

Set Apart Ministries

Self Study Guide for

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Honor

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A Self-Guided Study course in the Hebrew Roots of the Christian Faith
(This outline can also be used as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah study course.)

General Guidelines

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah tradition within Judaism, though an excellent concept, is not explicitly commanded in Scripture. In a sense, it is a rite marking the passage from childhood to pre-adulthood, and from innocence to moral and spiritual accountability. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah age of 13 for a boy and 12 for a girl corresponds with the arrival of puberty and the awakening within the young person of the fuller meaning of life, responsibility and character. At this age, spiritual and moral choices are being made that will chart a course for the rest of one's life. A wise and discerning parent will recognize this crucial time in a young person's life and will seize the opportunity to establish a spiritual and moral foundation that will act as a compass to guide their child for the rest of her or her life.

This is a main purpose behind the bar/bat mitzvah ritual. In addition, completion of the program gives the young person a sense of great accomplishment and self-confidence as he or she prepares to exercise a greater role within the spiritual community. A similar ritual exists in certain Christian denominations where there are catechism or confirmation classes that a young person goes through for several years. In reality, this is a type of spiritual indoctrination in the denomination's beliefs, resulting in confirmation of one's faith and full recognition into the spiritual community.

Bar (Son) or Bat (Daughter) Mitzvah (Of the Commandments) is an honor or status conferred upon any one of the minimum age requirement who has completed the requirements. There is no maximum age for reaching this honor. Leaders and elders of each Torah pursuant community establish their own requirements since there are no universal guidelines established in Judaism. When a child has achieved this status, they are viewed by the community as being fully established in covenantal relationship with YHWH Elohim and the community and are to be viewed by the members with the honor and respect such a status entails.

These guidelines are comprehensive and attempt to address the knowledge of Torah (both Written and Living Torah) as well as personal, emotional, relational, and spiritual needs for our members to move toward the maturity into Messiah our Head that our community strives to develop.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates are advised to maintain a notebook chronicling all they have done toward earning their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, including written assignments. This guide may be printed out and used as a check off list for that purpose. This record is then presented to the Leaders/Elders of the community and witnesses at the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. They may also choose to ask another member of the community, or a parent, to be confirmed by the leadership, to assist them in maintaining accountability along the way. We do not have formal Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes and do not foresee this in the near future so each candidate will need to be proactive and responsible to document what they have studied.

These guidelines may be modified as determined by the leadership of Set Apart Ministries. Some of them may have been met prior to participation with Set Apart Ministries at the discretion of our leaders yet the honor would not be conferred with less than one year's participation with our community. We affirm that knowledge alone is not sufficient but needs to be clearly shown as part of one's lifestyle and relationships, walking it out in love.

Requirements

- ___ Read the entire Bible at least once through
- ___ Write your own salvation Testimony and statement of faith about your view of the Written Torah and Yeshua the Living Torah
- ___ Be born from above, make public confession of Yeshua as Lord and Savior and be fully immersed in water for the remission of sins
- ___ Know how to use Bible study aids: Lexicon, Concordance, Bible Dictionary, Key Word Study Bible/Dictionary
- ___ Be able to read Biblical Hebrew and pronounce words correctly. Know the Hebrew alefbeth, vowel points and be able to write the Hebrew letters with ease
- ___ Study with our community through one year Torah cycle, using the commentary chosen for that year
- ___ Have a basic understanding of the seven Biblical Festivals of YHWH and keep them for a full year with our community
- ___ Have a basic understanding of Shabbat observance and keep it for at least one full year while with our community
- ___ Have a basic understanding of the Levitical Dietary Laws and observe them for at least one full year while with our community
- ___ For male students: be able to conduct a Torah Service. ___For male or female students: be able to conduct an Erev Shabbat, or Havdallah Service and say the B'rakhah
- ___ Complete the Basic study of Maturity as presented in group and individual study through the Life Model program. Ongoing participation is highly desirable. Demonstrate awareness of personal maturity factors and community interaction, ongoing personal maturation needs, willingness to receive exhortation, direction and affirmation from our community and leaders
- ___ Demonstrate a personal commitment to spiritual disciplines, such as daily prayer, Scripture study, guarding His commands in daily life and a commitment to both personal and corporate observance of Torah community life

- ___ Study the following areas with resources as suggested to develop a minimum of a working knowledge in each. This is a disciplined effort to obtain the knowledge pleasing to our Elohim. Students should not have a “what is the least I can do to meet the requirements” attitude

- ___ Keep a record of materials read/review, along with a summary or book report on each area of study

Areas of Study Needed

The list of reading and other media materials under each subject heading is a suggested list. It is not necessary to read every one under each heading. What is required, however, is that the student has a good working knowledge and overview of the subject in each heading. Abbreviations used for sources:

HR - Hoshana RabbahNa'tan Lawrence online resources, also available in our library.

