

BAT/BAR MITZVAH SERVICE INFORMATION FORM

DATE OF SERVICE: _____

BAT/BAR MITZVAH'S ENGLISH NAME: _____

BAT/BAR MITZVAH'S HEBREW NAME: _____

PARENTS' ENGLISH & HEBREW (IF JEWISH) NAMES: _____

PASSING THE TORAH: (JEWISH GRANDPARENTS' AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS' NAMES WHO ARE ATTENDING)

ARK OPENERS: (ONE TO SIX. THIS CAN BE ASSIGNED TO NON-JEWS. INDICATE RELATIONSHIP TO BAR/T MITZVAH)

UNDRESSING TORAH: (UP TO THREE JEWISH PEOPLE, CHILDREN ARE OKAY. INDICATE RELATIONSHIP TO BAR/T MITZVAH)

ALIYOT : (THE HONOR OF ASCENDING THE BIMAH AND BLESSING THE TORAH)

(THE NUMBER OF ALIYOT DEPENDS UPON HOW MANY YOUR CHILD HAS PREPARED. THE FINAL ALIYAH IS RESERVED FOR THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH. THE PENULTIMATE ALIYAH TRADITIONALLY IS GIVEN TO THE PARENT(S). ALL THOSE CALLED FOR THIS HONOR NEED TO BE JEWISH ADULTS OVER AGE 13. HEBREW NAMES ARE OPTIONAL. INDICATE RELATIONSHIP TO BAR/T MITZVAH):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____

LIFTING THE TORAH:(ONE JEWISH ADULT CAPABLE OF LIFTING THE SCROLL IN THE AIR. INDICATE RELATIONSHIP TO BAR/T MITZVAH)

DRESSING THE TORAH:(UP TO THREE JEWISH PEOPLE, CHILDREN ARE OKAY. INDICATE RELATIONSHIP TO BAR/T MITZVAH)

NAMES MOURNER'S KADDISH:

(OPTIONAL. THE NAMES OF THOSE WHOSE MEMORY YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT INVOKING AT THIS TIME)

KIDDUSH LOCATION: _____ . NUMBER OF INVITED GUESTS EXPECTED: _____

INDICATE COLOR PREFERENCE (IF ANY) FOR SERVICE BULLETIN: blue, green, ivory, yellow or pink

Notes on the giving of honors

1. Please fill out this form in preparation for the final family rehearsal the week of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service. Bring it with you to the rehearsal.
2. Please notify in advance the people to whom you are giving honors. Ask that they dress appropriately for participation in a synagogue worship service.
3. In giving the honor of blessing the Torah for an *aliyah*, please make sure that at least one person in each group is comfortable reciting the blessings in Hebrew. An English transliteration of the blessings will be present on the pulpit. For advance study, copy and send page 7 from your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family handbook. You may also want to send copies of the chanted blessings found on your child's study CD. These items are both available on our Temple's website at www.cbbsb.org. Your child has prepared anywhere from three up to seven aliyot. Please check with him/her as to how many aliyot to give away as an honor. Keep in mind the final aliyah is reserved for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and the penultimate aliyah is generally given to the parent(s).
4. The opportunity to speak to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah following his/her speech is an honor reserved for parents alone. (Would that we had time to include siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc... But, alas, we do not.)
5. Remember, what makes the giving of an honor so special is that only certain people receive it. Please don't feel pressure to include everyone in attendance. Discuss, as a family, who are the **really** important people in your lives and decide from there.