

## JRC Bnai Mitzvah Honors Information

Bar/Bat Mitzvah of: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ark Opening

- You'll be called to the Ark at the beginning of the Torah service, Page 383
- Stand on either side of the Ark
- When instructed by the Rabbi, pull the curtain open.
- After Bnai Mitzvah takes the Torah out of the Ark and the procession begins, close the curtain and sit down

### Ark Closing

- You'll be called to the Ark at the end of the Torah service, Page 441
- Stand on either side of the Ark
- When instructed by the Rabbi, pull the curtain open.
- After Rabbi returns the Torah out of the Ark, close the curtain and sit down

### Aliyot: The honor of reciting the blessing over the Torah reading

- You are encouraged to wear a tallit
- When the Rabbi calls you up by your English and Hebrew names, come to the bimah
- Touch the Torah scroll with your tzitzit where the reader shows you, and then kiss the tzitzit
- As a group, recite the blessing before the Torah reading
- Following the reading, recite the blessing after the Torah reading
- One member of the group receiving the aliyah should remain on the left side of the bimah for the next reading

### Hagbah: Lifts the Torah Scroll after the Torah reading

- You are encouraged to wear a tallit
- The Rabbi will call you up by your Hebrew name, and you will come to the bimah
- You will lift the Torah following the Torah reading and holds it for the congregation to see, exposing at least 3 columns if you can
- You'll then sit in the provided chair while the gelilah dresses the scroll
- If you would like to practice (recommended if you've never done this before), you may arrange to do so with Rabbi Weiss. You can either attend the bnai mitzvah rehearsal on Tuesday before the service, or arrive before 9:00am that day to practice with the cantor.

### G'lilah: Wraps and dresses the Torah following the Torah reading

- You are encouraged to wear a tallit
- Once the Hagbah is seated with the scroll, the Rabbi will hand you the Torah belt and mantle and assist you in dressing the Torah.

### Distributing Candy:

- This occurs at the end of the service, after Adon Olam, Kiddush and Motzi
- Candy should be individually wrapped and passed around the room in baskets
- Tell guests to hold it until the rabbis say *Mazel Tov*, then throw!!