



2015 Simchas Resource Guide



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The Sheraton Harbor Island was transformed into an exotic paradise for Leah Feinberg's Bat Mitzvah in December.

For the second year in a row, we're bringing you a full list of everything you need to plan a party. With particular focus on Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, we've scoured San Diego to highlight vendors, venues, and various tips in one convenient place.

As usual, we've turned to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Event Services Association (BESA) and its fearless leaders Lydia Krasner and Patricia Del Rio to get some insights into what's up with the party scene this year. In addition to our extensive list of local resources, we've spotlighted advice, trends and a new kosher cakery throughout this section. Everything marked with a  is part of the BESA group, and Kosher caterers are marked with a .

Here's hoping for a smooth planning process and a wonderful party when all is said and done.



venues

B **Hilton Garden Inn San Diego/Del Mar**
3939 Ocean Bluff Ave.
hiltongardeninndelmar.com
(858) 720-9500
Capacity: up to 150
Room cost: food and beverage minimum of \$2,500 gets free room rental
Advance booking recommended: anytime
Outside catering allowed: Only for ethnic requirements, but per-person fee is applied

B **Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines**
10950 North Torrey Pines Rd.
hiltonlajollatorreypines.com
(858) 558-1500
Call for quote and details

Hilton San Diego Bayfront
1 Park Blvd.
hiltonsandiegobayfront.com
(619) 321-4211
Capacity: up to 2,400
Room cost: varies, call for quote

Advance booking recommended: one year
Outside catering allowed: No, Kosher catering available in-house

B **Hilton San Diego/Del Mar**
15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
sandiegodelmar.hilton.com
(858) 764-6044
Capacity: up to 400
Room cost: call for quote
Advance booking recommended: 6 months
Outside catering allowed: Only if dietary restrictions are required

Hornblower Cruises
1800 N. Harbor Dr.
hornblower.com
(619) 686-8700
Capacity: 10-1,000
Room cost: price varies with custom options
Advance booking recommended: as soon as possible
Outside catering allowed: No

B **Hotel Del Coronado**
1500 Orange Ave.
hoteldel.com

(619) 435-6611
Capacity: up to 1,100
Room cost: food and beverage minimums on top of room rental charges
Advance booking recommended: at least one year
Outside catering allowed: No

B **Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine**
3777 La Jolla Village Dr.
lajolla.hyatt.com
(858) 552-6025
Capacity: up to 650
Room cost: \$50-\$200 person
Advance booking recommended: one year
Outside catering allowed: Yes

B **Maderas Golf Club**
17750 Old Coach Rd.
maderasgolf.com
(858) 451-8100
Call for quote and details

B **The New Children's Museum**
200 West Island Ave.
thinkplaycreate.org
(619) 233-8792

Capacity: 1,000
Room cost: \$2,500-\$6,500
Advance booking recommended: availability varies
Outside catering allowed: No, but exceptions can be made for Kosher requirements

B **Party Pals**
10427 Roselle St.
partypals.com
(858) 622-6613
Capacity: up to 1,000 (inside and/or outside space available)
Room cost: call for quote
Advance booking recommended: extremely busy through summer, starting in May. Recommended six months in advance
Outside catering allowed: Yes

B **San Diego Zoo**
2920 Zoo Drive
sandiegozoo.org/catering
(619) 685-3223
Call for quote and details

San Diego Botanic Garden
230 Quail Gardens Dr.
sdbgarden.org

Three Tips to Help Kids Have a Great (and Safe) Party

1 SET YOUR EXPECTATIONS WITH AN INSERT IN THE INVITATION

"Let kids know before the party happens how they are expected to dress and behave. You'll help them avoid embarrassing themselves and save yourself the hassle of having to call a parent to come pick up their child because they are misbehaving," our experts suggested. Krasner and Del Rio offer these ground rules: "no texting, no bare shoulders, no jeans, no tennis shoes, skirts must touch the knee."

2 DELEGATE SOMEONE TO ENFORCE YOUR RULES

Delegate someone to enforce your rules. This is your party. Assign a trusted adult with the responsibility of making sure that misbehaving children are given a chance to correct their behavior and let them know they'll have to leave the party if they don't.

3 HAVE A GUEST LIST HANDY AND PASS OUT PARTY BRACELETS

Party crashing is real. The guest list should include names and phone numbers in the event that someone will need to be picked up early. The bracelets are to prevent party crashers, which is becoming more of a problem Krasner says, especially when the simchas is being held at a popular venue. It may not sound like fun, but then again, neither is hearing from a lawyer if a child at your party is hurt or injured.