



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service Honors Checklist

Please complete and return to Rabbi Moritt 3 weeks before your Bar/Bat Mitzvah

1. Friday Night:

The children will lead the congregation in kiddush blessing over wine/juice at our Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night services at which the family will be invited to light the candles. Who will come to the bimah to light the candles and read the English blessing? Multiple family members are invited.

✿Candle lighting:_____

2. Aliyot (Blessings before and after the Torah Reading)

✧ We welcome non-Jewish parents and relatives to join the service on the bimah for these rituals. People given honors on this first page below read/chant Hebrew must be Jewish and have reached the age of bar/bat mitzvah. Additional honors open to all are on the next page of this form.

✧ The first aliya (1) is reserved for a member of our congregation of your choice in consultation with Rabbi Moritt.

✧ Our services customarily contain 4 aliyot/readings of Torah. Children, parents and other family guests have the honor of offering 3 of them. We encourage other family members or friends to read additional verses of Torah, up to 8 readings. Extra readings will enable you to offer extra aliyot honors to your guests.

<u>Honor</u>	<u>English Name(s)</u>	<u>Hebrew Name(s)</u>	<u>Relationship to child</u>
#1. Congregant	_____	_____	(Congregant)_____
#2. Choice	_____	_____	_____
#3. Parents	_____	_____	_____
#4. <u>Maftir/BBM</u> Child	_____	_____	_____

Optional: additional aliyot are available only if child or family chants additional readings of Torah.

3. Passing the Torah from “Generation to Generation”

A. (English Name/relationship)_____

B. (English Name/relationship)_____

4. Chanting Torah

✧ **Bar/Bat Mitzvah children customarily chant three (3) sections of Torah: the “Maftir” and two others as well as Haftarah.** Children wishing to read more are encouraged to do so. Family and friends are also welcome to chant. We can supply recordings with at least a month’s lead time. If preferred, the first congregational aliya may be a Torah reader.

A. Will any of your family or guests want to chant additional Torah? If so, please provide their name and contact information. _____

Other Honors (☞ indicates honor available to any person regardless of age or religions):

☞ Open the Ark at the beginning of the Torah Service

Name _____

☞ Close the Ark at the end of the Torah Service

Name _____

☆ Hagba--lifting the Torah- (Please keep in mind **physical requirements**. The Torah is **heavy!**)

Name _____

☆ Galila- dressing the Torah (1 or 2 people)

Name _____

☞ Prayer for Our Country (optional*)

Name _____

☞ Prayer for the State of Israel (optional*)

Name _____

*These 2 blessings are optional but are either both included or omitted as a pair. They are opportunities for more members of the family and friends to participate in the service, if desired. Both are read in English.

☞ Will candy be thrown? **YES / NO**

(Only **soft jelly candies individually wrapped** are permitted, i.e., Sunkist Fruit Gems)

☞ **Will the parents want to offer personal words of blessing as part of the service or at the meal?** (See Guide) **YES / NO**

☞ Kiddush and motzi blessings are offered by the bar/bat mitzvah child at the end of services. This may be offered by a group, including cousins, Religious Schoolmates, if requested.

☆ **Younger siblings** are encouraged to participate. Opening/closing the Ark or offering the Prayer for Our Country/Israel Are good options.

☆ **Older siblings** are strongly encouraged to have an Aliya- say the blessings before/after Torah reading.

☞ **Proper attire is required for anyone called to the bimah for any honor, i.e.; no sloppy sneakers, shoulders covered, hemlines for dresses/skirts/appropriate shorts should be no shorter than 1"-2" above the knee. Please choose your celebratory wear accordingly.**
