

B'nai Mitzvah Worksheet - Temple Adas Shalom

This worksheet will help the B'nai Mitzvah candidate and family have a better understanding about the parsha and Haftarah portions. It may also be helpful to the student when he/she writes his/her B'nai Mitzvah drash (speech). **PLEASE SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY to the Rabbi at Rabbi@templeadasshalom.org before your child begins the tutoring process or if they have already begun, ASAP.**

Questions on Torah Parsha

- 1) Name of Parsha and Chapter/Verses reviewed _____
- 2) List the primary characters (if applicable) mentioned in parsha (excluding long lists)
- 3) List at least five laws (mitzvot) mentioned in parsha (if applicable)
- 4) What is the role of God in this parsha?
- 5) What does this parsha teach us about a moral/ethical basis of Judaism?
- 6) What does this parsha tell us about how Jews worshipped God differently (or the same) in Ancient Judaism from today?
- 7) In this parsha, what elements are still relevant to modern day Judaism and what elements are no longer relevant to modern day Judaism?
- 8) What three questions do you have about what you read in this parsha? These can be philosophical questions like: "Why was idolatry considered to be so evil?"
- 9) Which section of the parsha would you like to be read at your Bar or Bat Mitzvah? (at least 9 verses)

Questions on Haftarah Verses

- 1) Selection of Haftarah verses associated with Torah portion or holiday (get from tutor)
- 2) What prophet(s) are mentioned in this portion?
- 3) If the Haftarah is written in prose (narrative format), what is the primary content?
- 4) What is the role of God in this portion?
- 5) If the Haftarah is poetry, find three images or metaphors.
- 6) In this portion, what elements are still relevant to modern day Judaism and what are no longer relevant to modern day Judaism?
- 7) What three questions do you have about what you read in this Haftarah portion?