Hebrew Roots - Dean and Susan Wheelock booklets available in our library.

FFOZ - First Fruits of Zion study materials or online resources

SAM - Set Apart Ministries online resources or in our library.

Dry Bones - Dry Bones Restoration CompanyFrank Houtz, available online and in our library

UNDERSTAND THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF YESHUA MESSIAH

___ More Than a Carpenter By Josh McDowell

___ Yeshua—A Guide to the Real Jesus of the Original Church By Ron Mosley

___ Jesus, The Jewish Theologian By Brad Young

___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR

- ◆ What Was Yeshua's View of the Torah –A Study of the Sermon on the Mount
- ◆ What is the Meaning of the Gospel in its Hebrew Roots Context?

SOLID BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF OUR MESSIANIC FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH

___ MIA's Statement of Faith, Hoshana Rabbah's Statement of Faith, SAM's Statement of Faith (in development at time of writing) Be able to compare, contrast and defend.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DISCIPLINES

In this area, please study at least one resource in each area of prayer, worship, fasting, mikveh, spiritual gifts.

___ Worship: Warren Wiersbe's tape: Worship: The Church's Neglected Weapon International Center for Biblical Counseling and SAM library.

___ Prayer:

- ◆ My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers
- ◆ Ruined for the Ordinary,
- ◆ Reclaiming Surrendered Ground: Protecting Your Family from Spiritual Attack by Jim Logan

___ Maturity in Prayer Life article in progress by SAM.

___ To Pray as a Jew By Rabbi Donin

___ Book on fasting By Elmer Towns

___ What's So Spiritual about your Gifts? Book and workbook By Henry Blackaby and son SAM library.

___ Mikveh several resources: among them tapes by Michael Rood, Hale Harris SAM library.

___ JesusMan of Joy book By Sherwood Wirt SAM library

___ The God Who Smiles book By Sherwood Wirt SAM library

Other personally appropriate resources as suggest in consultation with SAM leadership.

DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL MATURITY

All items here are required.

- ___ The Life Model: Living From the Heart Jesus Gave You book and workbook James Wilder, PhD, et al
 - ◆ Participation in Life Model Group
 - ◆ Joy Bonds video series
 - ◆ Reactivity video

- ___ Song of Solomon Study –sexuality and Godly Relationships Video, book and workbook group study.

- ___ Mama’s Torah: The Role of Women book and DVD By Batya Wootten SAM library

PROPHETIC IMPLICATIONS OF HEBREW ROOTS OR MESSIANIC ISRAEL MOVEMENT

- ___ Ha Yesod: The Foundation 14 week program FFOZ Offered 12 times annually through SAM Or equivalent study:_____.

- ___ "The Quiet Revival" booklet Hebrew Roots.

- ___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR;
 - ◆ Is the Messianic Israel Movement Cultic or Is Christianity the Real Cult?
 - ◆ The Olive Tree—The Roots and Branches of our Faith
 - ◆ The Messianic Israel (Hebrew Roots) Movement—A Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecy and Rabbinic Jewish Prediction

SALVATION

- ___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR;
 - ◆ Salvation, What is it and Do You have it?
 - ◆ The Abrahamic Covenant: The Covenant of Salvation
 - ◆ The Tabernacle of Moses: YHWH's Pattern of Salvation for Mankind
 - ◆ Jacob's Ladder: YHWH's Plan of Salvation from Genesis to Revelation—The BIG Picture
 - ◆ The Atonement: Bloody or Bloodless?

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE CENTRALITY OF THE TORAH IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE AND THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE TORAH IN A BELIEVER'S LIFE

- ___ Torah Rediscovered book By Ariel Berkowitz
- ___ They Loved the Torah book By David Friedman
- ___ Take Hold book By Ariel Berkowitz
- ___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR;
 - ◆ Instruction in Righteousness of YHWH: A Messianic Believer's Introduction to the Torah
 - ◆ The Abrahamic Covenant: The Covenant of Salvation
 - ◆ What Part of the Law (Torah) Was fulfilled in Messiah?
 - ◆ Hold Onto Torah—It Will Keep and Protect You Through Life
 - ◆ Did the Torahlaw Exist before Moses and Mount Sinai?
 - ◆ The Rest of the Story: Often Quoted Biblical Passages that have been Taken out of Context (by Christian Theologians) and Purged of their Pro-Torah Intent
- ___ To Be a Jew book By Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin

UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS TO BE RIGHTEOUS

- ___ Holiness and Righteousness: The Regal Pair book By C.R. Oliver
- ___ The Sons of Zadok book By C. R. Oliver
- ___ The Believers Guide to Complete Righteousness booklet By Dean Wheelock Hebrew Roots
- ___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR;
 - ◆ If Yeshua Calls You a Priest, Then Act Like One!
 - ◆ How Do YHWH's People Become Righteous Before Him?

