

Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Avichai Nagorsky

שמואל אביחי



Parshat Bereshit
October 12, 2020
24 Tishrei 5781

Welcome to Sam's bar mitzvah!

Today we will celebrate Sam in the traditional weekday morning service. This is a special section of the Torah, because it is the first one of the year. Sam is literally beginning at the beginning, Parashat Bereshit, with the creation of the world.

Order of Service and Honors

P'seukei D'Zimrah	Marsha Nagorsky
Shacharit	Sam Nagorsky
D'var Torah	Sam Nagorsky
Torah reading	Sam Nagorsky
Gabbaim	Brian Nagorsky, Rafi Nagorsky
Aliyot	Rafi Nagorsky, Debbie Schwartz, Sam Nagorsky
Hagbah and Glilah	The Schwartz/Faier Family
Musaf	Rafi Nagorsky
Charge to the Bar Mitzvah	Rabbi Michael Siegel
Final Prayers	Sam Nagorsky

We invite you to use a festive background on our Zoom today. Everyone will be muted throughout the service, and at the very end, we will invite you to unmute and we will spotlight each of you to offer a Mazal Tov to Sam.

With sorrow on this festive occasion, we honor the memory of our dear family members and friends who are no longer with us.

We especially remember Sam's great grandfathers

Sam Levin and Chaim Nagorsky

for whom he is named

and Sam's grandfather Richard Ferziger and other great-grandparents

Gertrude Cohn

Moe Ferziger

Deborah Levin

Leonard Cohn

Betty Ferziger

Mary Nagorsky

Belle Levin

We would like to thank all the clergy, past and present, of Anshe Emet Synagogue. Directly and indirectly, each of them had a hand in preparing Sam for his bar mitzvah and his Jewish life in the future.

We would further like to thank the Rose Crown Minyan, both past and present participants. We are incredibly grateful that Rafi and Sam are growing up in a warm, welcoming, egalitarian, multi-generational minyan that is run by its participants.

Without Sam's tutor, Cindy Friedman, who has learned with Sam for a year, nothing you see and hear today would have happened. We can't thank you enough.

Other people and organizations that have contributed to Sam's Jewish education: Max Handelman and "Tot Shabbat," Keith Alperin and the Junior Congregation, the Heller JCC, Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School, and Camp Young Judaea Midwest. Thank you all—we have arrived at this day because of you.

Finally, we are especially grateful that you are all here with us today. This is a different celebration than we had planned, but each and every one of you has made our lives and this moment more special just by being here to share it with us.

We are so delighted to share this simcha with you!

Brian, Marsha, Rafi, and Sam

