

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 Name _____ 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 Torah *aliyot* -3rd is for parent(s) and the 4th is for the bar/bat mitzvah
- b) Opening the Ark doors when we take the Torah out and when we return it - (this honor may be given to a person who is not Jewish)
- 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 those you wish for the *aliyot*, though this honor is reserved for those who are Jewish and older than Bar/Bat Mitzvah age. 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 reading 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. Those who are not Jewish may open the Ark.

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. These honors are reserved for someone who is Jewish.

Please note that Hebrew names of those who have *aliyah* to the Torah **MUST** include their father and mother's Hebrew names as well. (if applicable).
For Example: *Chana bat Avraham v'Sarah* *Yitzchak ben Sarah v'Avraham*

First aliyah:

Name(s) _____

Hebrew names _____

Email Address(es) of those with *aliyah*

Second aliyah:

Name(s) _____

Hebrew names _____

Email Address(es) of those with *aliyah*

Third aliyah:

Name(s) _____

Hebrew names _____

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:

Name(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Opening Ark when returning Torah:

Name(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Hagba'ah (Lifting the Torah) Please note that this honor is for ONE (1) person.

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

Yes

No

Name _____

Email Address _____

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(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Numbers of Guests

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

****LETTERS WILL BE EMAILED TO EACH OF THOSE LISTED EXPLAINING THEIR HONOR****