UNDERSTAND THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

- ___ [A Sign Between You and Me](#) book By Frank Houtz Dry Bones SAM Library
- ___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR;
 - ◆ The Sabbath (Shabbat) –Spirit and Truth
 - ◆ The Lunar Sabbath or the Saturday Sabbath—Will the Real Sabbath Please Stand Up? Has the Weekly Cycle been altered since the Time of Yeshua?

UNDERSTAND THE SEVEN BIBLICAL FEASTS OF YHWH

- ___ [Israel's Feasts and Their Fullness](#) book By Batya Wootten SAM library
- ___ [Passover In All It's Fullness](#) book By Batya Wootten SAM Library
- ___ [A Family Guide to the Biblical Holidays](#) book By Robin Sampson and Linda Pierce SAM Library
- ___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR;
 - ◆ How Yeshua Fulfilled the Passover
 - ◆ Why Celebrate the Passover
 - ◆ Passover—When to Celebrate it
 - ◆ The Feast of Unleavened BreadThe Wavesheaf Offering and Resurrection of Yeshua
 - ◆ Wavesheaf Sunday, the First Week of the Count of the Omer and Yeshua's Ascension
 - ◆ Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks—From Mount Sinai to the Upper Room, From Faithlessness to Miraculous Empowerment
 - ◆ Yom Teruah, the Day of the Awakening Blast—the Historical Roots of our Faith, Present Relevance for Believers and End Time Prophetic Implications.
 - ◆ Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement—The Historical Roots of Our Faith, Present Relevance for Believers and End Time Prophetic Implications
 - ◆ Sukkot: the Season of Our Joy, the Feast of Tabernacles—The Historical Roots of Our Faith, Present Relevance for Believers and End Time Prophetic Implications
 - ◆ Shemini Atzeret, The Eighth Day

UNDERSTAND AND OBSERVE BIBLICAL DIETARY LAWS

- ___ Holy Cow! Does God Care about what we eat? book By Hope Egan FFOZ
- ___ To Eat or Not to Eat? Booklet By Dean and Susan Wheelock Hebrew Roots
- ___ Teaching Article by Na'tan Lawrence
 - ◆ Food for Thought—The Heart and Spirit Behind the Biblical Kosher Laws
- ___ Clearing up concerns about our Food Supply By Barb and Bob Klika
(*article in progress at time of writing*)

UNDERSTAND THE BIBLICAL CALENDAR AND BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONTROVERSIES SURROUNDING INTERPRETATION

- ___ Collection of relevant articles in SAM Library
- ___ Teaching Article by Na'tan Lawrence
 - ◆ The Biblical Calendar and the New Moon

KNOWLEDGE OF BASIC RULES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION/HERMENEUTICS AND THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE A WORD STUDY

First four are required

- ___ How to Study the Bible book By Kay Arthur
- ___ Define the meaning of PaRDeS and how to apply them.
(Peshat, Remez, Drash and Sod)
- ___ Hillel's Rules and how to apply them Dry Bones
- ___ Define difference between Hebrew and Greek thinking.
- ___ Biblical Research Seminar By Frank Houtz Dry Bones
- ___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence

- ◆ Rightly Dividing the Scriptures; The Rules of Biblical Interpretation
- ◆ Hebrew Compared with Greek (GrecoWestern Roman) Thought

___ Restoring the Jewishness of our Faith book By David Stern SAM library

STUDY REGARDING TRUSTWORTHINESS OF ALL OF SCRIPTURE

___ Teaching article by Na'tan Lawrence HR

- ◆ Can You Trust the New Testament Canon as YHWH's Divine Word?

