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Traditional Bat Mitzvah Format

Please remember that R4R Entertainment will tailor your Bat Mitzvah to the format that you wish in order to enhance your celebration. Whether it is formal or informal, all details will be discussed with you prior to your Bar Mitzvah. The following is just a guide for what the "Traditional" format has been for our area.

1. **Guests First Arrive** - The first ½ hour to 45 minutes is known as the "Cocktail Time" where guests will mingle, drink, and snack. Your DJ may briefly explain events or point out special details as they occur.
2. **Introduction of Family & Guest of Honor** - Your DJ will coordinate lining up the immediate family members, from outside the party room, to be introduced. Your list of names for the introductions should be completed using our online event planning form one month prior to your event.
3. **Motzi** – (Blessing Over Bread), The Motzi is usually done by 1 or 2 male relatives (grandfathers, in many cases). Following the Motzi, there may be an optional toast to the guest of honor from his/her parents. After the Motzi the Kiddish is usually performed.
4. **Kiddish** - (The Blessing Over Wine), The Kiddish Ceremony is usually conducted by the head of the household or a male relative over thirteen. The Kiddish also acts as a blessing to sanctify the Shabbat (Sabbath).
5. **Candle Lighting** - Here is where the guest of honor designates and conducts family & friends to light 13 candles (sometimes more) in honor of the Bat Mitzvah celebrant. The act of lighting each candle can consist of an individual family member, a friend, or several individuals, beginning with the oldest family members (grandparents, etc.) and ending with brothers, sisters, and parents.

Note on Music: It is not unusual for the guest of honor to designate certain songs for his or her guests for each candle. If this is the case, the list of those corresponding songs (in order of each candle) should be submitted to the DJ at the event planning meeting - or by mail, fax, or e-mail - one month prior to the Bat Mitzvah.

6. **Hora** - Your DJ will help conduct the Hora, including the coordination of lifting the guest of honor and any family members by chair, if requested.
7. **Dinner** - Many reception locations provide a kids buffet, along with a sit-down dinner for the adults. Sometimes dinner will occur at different times (perhaps even before candle lighting), so we will adjust the schedule according to your wishes.
8. **Games/Dance Contests** - Since the kids will usually finish dinner before the adults, most games and contests that are requested are performed at this time. The goal of your DJ at this point is to provide a constructive, focused, and organized, but fun, atmosphere for the kids, without trying to disrupt the socializing of adults during their dinner. Discussion of what games & contests to play, and recommended prizes to be supplied are discussed at the event planning meeting. (A limited amount of giveaways are included, unless you purchase them either through our Giveaway Package or separately at our Wholesale Party Store.)
9. **Let's Party!** - Traditionally all open dancing begins at this point; where guests of all ages are invited to the dance floor.

Additional Notes: Your DJ will provide a microphone (cordless only when included in your package) to any guest upon speaking. R4R Entertainment would be happy to play your musical requests, and also compile a "do not play" song list. Just submit your requests one month prior to your event either through our website, e-mail, or mail.