

## Honors Form & FAQ

Q: How can we include our family and friends during the bar/bat mitzvah service?

A: There are many opportunities to honor family and friends during the service. This form is where you will assign those honors.

Q: Do I *have* to assign someone for every honor?

A: No, you do not have to assign all honors, but they are there if you would like.

Q: What is an aliyah?

A: The recitation of the blessings before and after Torah is read.

Q: What are hagbah and gelilah?

A: Hagbah is the honoree performing the ritual lifting of the Torah after the reading, gelilah is the honoree rolling and dressing the Torah.

Q: Which honors are appropriate for non-Jewish participants?

A: Opening and closing the Ark, Prayer for our Leaders, Prayer for Peace, and Prayer for Our Future (p. 86).

Q: Can non-Jewish participants have an aliyah?

A: Aliyot are for Jewish participants, however, non-Jewish spouses may stand on the bimah while the blessings are recited by their Jewish spouse.

Q: Do I have to find all the Torah readers? What do I tell them?

A: You do not have to assign every Torah reader. If you need help, please let us know at least two months in advance so that we may find the remaining Torah readers. When you do assign a Torah reader, please verify they know how to leyn (read Torah with cantillation) directly from the Torah (no vowels). If they have questions about the verses, please contact us and we will help.

Q: How do I fill out the honors form?

A: Write in the names of the participants where you would like them to participate. Please note that if someone is honored for an aliyah, you need to write in their English **and** Hebrew names (see below).

Q: How do I write the Hebrew names out properly?

A: Hebrew names are written with the Hebrew name of the person, son (ben) or daughter (bat), followed by their Jewish parent(s)' names. Examples:

- Boy's Hebrew name is Moshe and his parents are Pinchas and Chana, his Hebrew name would be: Moshe ben Pinchas v'Chana. With one Jewish parent: Moshe ben Chana or Moshe ben Pinchas.
- Girl's Hebrew name is Miriam and her parents are Pinchas and Chana, her Hebrew name would be: Miriam bat Pinchas v'Chana. With one Jewish parent: Miriam bat Chana or Miriam bat Pinchas.

Q: When do I need to fill out the honors form?

A: As soon as you are ready! The forms need to be turned in no less than one month prior to the bar/bat mitzvah. If something changes, just let us know and we can correct your form!

# HONORS FORM

B'nei Mitzvah Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Usher 1: (name) \_\_\_\_\_
- Usher 2: (name) \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you doing a candy toss?     yes    no
- Presentation of the Tallit
  - Are you presenting the b'nei mitzvah student with a tallit?     yes    no
  - Do you want the presentation to be part of the service?     yes    no
  - If yes, please list the name and relationship of the person(s) presenting the tallit:  
 (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Opening & Closing Ark to remove Torah:  
 (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Passing the Torah
  - Do you want any family member(s) to pass the Torah to the b'nei mitzvah student?  yes    no
  - If yes, please list the name and the relationship of the person(s) handing down the Torah:  
 (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Aliyot

Aliyah	Torah Verses	Torah Reader	Hebrew Name of Person Reciting Blessing (including Jewish Parent(s))	English Name of Person Reciting Blessing	Relationship to B'nei Mitzvah
#1 Rishon					
#2 Sheni					
#3 Shlishi					
#4 Revii			Please do not assign, this is reserved for a congregant.		
#5 Chamishi					
#6 Shishi					
#7 Shivi'i					
Maftir		B'nei Mitzvah		B'nei Mitzvah ← (indicate their Hebrew name)	

- Hagbah and Gelilah *please note that if your honoree has not previously lifted the Torah they **must** come in to practice with Rabbi Jen before the ceremony. It requires significant upper body strength to do safely.*
  - Hagbah (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gelilah (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer for Israel (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer for Leaders (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer for Future (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer for Peace (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Opening & Closing Ark to return Torah  
(name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Ashrei (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Ein Keloheinu (often a younger sibling or family member)  
(name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Adon Olam (often Kitah Zayin)  
(name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Kiddush (if not b'nei mitzvah student)  
(name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_
- Motzi (if not b'nei mitzvah student)  
(name) \_\_\_\_\_, (relationship to b'nei mitzvah) \_\_\_\_\_

Please note:

\*Anyone being called to the Torah is strongly encouraged to wear a kippah (for everyone) and tallit (for Jewish participants) if they are comfortable doing so.

\*No electronics are permitted on Shabbat, including cameras and cell phones, anywhere on Kehillah grounds.