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?