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Beth El Temple, located at 2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, announced today that May 2011 marked the end of an 18-month personal and spiritual journey for nine adults as they culminated their adult studies to become Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah. The nine adults are Joan Shapiro, Patti Weiner, Betty Hoffman, Ingrid Gindin, Constance Mindell, Lisa Berzins, Amy Jaffe-Barzach, Daniel Rapoport and Susan Rabinowe.

Their adult Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah program involved studying and discussing Jewish texts, laws, holidays and customs, learning Hebrew, trope, synagogue rituals and prayers. The group completed a mitzvah project to stock the Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services and sponsored a rug for the new Children's Corner of the Beth El Temple Synagogue Library.

The group expressed many reasons for their desire to participate in the program which included deepening ties with their Jewish faith, continuing a personal spiritual journey, becoming more involved with the temple and Jewish community, honoring past and future generations, becoming the best parents/role models possible and better understanding their childrens' experiences.