

Dear parents,

Welcome to GEMS Bat Mitzvah Club 2021.

We can't wait for an exciting, meaningful and fun year ahead at Bat Mitzvah Club! It is such an amazing year for the girls - to be empowered and inspired in their lives as Jewish women whilst forging new friendships and developing their identity and pride in their Jewish heritage.

Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of your daughter's Bat Mitzvah preparation. It is a job we take seriously and try our hardest to make the program innovative and meaningful!

The first week of Bat Mitzvah Club will take place on March 3rd.

The calendar for our year is packed with fantastic lesson topics, incursions and excursions which will make the learning memorable, stimulating and inspiring for the girls.

We have a wonderful class of girls in Bat Mitzvah Club, from a diverse range of schools. Bat Mitzvah Club is a great place to meet new girls and make new friends!

A calendar with all our lesson dates is included in this email. Please keep the calendar handy to be aware of when our lessons are on!

To keep our lessons informal and to best benefit the girls learning, we will be divided into 2 groups. Rikkie Wolf, an experienced teacher who has taught at BMC before will be working closely with me, and we will each teach both classes, switching each week. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call anytime on 0430087874 or contact me via email at chana@chabadgleneira.com.

Kind regards,

Chana Loebenstein

BMC director and teacher

Class time:

WEDNESDAY:

5:15-6:30 pm

Drop off and pick up:

The class is located on the 1st floor of Chabad Glen Eira, 484 Glen Eira Rd, Caulfield. Enter the building through the side entrance.

Please use the security code to enter the front gate. The code is **C9613**. Please do not ring the bell to enter, as this is disruptive if a class has already begun and I cannot leave the class to answer the door.

At the conclusion of your daughter's class, you are welcome to come upstairs and collect her. Alternatively, girls can wait at the gate with the security guard. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your daughter.

Parental involvement:

We have a few occasions where parents or grandparents are invited to join us for the session. These include the Challah Bake (grandmothers and siblings are welcome too!); the CCare cook-off; the Remember Me holocaust session and the mother daughter Mikvah tour. I understand that some parents are unable to attend some of these sessions due to work or family commitments and that is ok, they are not compulsory. For those who are able to attend, we look forward to having you join us. Dates for these sessions will be sent out a few weeks prior to each session.

Safety:

Your child's safety is our number one priority; we will ensure Gems Bat Mitzvah Club's environment is the safest environment possible. We have undergone a course from ChildWise and attend monthly meetings with the "Safeguarding Children" organization ensuring our programs, policies and staff are trained and educated to ensure that all children attending our school are given the best care in the safest environment possible. To request a copy of our policies please email or call us.

Fees:

Gems Bat Mitzvah Club fees are direct debited from your nominated credit card prior to the start of every term. The 2021 cost is \$145 a term, plus \$25 security levy a term. For all fees related enquiries please contact Sari at the Chabad Glen Eira office on 95327299 or email office@chabadgleneira.com.

Communication:

If there is anything throughout the year you would like to discuss, nothing is too minor, please feel free to call or email Chana at any time.

Shabbaton:

The Gems Bat Mitzvah Club Shabbaton is always the highlight of our year! The girls enjoy a complete Shabbat experience away. We depart on Friday afternoon and return on Saturday night.

The date for the Shabbaton is:

11th-12th June.

It will be held at Point Leo Camp - <https://www.pointleo.camp/>

Details regarding the Shabbaton will be sent out at the beginning of term 2.

End of year ceremony:

The end of year ceremony is always a beautiful event celebrating the culmination of the girls' year of learning in preparation for their Bat Mitzvah. Families can invite guests of family and friends to partake in the Simcha, where the girls each prepare and give over a Dvar Torah on a topic of her choice relating to our theme.

The date for the ceremony is:

7th November

There will be one final Bat Mitzvah class the week following the ceremony as an end of year party.

CLASS LISTS:

CLASS 1:

Sophie Basist
Tehila Levy
Kaylee Brajtberg
Sasha Feldman
Lily Litinsky
Shyla Faber
Phoebe Binstock
Miley Siegel
Cara Grant
Goldie Weingart
Timnah Rockman

CLASS 2:

Jasmine Morris
Sophia Aidone
Emma Aufgang
Ella Etzion
Deena Eppel
Jessica Lashansky
Zoe Bulkin
Ally Spanger
Mimi Efron
Sasha Luftig