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Bar and Bat Mitzvah Invitations, What Type Will You Choose? Part 3 of a 3 Part Series

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Invitations come in many variations, simple and economical, elaborate and formal. You can do-it-yourself or turn to professionals. You can produce unconventional invitations if you are creative and lean in that direction.

Many word processing and publishing programs exist for those who would like to do-it-yourself and are familiar with computers. These programs allow you to prepare and print the invitations yourself. You can purchase specialty papers and envelopes and construct your own wording.

Blank invitation sets are available from office supply stores and also on-line suppliers. You can purchase invitations with matching envelopes, or invitations and response cards with envelopes provided for both. These invitations typically come with suggested wording.

When you find a suitable invitation, you can go to the company Website and download a template form to set up the layout on your computer.

More formal invitations are available at party stores, printers, through your local synagogue, party planners, etc. You can browse through numerous books with sample invitations, ink colors, wordings, etc. These printers may also include response cards, table place cards, napkins, yarmalkas, matches, thank you cards (*very important!*) and other related items.

On the unconventional end, you can make invitations as large postcards, scrolls, messages in bottles, or even present your invitation on a CD or DVD, etc. Be creative and let your imagination soar if you have the time and desire! However, with these types of invitations you might want to request a telephone or other (how about e-mail?) response.

One final note is wording for twins or siblings celebrating the same date. For two girls, it will be called a B'not Mitzvah, while for two (or more) boys or boys/girls, a B'nei Mitzvah.

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