



Bat Mitzvah Club, 2015-2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Chabad of North Fulton's Bat Mitzvah Club!

Several years ago I ran the Bat Mitzvah Club as an intern spending the year in the community serving as the youth director for Chabad. Today I am back as a married woman having recently moved to the area with my husband Yitz, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to direct the Bat Mitzvah Club once again.

The Bat Mitzvah Club is a very unique program for Jewish girls of Bat Mitzvah age. A Bat Mitzvah is not just another birthday; it is an important time in a girl's growing years. A Bat Mitzvah symbolizes the turning point in a Jewish girl's life as she enters her teen years, and begins to explore her identity. The Bat Mitzvah Club Program emphasizes this important stage in her life and regards it as a process of learning and discovering, rather than just a birthday celebration.

The Club serves as a forum for discussion and learning about the real meaning of becoming a Bat Mitzvah. It encourages the girls to explore all about this unique time in their lives, and to gain new perspectives on their position as females, young adults, and as Jews.

Through a combination of learning and fun, the girls also develop friendships and a sense of unity with other Jewish girls their age. The club leaders infuse each club meeting with positive energy and a unique connection to Jewish concepts and ancestry. Joining the Bat Mitzvah Club will provide your daughter with Jewish pride, confidence and knowledge.

The Bat Mitzvah Club curriculum follows the lives of Jewish women of our past. Typically, each meeting focuses on an important woman from the bible or Jewish history. We talk about her family, her life, the trials she lived through, and what gave her courage to face the challenges of her time. Depending on the meeting's topic and discussion, related activities (e.g. cooking, baking, crafts), and games are planned accordingly. This way the women of our past become alive and their lessons and legacy become a part of the girls lives. It is an exciting curriculum, filled with beautiful Jewish traditions and fascinating personalities. Throughout the year the girls will gain a strong sense of being part of our vibrant heritage, past, present and future. We hope they will gain an appreciation for being the next link in the chain of Jewish life.

Enclosed you will find a registration form for application to the Bat Mitzvah Club. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and comments at Chana@chabadnf.org

I look forward to hearing from you!!

Sincerely,

Chana Frankforter

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Registration Information:

- The Bat Mitzvah Club is for Jewish girls, ages 11-13.
- The Bat Mitzvah Club is designed for girls of Bat Mitzvah age to learn about this special stage in their life. Meetings include learning, discussions, activities, crafts and more. There is a closing ceremony at the end of the program for all members of the club.
- The club fee is \$300 for the year. (Checks should be made payable to Chabad of North Fulton.)
- Please complete and send in the registration form with a \$50 deposit in order to secure a place in the Bat Mitzvah Club.
- The Club will meet on Monday nights, twice a month, throughout the school year, from 6:30-8:00 pm. A full schedule will be sent to you after registration.

Applicant Requirements:

- It is not required that applicant have any previous Jewish education.
- It is not required that applicant and her family belong to a synagogue.
- We ask our applicants to excitedly anticipate an awesome year in the Bat Mitzvah Club!!
- Our Bat Mitzvah Club is an exclusive program for girls of Bat Mitzvah age and is not connected to any Bat Mitzvah ceremony or celebration one may want to have. For more info on having a service or ceremony to celebrate a Bat Mitzvah please contact our office at: 770-410-9000



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Student's email address: _____ Parents email address: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Applicant has been a student at a Jewish Day School or Hebrew School affiliated with a synagogue.

Name of School: _____ Year(s) attended: _____

Are both parents Jewish by birth? Yes No – Explain: _____

Is applicant Jewish by birth? Yes No – Explain: _____

Does applicant's family belong to a synagogue?

Yes – Name of synagogue _____

No – We are not affiliated with any synagogue

Bat Mitzvah Club membership Fee - \$300

Amount Enclosed: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

