
Homestead Synagogue Has First Bas Mitzvah

For the first time in its 60-year history the Homestead Rodef Shalom Congregation conducted a Bas Mitzvah service, on Friday evening. Previously, this Synagogue observed only the traditional Bar Mitzvah ceremony.

Miss Nancy Farkas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farkas of Homestead Park, is the first girl of the Synagogue to conduct the Bas Mitzvah service. Rabbi Segal spoke on, "Bas Mitzvah—a Luxury or a Necessity?"

The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of Rabbi Jack Segal, has recognized that the women's and girl's interest in religious activities "would be stimulated by this innovation."

On Saturday morning, Nancy's twin brother Neil reads the Haftorah for his Bar Mitzvah.

David Parish, a student in the Religious School, is conducting the Youth Choir.
