How to select the right DJ Entertainment for your Bar / Bat Mitzvah in New Jersey

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Selecting the right DJ Entertainment for you Son or Daughter's Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a task that should not be taken lightly. Ask any parent who has recently had their son or daughter's Bar or Bat Mitzvah and they will tell you that the Entertainment plays a critical part in the success of this kind of celebration. Often times the first service that is reserved is the Entertainment.

Entertaining a crowd of people that has a significant portion of 13 year olds and 30 something and older adults demands a certain level of expertise. If both of these groups had the same tastes in music then entertaining this kind of crowd would be simple. However this is not usually the case. Therefore the first thing to look for is an Entertainment company that specializes in Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

While the specific tastes in music may vary amongst the different age groups there are interactive dances that both can enjoy together. This is where your MC (master of ceremonies) comes in. A seasoned MC can have a crowd of adults and kids out on the floor together having the times of their life almost instantly.

Aside from handling the candle lighting ceremony, the grand entrance, and various introductions, your MC is a source of motivation and energy for your party. A physical and verbal presence on the dance floor to lead your guests through interactive dances and games. Your Son or Daughter is the star of the show and the MC's job is be right there making sure everyone is having fun while paying the right amount of recognition to the guest of honor at whatever level the Bar or Bat Mitzvah feels comfortable.

Bar / Bat Mitzvah MCs come in all shapes, sizes, personalities and experience. Be sure and sit down with any potential MCs you are considering and see how your personalities fit. This will be very important when your party date arrives as a large portion of the success of your celebration is resting on his/her shoulders.

Be sure and ask questions about anything that is on your mind. A seasoned MC will have the answers to your questions and will be able to set you at ease about your specific concerns.

If the DJ company you are considering does not offer a dedicated MC for your event you may want to keep searching. There is a lot for the MC to keep track of to make sure things run smoothly (making sure the photographer and videographer are ready before an important moment, shutting down any side entertainment before a candle lighting, being by your son or daughter's side during the candle lighting to name a few). A separate DJ should be playing the CDs.

Another thing that can help engage the kids and the adults together is the use of motivational dancers. They are available through most DJ companies who specialize in Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. Their high energy style and dance expertise is appealing to all ages. During the follow along dances they are there to instruct and motivate right along side the MC. This should be done in a tasteful manner.

Colorful lighting and special effects are available from many DJ companies. They add to the energy of the room and can transform an elegant dining room into a trendy night club environment in a moments notice.

Some DJ companies offer dance stages that can help to spot light the Bar or Bat Mitzvah. While on stage he/she will be raised above the crowd for all to see. Even the grandparents in the rear of the room will be able to see the guest of honor.

How do you know if the DJ company you are considering does all (or any) of this in a way that is a proper reflection of you and your family? Through their website.

By visiting the web site of any potential companies you are you can often times view party pictures, read past client testimonials, and even download video footage all from the comfort of your home computer.

The earlier you start the process the better. It is common for some of the more popular companies to book 2 years in advance or more. When you have narrowed your search, call to set up appointments to meet in person and you will feel confident that you are on your way to selecting the right DJ Entertainment.