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Bonjour! Welcome to Mademoiselle Wolf's Café Tymber

By LAUREN JAYNE FOSTER
Jewish Press

Complete with a juggler, mime, hot air balloon décor, street lampposts, and a stage decorated as a cobblestone street, the Congregation Beth Shalom social hall and lobby was transformed into the city of Paris for Tymber Wolf's Bat Mitzvah.

Tymber, daughter of Michael and Tami Wolf of Palm Harbor, became a Bat Mitzvah at the Clearwater synagogue on Jan. 15, and celebrated by opening her own Paris-style Café Tymber.

Guests entered a Paris street scene in the lobby, complete with flowers and a mime. Red and white awnings hung from the ceiling to give the illusion of different shops in Paris. Each shop offered hors d'oeuvres and snacks for guests. One specifically was a flower shop, filled with big red and yellow fake flowers on every shelf.

Inside the social hall, the theme continued. "All of our 17 or 18 tables were named after sights in Paris, like the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre," mom Tami said.

Centerpieces for the tables were handmade from birdhouses and PCP pipe into what looked like wrought iron lamps and street signs that would be seen in the streets of Paris.

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Hot air balloons hung above the dance floor where a juggler had partygoers spinning plates like a pro.

Tami and two friends who helped out with making invitations and the program, and creating and setting up the décor.

"It's very expensive when you start thinking about other people doing the décor. I looked at catalogs with party decorations

and it was too much. We could do it a different way," Tami said.

Food and music for the event also followed the theme. "The DJ was able to coordinate music to the theme, too. He played French music during hors d'oeuvres, and played can-can music for Tymber's entrance."

"We had an authentic juggler from Paris who juggled fire and glow-in-the-dark rings. It was very cool."

And as a symbol of the grand opening of her Café, Tymber cut the ribbon to kick-start the celebration. Five-foot-tall poles decorated with pictures of Paris were scattered throughout the hall.

A total of 170 guests ate and danced the night away in Tymber's very own Paris café.

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