Cousins)

Opening the Ark Evan, Ryan, Kavi, and Rivi (Cousins)

Returning the Torah Jake and Margo (Cousins)