

Updated Honors Sheet for in Person and Zoom B'nei Mitzvah

Please use this sheet to organize family honors for your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Once complete, please share with jonjaffe@gmail.com

Friday

1. Friday Night Candles Blessing: _____
Choice: a. Just light candles b. Read short English passage c. Read your own brief words

Saturday

2. Tallit: _____
3. Torah passing - Grandparents may share a few sentences over what they hope the Bar/Bat Mitzvah receives from their tradition:
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

4. Aliyot* -
Give English names, Hebrew names and relationship. Example: Yosef ben/bat (son/daughter of) Yitzchak [father's Hebrew name] ve (&) Miriam [mother's Hebrew name]
- a. English: _____
Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Hebrew: _____
 - b. English: _____
Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Hebrew: _____
 - c. English: (Parent/s + Older Sibling/s) _____
Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Hebrew: _____
 - d. English: (BM Student) _____
Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____
Hebrew: _____

5. Younger sibling introduces Bar/Bat Mitzvah final Aliyah? Y/N Name: _____

6. Do any members of your family require an accommodation or special assistance? Y/N

7. Do you want to throw candy as part of the service? Y/N

** Honor reserved specifically for individuals of Jewish faith*

For families looking to incorporate further family members, the following blessings may be given during the service. If you wish to use them, please let Rabbi Jaffe know.

Into our hands, O God, You have placed your Torah, to be held high by parents and children, and taught by one generation to the next. Whatever has befallen us; our people have remained steadfast in loyalty to the Torah. It was carried into exile in the arms of parents that their children might not be deprived of their birthright, And now we pray that you,....., may always be worthy of this inheritance. Take its teachings into your heart, and in turn pass it on to your children and those who come after you. May you be a faithful Jew, searching for wisdom and truth, working for justice and peace. Thus will you be among those who labor to bring nearer the day when God shall be One, and God's children shall be one.

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Our hearts are one on this joyous day as you commit yourself to a life of Torah: a life, we pray, filled with wisdom, caring, and right action.

We pray that you will grow each day in compassion for the needy, in concern for the stranger, in love of all people.

May the One who blessed our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah, bless you on your becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

May you grow with strength and courage, with vision and sensitivity. And may you always be certain of our love. Amen

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May you live to see your world fulfilled, may your destiny be for worlds still to come, and may you trust in generations past and yet to be. May your heart be filled with intuition and your words be rich in understanding. May songs of praise ever be upon your tongue, and your vision clarify a straight path before you. May your eyes shine with the light of Torah and your face reflect the brightness of the heavens. May your lips ever speak wisdom and your fulfillment be in righteousness, even as you ever yearn to hear the words of the Ancient One of Holiness.

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Taking your place...in an enduring line.

This is the day that you stood up to say, "Our tradition is mine."

You have now read the Torah.

It's been passed onto you.

It's our law and our story...But each telling is new.

Taking your place...in a resilient line

This is the day that you stood up to say, "Our tradition is mine."

You have now held the Torah
Forged a link to the past
You're the face of our future,
and the reason we last.
It is said we stood at Sinai
And today, you know you're there.
You're the promise of a
people, a blessing and a prayer.
Lalechet bidrachav v'lishmor mitzvotav kol hayamim.
May you walk in God's ways and may all of your days be blessings.