

## Mission Statement

Ignite works to give Bnei Mitzvah (Bar/Bat Mitzvah aged boys and girls) pride in being Jewish through experiential learning. We offer more than the traditional lessons which can often leave Bnei Mitzvah disinterested or unengaged. Our exploration of Judaism builds excitement and responsibility which will inspire our graduates to stay active and committed to Judaism.

## The Program

The program includes both group sessions that are field trip based, and individual sessions with each of the Bnei Mitzvah enrolled. The individual sessions will be with either Yisrael Kellner or Shoshana Ort.

The group sessions are designed to educate them in a dynamic way of the 5 Levels of Creation so that they can experience how to live Judaism's vision of life. The individual sessions are designed to help us work with each of the Bnei Mitzvah to personalize the education and messages by helping them explore their own strengths and interests. We will work to intertwine this sense of growth and self-understanding into each student's Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation.

This year Ignite has two awesome new additions. Ignite now comes with complimentary access to select NCSY events. And, for the first time ever, we will introduce an Ignite Anthem!



To find out more or to register,  
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The Ignite Bnei Mitzvah for Life program was developed by Dovi and Shoshana Ort. The Denver chapter is in collaboration with Aish of the Rockies.

An innovative approach to preparing Jewish boys and girls for life... much more than just a Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony...

## Group Experience

EXPERIENCE #1 - Starts with Group introduction to program, as well as a field trip in which we experience the wilderness while learning about the greatness of Hashem that it displays. (Inanimate level of creation)



EXPERIENCE #2 - An amazing group field trip to a Produce Processing Center and a Greenhouse to experience the usefulness of Gods produce in sustaining the World. (Vegetation level of creation)



EXPERIENCE #3 - Group field trip to a farm and other animal habitations to learn some of the different roles that animals play in our ecosystem. (Living being level of creation)



EXPERIENCE #4 - Group field trip with a chance to volunteer at children's hospital and other human life organizations to instill the value the Torah places on human life. (Human being level of creation)



EXPERIENCE #5 - Group field trip to perform a special Mitzva together and a trip to a large Jewish community in another state; A few days of experiencing different facets of Jewish life including Chessed, Kosher, Torah, Mitzvos, and more! (Jewish Life level of creation)

## Individual Sessions

Each one-on-one session will build upon the lessons taught during the group trips, as well as dedicated sessions for Bar/Bat mitzvah preparation.

## SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

We will have group sessions on Saturdays throughout the year where we will participate in various Shabbat traditions and learn to appreciate their significance.

As part of the Shabbat Experience, we are introducing an entirely new addition to Ignite! Shabbat Baking and Cooking events learning how to make traditional Shabbat food in an exciting environment.



## The Details

1. Each Bar/Bat Mitzvah will be matched with their Guide (Counselor) to work with throughout the program. Their Guide will work to help them process everything in a way that is most suited to their strengths and interests.
2. Each Bar/Bat Mitzvah will be given homework after each group trip to stimulate them to process what they have experienced. They will review their work with their Guide in the Individual sessions.
3. During Individual sessions, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah can work on additional goals with their Guide. However, this program is NOT designed to teach Bnei Mitzvah students large amounts of Torah or Tefilla reading.
4. The goal for each group trip is to have the Bnei Mitzvah working in settings that will educate them in meaningful Jewish values. Most of the group trips will involve the Bnei Mitzvah volunteering as a group in one or more settings.
5. A calendar containing the dates of the group trips will be given out at the beginning of the program and a complete itinerary for each group trip will be given out a week or two in advance. Expect each group trip to be at least a half day trip. The final trip will be 2-3 days long.
6. We will encourage our graduates to stay connected and share their ongoing commitments with each other in effort to inspire lifelong involvement in Judaism.
7. The cost for the Bnei Mitzvah for Life program is \$1,550 for each Bar or Bat Mitzvah child (excluding airfare, approximately \$300).

*Ignite's exciting year-end trip to LA is back!*