

BAR MITZVAH BOY

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Alavha Shalom:
Peace be upon him.

Aliyah:
Being called to the Torah OR when someone Jewish makes a pilgrimage to Israel and stays.

Bar Mitzvah:
Watch/read the play...

Bimah:
The altar.

Hazan:
A synagogue official - in this case, the synagogue official who taught Bar Mitzvah boys.

Kipah:
Head-covering (a sign of respect for God).

Kosher:
Food (or combinations of food) that are acceptable to eat according to Jewish law.

Lubavitcher:
An orthodox sect of Judaism.

Minyan:
The ten adults required to hold a prayer service. In orthodox services those adults (over 13) must be male.

Ner Tamid:
The eternal light - found in every synagogue.

Shiva:
Mourning services.

Tefillin:
Two boxes that contain portions of the Torah that are wrapped around the head and heart for certain prayer services.

Tikkun Olam:
Repair of the world. Think kosher karma.

Traife:
Not kosher (i.e. Hawaiian pizza).

Yahrzeit:
Mourning prayer.

Yeshiva:
Where Rabbis learn how to become Rabbis.

Zayda:
Grandfather.

Zikhrono livrakha:
May his/her memory be a blessing.