

HONORS FORM

The service includes two types of Honors: Torah Honors and Additional Honors. Torah Honors must be returned to your *Gabbai* at **least three weeks** before your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Please provide Hebrew names or English transliterations, and indicate if any of those to be honored is a Kohen or Levi.

**** If you wish to ask others to lead services or read Torah you must speak with the Rabbi, your Gabbai or Jeff Derby approximately six months prior to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. ****

Your family should not feel obligated to fill all of these honors. The *Gabbai* can ask members of the congregation to participate in the service. If you have any questions, please contact the *Gabbai* assigned to your Shabbat.

Family name:	
Phone number:	
Email address:	
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date:	
Honors for Bat/Bar Mitzvah of:	English name: _____ Hebrew name: _____ <i>ben/bat:</i> _____

Traditionally, an aliyah to the Torah is an honor given to an individual. Please provide both the English and Hebrew names of those you will honor with aliyot. If you are giving an aliyah to a Kohen or a Levi, please circle the appropriate title. If a couple is receiving a Torah Aliyah together, please list both of their Hebrew and English name. *(Must be a couple in a long-term committed relationship).*

Aliyah <i>(Blessings over the Torah)</i>	English name: _____ Hebrew name: _____ <i>ben/bat</i> _____ Kohen/Levi Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
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Maftir <i>(Blessings over the Torah; recited by the person reading the Haftarah)</i>	English name: _____ Hebrew name: _____ <i>ben/bat</i> _____ Kohen/Levi Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Tutor	English name: _____ Hebrew name: _____ <i>ben/bat</i> _____ Kohen/Levi
Hagbah <i>(Lifting the Torah)</i>	English name: _____ Hebrew name: _____ <i>ben/bat</i> _____ Kohen/Levi Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Gelilah <i>(Dressing the Torah)</i>	English name: _____ Hebrew name: _____ <i>ben/bat</i> _____ Kohen/Levi Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____

Additional Honors and Opportunities for Participation in the Service

Usually these duties are filled by the Gabbai. Do not feel obligated to fill these slots. Please assigning these honors with your Gabbai

Optional Ark Opening (Erev Shabbat, Aleinu)	English name: _____ Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Ark Opening (Shabbat morning)	English name: _____ Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Ark Closing (Shabbat morning)	English name: _____ Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Prayer for Our Country (in English)	English name: _____ Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Prayer for the State of Israel (in Hebrew)	English name: _____ Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Prayer for Peace (in English)	English name: _____ Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Optional Ark Opening (Shabbat morning, Aleinu)	English name: _____ Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____

Six months prior to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the Rabbi or Gabbai must be consulted to determine that service leaders and Torah readers are ready for their honors. If you would like family members or friends to read the Torah, please speak with Jeff Derby, jhderby@us.ibm.com. Torah Readers should be finalized/confirmed at least six weeks prior to the date. For service leaders please speak to the Rabbi or your Gabbai six months before the date to discuss this possibility.

Ashrei

Musaf

Pesukei D'Zimrah

Reminders (See Appendix B in the B'nai Mitzvah Handbook for a complete guide to honors and aliyot procedures)

- *Anyone receiving an honor on the bimah must be Jewish as defined by Jewish law according to the Conservative movement.*
- *All men **and** women called to the bimah **must** wear both a kippah and tallit. Modest clothing is also preferred*
- *On special occasions, a long-term committed couple (married or otherwise) may be called for a shared Aliyah.*
- *Please be sure that everyone knows what time his/her honor will take place. Only those receiving Torah honors are called by their Hebrew names. Those receiving other honors simply go to the bimah at the appropriate time.*