

BAT MITZVAH APPLICATION FOR ☐ STUDY PROGRAMME / ☐ DVAR TORAH BOOKING

Bat Mitzvah girl's details

Surname	Given Names
Date of birth	Time
Hebrew name	
School attending	
Brief history of Jewish education: _____	

Parent's details <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member		<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	
Father's full name		Mother's full name	
Hebrew name		Hebrew name	
Father's tribe (tick 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Cohen <input type="checkbox"/> Levi <input type="checkbox"/> Yisrael		Mother's Maiden name	
Address		Address	
Suburb	Postcode	Suburb	Postcode
Phone (H)	Mobile	Phone (H)	Mobile
Phone (B)	Fax	Phone (B)	Fax
Email		Email	
Marriage Date	Place	Rabbi	
Current status <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Father remarried <input type="checkbox"/> Mother remarried			
Other details: _____			

Other children

Child's full name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth
Child's full name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth
Child's full name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth
Child's full name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth

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<input type="checkbox"/> Ketubah supplied.	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth cert. supplied.	Eligibility Approved by Chief Rabbi _____
Date Application received _____	Date of Dvar Torah _____	

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Thank you for choosing our Shule for your Bat Mitzvah. We wish you and your daughter well on this wonderful journey into adulthood and are happy to guide you along the process.

Delicate cases

This is a religious milestone and, therefore, applies only to those who are halachically Jewish. **The onus is on the applicants to disclose to the Synagogue any circumstances that may affect the Bat Mitzvah.**

- Where the applicants have failed to disclose such information, the Congregation has the right, at any time, to cancel the application.
- Matters of a delicate nature may be discussed in confidence with the Rabbi.
- The applicants agree to abide by the Congregation's rules and rulings of its Rabbi.
- In cases of Divorce, separation or variations in custody etc., both parents and (where applicable) guardians or other relevant persons must sign and are bound by the terms of the application.
- **When this application is returned & accepted by the Congregation, the Bar Mitzvah date will be advised to the parents.**

A. Year-long study programme

Registered students participate in an exciting course of learning and activities over a year. The sessions are typically held each Sunday evening during each school term. More information can be found in the accompanying brochure. Exact details of the Bat Mitzvah programme are provided by our teacher, Tali Koth (batmitzvah@stkildashule.org or 0419 585 450) at the beginning of the year.

Throughout the programme the Bnot Mitzvah become good friends and will celebrate the culmination of their studies and activities in a combined **Group Ceremony** at the end of the year. The date and form of this celebration will be decided cooperatively by the Teacher, Bnot Mitzvah and parents.

Girls are encouraged to share this programme with their friends and thus we invite you to pass on this invitation to those families who are not already members of our congregation.

Fees: Tuition per student is \$800 (members) or \$960 (non-members) of which a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$200.00 must accompany all applications. This is deducted from the tuition fee, with the remainder payable at the commencement of the course. As part of the programme, new families also receive a one-year membership to the St Kilda Hebrew congregation.

B. Dvar Torah

In addition to learning and activities, each Bat Mitzvah is encouraged to deliver a *Dvar Torah* – a presentation about a Jewish topic – in our Shule. The choice of topic is chosen by the Bat Mitzvah guided by her teacher, and must be approved by the Rabbi. Assistance is available in the research and preparation of a suitable presentation, through Tali, but this may incur an additional cost, to be arranged privately with her.

A reservation for the *Dvar Torah* may be made in consultation with the Rabbi. In recent years, girls and their families have opted to either have their Bat Mitzvah *Dvar Torah* on a Friday night, a Shabbat morning or a Shabbat afternoon. Feel free to discuss the options with the Rabbi. The Shule will print copies of the *Dvar Torah* and have them available for the guests on the occasion that the Dvar Torah is said. You may wish to consider providing a kiddush/refreshments following the service.

Fees: The cost of booking the Shule for the Dvar Torah is free for members (families of girls in the study programme are entitled to a free membership for the year and so are considered members for this purpose) and \$400 for non-members (not doing the year-long study programme).

Next steps

1. **Complete this form** and return it to the office with a copy of your child's birth certificate, copy of your Ketubah and payment of the non-refundable deposit (\$200).
2. **Contact Tali** if you have any questions in relation to the study programme.
3. **Appointment with the Rabbi.**
4. **The payment of the balance of Bat Mitzvah study programme fees** (\$600 for members, \$760 for non-members) by the end of February of the year in which the programme is undertaken.
5. **The payment of the balance of Bat Mitzvah Dvar Torah fees** (\$0 for members and those in the study programme, \$200 for non-members not in the study programme) no less than 30 days before the Dvar Torah.
6. **You may also wish to have a kiddush** following the Shabbat service. We are able to assist you with this.

Final considerations

Supervision of children: St Kilda Hebrew Congregation's premises are not supervised. You accept full responsibility for the supervision of children who attend the Bat Mitzvah without a parent or guardian. Should you require assistance with the supervision of your guests, you are required to make arrangements at your own cost.

Reception: The importance of kosher catering under acceptable rabbinic supervision cannot be overstressed.

SIGNATURE/S OF APPLICANTS	Date	Date
OFFICE USE:		
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES _____		

RABBI _____		