

BAR MITZVAH BOY

By Mark Leiren-Young
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Director's Notes: Joey, a non-observant Jewish grandfather and successful divorce attorney has never had a Bar Mitzvah but decides he should complete the traditional ritual before his 12-year-old grandson. Determined by nature, Joey finds himself dealing with challenging religious instruction from Michael, the synagogues' young Rabbi who is confronting her own life-shaking challenges. A heartfelt comedy/drama that explores faith, religion and what it means to be part of a community.

About the Playwright:

Mark Leiren-Young is a Victoria, British Columbia based Canadian playwright, author, journalist, screenwriter, filmmaker and performer. He won the 2017 Writers Guild of Canada Award for Best Documentary for "The Hundred-Year-Old Whale," and is recipient of a Bron Iris Award, Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour, National Magazine award and Western Magazine Awards.

Acknowledgements:

Bar Mitzvah Boy was first produced by Pacific Theatre in Vancouver, Canada, in March 2018. It was first produced in the United States by Chester Theatre Company, (Daniel Elihu Kramer, Producing Artistic Director), in Chester, MA, in June 2018.

Bar Mitzvah Boy was the Winner of the 2017 Jewish Playwriting Contest and was developed by the Jewish Plays Project.

Bar Mitzvah Boy is produced by arrangement with Kensington Literary Representation, 34 St. Andrew Street, Toronto, ON, Canada, MST 1K6, kensingtonlit@rogers.com

Starring

Peter Palmisano & Diane DiBernardo



CREW:

Director: Saul Elkin

Producer: David Bunis

Managing Director: Jordana Halpern

Cultural Arts Assistant: Patricia Quinn

Stage Manager: Keelin Higgins

Set Design: David Dwyer

Costume Design: Ann Emo

Sound Design: Nicholas Quinn

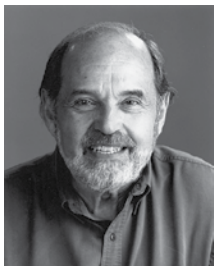
Voice of Sheryl: Jennifer Toohey

Property Manager & ASM: Kathy Smith

Production Advisors: Steve Vaughan & Adam Yellen

Script Consultant: Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein

FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to the Jewish Repertory Theatre's 18th season, a significant number associated with the word Chai, or Life, in Hebrew.

Like everyone in the performing arts community we are longing to see you in our theatre but given our current situation we are pleased to have you join us online as we offer professional video productions of staged readings, presenting of the sort of plays you have come to expect from us.

Each production will be online for 21 days. Enjoy from the comfort of your own home in Western New York, or remarkably, any place else. Subscribers and ticket holders will be sent links to performances shortly before opening nights each month, November, 2020 through March, 2021.

We'll also be presenting online conversations with playwrights who will be sharing their stories and insights about our plays. Please check our website and Facebook page for links and details. Thank you for your support of the Jewish Repertory Theatre. We look forward to enjoying this season together with you. To life to life, L' Chaim. - **Saul Elkin, Co-Founder and Artistic Director**

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