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Invitations Announce Your Bar or Bat Mitzvah Event Part I of a 3 Part Series

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Your Bar and Bat Mitzvah invitation announces your event to the recipient and asks them to share in the joy of your mitzvah. The invitation provides an order of events, from the religious service through extended celebrations. Information about receptions or parties should be included for those persons *you intend to invite*.

It is a Jewish Mitzvah, or blessing, to share the joy of a loved one, relative or friend. So an important step for many is a 'Save the Date' announcement. This acts as a prelude to the actual invitation. It can take the form of an oral or written communication as soon as the celebrant's date is received. Date assignments are generally years in advance but be sure to give notice to important family members and friends to insure ahead of time that they do not make other plans on your special day.

The order of events on the formal invitation must include the date and time of the service as well as its location. This is the most important information you will provide. Make sure you include the name of the location, street address and town where the service is being held. Directions and maps on supplemental inserts may be provided for people coming from different areas, as well as distant states or countries.

You should make arrangements for out-of-towners, unfamiliar with the area, with hotels for accommodations or for staying with relatives. Try to reserve rooms at a hotel in advance if you will be having a party celebration after the bar/bat mitzvah. Most hotels will furnish a card to insert in your invitation with hotel details. Be sure to inquire about discounts for your guests.

In your invitation you should also provide details if other party celebrations are planned. These include pre- and post-party dinners, receptions and even open houses, picnics, outings, etc. Some guests may be invited to all events (i.e. close family members), some guests to selected events, and some may be invited to just the service.

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