

Ideas & Schedule of Deadlines for Sholem Bas/Bar Mitsve Presentations

Preparing and presenting a *bar/bas mitsve* project can be fun — or it can be very stressful. The following schedule will help to keep the fun high and the stress low.

REMEMBER: Your presentation will be **much more than the usual school “report.”** In fact, it will be more like a college-level project. And *you can do it* — with the help of your *vegvyazer*/mentor (and your parents, too). Help is available every step of the way — whenever you need help, ***ask for it!***

- Everything listed below to be “submitted” means *in written form* (including your name and celebration date).

- At *each* stage, your *vegvyazer*/mentor will discuss possible ways to improve your work...perhaps to point your research or thinking in a slightly different or broader direction...or challenge you to back-up facts and ideas.

4 months before the celebration date: Topic chosen and submitted:
What you wish to explore; *why* it relates to the Jewish part of your identity; *how* you plan to do research (books, interviews, travel, etc.)

3 months before the celebration date: Outline submitted:
All the facts/ideas you plan to cover; things you’re still working on; how you plan to make your presentation (your choice — writing/reading an essay...making/showing a video...PowerPoint with explanations...no visuals...writing/reading a story or play...*any other* unusual form of presentation).

2 months before the celebration date: FIRST DRAFT submitted:
Your presentation ***in full***. Your *vegvyazer*/mentor will review it and make suggestions for improvement. *Be prepared:* you *may* have to completely re-organize it...re-write one or more sections...add new material (or drop some parts), etc.

1 month before the celebration date: FINAL draft submitted:
Your presentation, ***completed, in full***. *Minor* changes might still be made if absolutely necessary.

3 weeks before the celebration date: Adjunctive materials submitted (e.g. PowerPoint slides...videos...any other graphic materials...music.)

1-2 weeks before the celebration date: A *minimum* of two rehearsals with the *vegvyazer*/mentor and your co-celebrant(s).