

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED**  
**TO THE CLERGY OFFICE ONE (1) MONTH PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY**  
*If you have any questions, please call (516) 883-3144 Ext. 328*

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah Honors**

Bar/Bat Mitzvah \_\_\_\_\_ Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH  
HONORS FORM. PLEASE FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY**

Each family has the following honors:

- a) four *aliyot*
- b) opening the Ark doors either to take the Torah out or return it -  
up to 2 people to open and 2 people to close
- c) *hagba'ah* (lifting the Torah) and/or *g'lilah* (wrapping the Torah)

### Aliyot

Each child reads four *Aliyot* (the blessings before and after Torah). You may choose the people you wish for the *aliyot*, though this honor is reserved for those who are Jewish and older than Bar/Bat Mitzvah age. Generally (though not always) the third *aliyah* is given to the parent(s), while the fourth *aliyah* is always the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Please speak to those asked to have an *aliyah* and ask them to practice the blessings, as their reading is an honor to the whole congregation. Copies of the blessings before and after are available and are on the sheet "Aliyah Information" in your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah folder. If there is more than one person saying the blessing, one individual can say or chant the blessings before and the second can do the blessings after - or those who are sharing the *aliyah* can do both blessings together.

A non-Jewish parent is welcome to join a Jewish parent on the *bima* for an *aliyah* and be present when the Torah is passed to your child, but will not be asked to say the prayer for the Torah. In all other cases *aliyot* are reserved for those who are Jewish (as are all other *bima* honors - opening the Ark, lifting and wrapping the Torah).

Please consult with one of the rabbis if there are any questions

### Ark Opening

In the case of a "double" B'nai Mitzvah, each family can choose a friend or family member (or more than one) for both opening the Ark when the Torah is taken out and others for opening the Ark when the Torah is returned to the Ark. A younger sibling may do this as long as an adult joins them. This honor is reserved for someone who is Jewish.

### *Hagba'ah* (lifting the Torah) and/or *g'lilah* (wrapping the Torah)

In the case of a "double" B'nai Mitzvah, each family will be given one of these 2 honors. The honor you can ask someone to do is indicated below (where the "yes" is indicated). These honors are reserved for someone who is Jewish.

Please note that Hebrew names of those who have aliyot must include their father and mother's Hebrew names (if applicable).

**First aliyah:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew names \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) of those with *aliyah* \_\_\_\_\_

**Second aliyah:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew names \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) of those with *aliyah* \_\_\_\_\_

**Third aliyah:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew names \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) of those with *aliyah* \_\_\_\_\_

**Fourth aliyah:**

Bar/Bat Mitzvah \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Hebrew name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Hebrew name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Opening Ark when taking Torah out:**

Names \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Bar/Bat Mitzvah \_\_\_\_\_

Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

**Opening Ark when returning Torah:**

Names \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Bar/Bat Mitzvah \_\_\_\_\_

Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

**Hagba'ah (Lifting the Torah)**

NOTE: if you are "sharing" your date, the family first in alphabetical order (A-Z) will have the *hagba'ah*.

Yes

No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**G'lilah (Wrapping the Torah)**

NOTE: if you are "sharing" your date, the family second in alphabetical order (A-Z) will have the *g'lilah*.

Yes

No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Numbers of Guests**

Please give us the estimated number of guests you expect on Shabbat morning \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children