___ Teaching article by Frank Houtz

- ◆ Addressing the Hebrews Controversy Dry Bones

MESSIANIC/BIBLICAL CUSTOMS

___ God's Appointed Customs book By Barney Kasdan

___ Understand the steps of a Jewish/Biblical Wedding Ceremony

- ◆ "Beloved Thief" video from Zola Levvitt Ministries SAM library
- ◆ Who is the Bride of Christ? Online book By Eddie Chumney

___ Who is the Bride? Audio CD By Rebecca Park Totilo SAM library

___ Teaching Article by Na'tan Lawrence

- ◆ The Bible: The Good News and the Story of Two Lovers

___ Sketches of Jewish Social Life By Alfred Edersheim

HISTORY OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL AND JERUSALEM

___ Israel, The Land and the People book By H. Wayne House SAM library

BASIC KNOWLEDGE/OVERVIEW OF JEWISH/BIBLICAL HISTORY

A written summary of the main points is needed here.

___ Heritage and Civilization of the Jews video series By Abba Ebben available at Brown County Central Library

___ Ancient History: Adam to Messiah pp. 48100, 296462 By Robin Sampson

BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE TABERNACLE

___ Read: Na'tan Lawrence teaching article

- ◆ The Tabernacle of Moses: YHWH's Pattern of Salvation for Mankind SAM library

Then, diagram the Tabernacle, explain each of the furnishings of the Tabernacle and relate each aspect of the furnishings and main service to the Redemptive work of Yeshua.

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF SECOND TEMPLE/PRE RABBINIC JUDAISM

___ Early Judaism book By Frederick J. Murphy

___ Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament book By J. Julius Scott, Jr.

___ Our Father, Abraham book By Marvin R. Wilson SAM Library

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE TENENTS AND WRITINGS OF RABBINIC JUDAISM

___ Rabbi Akiba's Messiah By Dan Gruber

___ Introduction to Rabbinic Literature By Jacob Neusener

___ Hey! That's Not in the Bible! A review of extra Biblical Resources FFOZ DVD

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY AND THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT— TO THE PRESENT TIME

- ___ Halley's Bible Handbook Church History Chapter By Henry Halley
*Preferably an edition prior to 1990 SAM library
- ___ Exploring the Christian Faith Chapter 30 By J. I. Packer
- ___ Study and be familiar with Timeline on SAM website: Where is the Faith given Once for all to the Saints

BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE SEPARATION OF THE EARLY CHURCH FROM its HEBREW ROOTS

- ___ Teaching Article by Na'tan Lawrence
 - ◆ How the Church Divorced itself from it's Hebrew Roots HR
- ___ Our Father Abraham By Marvin R. Wilson SAM library

BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF PAGAN INFLUENCE IN CHRISTIANITY

- ___ Too Long in the Sun book and video By Richard Rives SAM
- ___ Come Out of Her My People! Book By C. J. Koster SAM

BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE WRITINGS AND THEOLOGY OF SHA'UL/PAUL

- ___ Paul, the Jewish Theologian book By Brad Young
- ___ The Letter Writer—Paul's Background and Torah Perspective book By Tim Hegg SAM
- ___ A Jewish Commentary on Romans book By Joseph Shulman SAM

___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence HR and SAM

- ◆ Galations: Explanations of Difficult Words and Phrases
- ◆ The Apostle Sha'ul/(Paul)—an Orthodox, Torah Obedient, Messianic, Jewish “Rabbi”
- ◆ Sha'ul (Paul) Was One of the Good Pharisees
- ◆ What does the Term “Under the Law” mean?
- ◆ What does the Term “Works of the Law” mean?

BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESTORATION OF THE TWO HOUSES OF ISRAEL

___ Israel: Redeemed and Restored book and DVD By Batya Wootten SAM library

___ One Nation Under God—A Family Study of Biblical Israel By Crystal Lenhardt

___ Teaching article/commentary by Na'tan Lawrence

- ◆ Yeshua's Ministry: Decoded: Prophetic Pictures of the End Times
- ◆ Are the Ten Tribes really lost and Will They return to Help Fulfill End Time Bible Prophecy?
- ◆ Ezekiel 37: 1528 The Two Sticks of Israel

BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE END TIMES AND THE KINGDOM OF ELOHIM

___ Teaching Articles by Na'tan Lawrence

- ◆ The Kingdom of Heaven and the Millennium—Are They the Same Thing? When and Where Do They Occur?
- ◆ The Tribulation, The Great Tribulation and the Wrath of Elohim: What Are They and Where Will the Saints Be during Each Period?
- ◆ Secular Humanism: The Devils Original Lie and the Religion of the New World Order

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_____ I have completed all the requirements and request the opportunity to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in our Set Apart Ministries community.

Name

Date

Advisor/Parent Date Approved by

Date

Approved by:

Set Apart Ministries Leader/Elder

Date