

TORAH WORKSHEET

**This outline is to be filled out before you have your meeting
with Rabbi Bellows.**

To help you understand your Torah portion, please search for your portion at Reformjudaism.org>learning>10 minutes of Torah or Chabad.org. You can google your portion and find plenty of information on it to help you begin to discuss interesting points about the portion. There are summaries, commentaries, essays and stories on your portion online. You will also want to read your Torah portion in English. Please read through the entire English text of your Torah portion (not just the verses you are reading aloud). You will be summarizing your portion (not just the verses you are reading aloud). You will be summarizing your portion in this outline. From the highlights of your portion that you write down, you will choose the point or points you want to teach us about in your D'var Torah. Please use additional paper to complete your outline, if necessary.

OUTLINE

- I. Introduction to D'var Torah: Joke, story, or example relating to your portion.
- II. Summary of the important points in your Torah portion. What is your Torah portion about? Please offer a brief summary of the portion and conclude this section/paragraph with your teaching point.
- III. Explain the point you want to teach and apply it to life today. What is the message of your teaching point and why is it important to learn about and understand today?
- IV. Please describe one or two of your Mitzvah projects and how they might relate to your portion. If you do not yet know what your Mitzvah Project will be, skip this section and you will write this paragraph about 2 months before your Bat/Bar Mitzvah service.
- V. Thank You paragraph
- VI. Closing and Shabbat Shalom

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Don't Forget:

- Double Space and use large font.
- Put page numbers at the bottom of the page.
- Title your D'var Torah with your name and date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah service.
- The first draft of your speech is due one week after your speech appointment. Please email your draft to rabbibellows@bethambg.org
- *Email your final draft* to Rabbi Bellows as well. Keep a copy at home and practice many times before your Mitzvah service!