

## My Bat Mitzvah Experience

I recently had a fun experience with a family friend, we attended her Bat Mitzvah. I didn't know what a Bat Mitzvah was, but I looked it up and it is when a Jewish girl takes her place in the Jewish community.

First, around 6:00 PM we went to the synagogue. It was a long ceremony; boys wore a hat called a kippah, which is a little hat that covers a tiny portion of their head. They spoke Hebrew and sang songs in that language. Our friend Sophia had to give a speech about her service project to help the community and about what her Jewish faith means to her.

After the ceremony, we drove to the Inn at Waldon which became "Club Sophia". When we got there, we played some fun games and heard some good music with a cool DJ. I got to make a cool hat, it was off the hook! After that, we had delicious food and they brought out a lot of appetizers. Next, the party really got started! There was a big introduction from the DJ for Sophia. Everyone kept saying Mazel tov, which means congratulations. My favorite part was when they started lifting people up on chairs! My dad and a few others lifted Sophia, her mom, her dad, and then her brother on the chair and bounced them around, and it looked so fun! Maybe next time I can get lifted. At the end of the night, we got "Club Sophia" sweatshirts to remember the evening. I am really glad that we were invited to this important Jewish celebration. I learned a lot will remember it forever.