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Raising the Bar is Lab/Shul's innovative, personalized B Mitzvah program, re-imagining the process and product of this rite of passage in the 21st Century, led by Naomi Less along with a community of carefully selected and trained educators and artists.

RAISING THE BAR

Why "B Mitzvah"?

Lab/Shul prefers this gender neutral, inclusive and everybody-friendly reflection of today's diverse and evolving population.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- **Personal Training:** Individual and group learning opportunities for pre-teens, mobilizing each participant's sense of inquiry, creativity, and learning style.
- **Family and Cohort Learning:** Family Holiday Programs promoting an all-ages, in-depth exploration of this journey and deepened communal connections along with social action programming for our teens with partner organizations around NYC promoting communal and civic consciousness.
- **Re-imagined Ritual:** Private B Mitzvah ceremony tailored to your family's approach, customs, and sensibilities.
- **Paying It Forward:** Carefully Curated post-B Mitzvah actions, activities and social gatherings for Raising The Bar graduates



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT RTB

"The B Mitzvah was so unexpected and wonderful. I was expecting the usual and this was anything but. How nice it was to actually understand Torah and to not be bored to tears during the service! It felt so real, tender, creative, deep, and moving."

— B Mitzvah Guest

"Raising the Bar provided a framework for Ari to build a service that embraced tradition and reflected who she is. Not only was the day so much more meaningful than I ever anticipated, but the process leading up to it was incredibly enriching for our family."

— RTB Parent

WHATS UNIQUE ABOUT RAISING THE BAR

Child-Centered Teaching that ignites curiosity, develops skills, and provides the building blocks for life-long connection to Jewish heritage and universal values- infused with joy, positivity, and personal meaning.

Artist-Driven Curriculum utilizing Lab/Shul's signature pedagogy, the Storahelling Maven Method , integrating Judaism's oldest storytelling traditions with contemporary stagecraft and educational theory.

God-Optional Ideology that opens a conversation, invites questions, and respects each child's journey.

Everybody-Friendly Approach inviting all family members to the process and celebration- inclusive of all faiths, beliefs, ethnicities, and sexual and gender identities

Full Family Engagement celebrating the coming of age and transformation of the child as well as the entire family.

Digital Education Techniques that employ next-gen technology, fortify student skills, and promote innovation and deepen connections.

"No Strings Attached" Policy that encourages each family to make the most of this journey by joining the Lab/Shul community for regular worship events and communal rituals. However, membership is not required.

ALL INCLUSIVE COST STRUCTURE

- Forty-five (45) one-hour, individual sessions with a certified Storahelling Maven Method™ guide
- Guidance on a personalized post Mitzvah "Pay it Forward" social justice project
- Monthly cohort-based social justice and family programming, including holiday parties
- Three (3) individual family learning and ritual planning sessions with a member of the Lab/Shul ritual team
- A custom ritual designed to suit the unique needs of your family and child
- A full year of no-strings-attached Lab/Shul Partnership (membership) benefits

To learn more about Partnership at Lab/Shul, visit: www.labshul.org/partnership



LET'S TALK

We know the B Mitzvah process can be wrought with stress about... everything. Talk to us about how we can support your family's needs- spiritually, emotionally, or financially.

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