THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED
TO THE CLERGY OFFICE ONE (1) MONTH PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY
If you have any questions, please call (516) 883-3144 Ext. 328

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Honors

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Name_________________________ Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date_____________

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH
HONORS FORM. PLEASE FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY

Each family has the following honors:

a) Four Torah aliyyot - 3rd is for parent(s) and the 4th is for the bar/bat mitzvah
b) Opening the Ark doors when we take the Torah out and when we return it - (this honor may be
given to a person who is not Jewish)
c) Hagba’ah (lifting the Torah) and/or g’lilah (wrapping the Torah)

Aliyot

Each child reads four Aliyot (the blessings before and after Torah). You may choose those you wish
for the aliyyot, though this honor is reserved for those who are Jewish and older than Bar/Bat Mitzvah
age. The third aliyyah is given to the parent(s), while the fourth aliyyah is always the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.
Please speak to those asked to have an aliyyah and ask them to practice the blessings, as their reading
is an honor to the whole congregation. Copies of the blessings before and after are available and are
on the sheet “Aliyah Information” in your child’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah folder. If there is more than one
person saying the blessing, one individual can say or chant the blessings before and the second can do
the blessings after - or those who are sharing the aliyyah can do both blessings together.
A non-Jewish parent is welcome to join a Jewish parent on the bima for an aliyyah and be present
when the Torah is passed to your child, but will not be asked to say the prayer for reading Torah.

Please consult with one of the rabbis if there are any questions

Ark Opening

In the case of a “double” B’nai Mitzvah, each family can choose a friend or family member (or more
than one) for both opening the Ark when the Torah is taken out and others for opening the Ark when
the Torah is returned to the Ark. A younger sibling may do this as long as an adult joins them. Those
who are not Jewish may open the Ark.

Hagba’ah (lifting the Torah) and/or g’lilah (wrapping the Torah)

In the case of a “double” B’nai Mitzvah, each family will be given one of these 2 honors. These honors
are reserved for someone who is Jewish.
Please note that Hebrew names of those who have *aliyah* to the Torah **MUST** include their father and mother’s Hebrew names as well. (if applicable).

For Example: Chana *bat* Avraham v’Sarah    Yitzchak *ben* Sarah v’Avraham

**First aliyah:**
Name(s) ______________________________________________________________
Hebrew names _________________________________________________________
**Email Address(es) of those with *aliyah***
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

**Second aliyah:**
Name(s) ______________________________________________________________
Hebrew names _________________________________________________________
**Email Address(es) of those with *aliyah***
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

**Third aliyah:**
Name(s) ______________________________________________________________
Hebrew names _________________________________________________________

**Fourth aliyah:**
Bar/Bat Mitzvah _____________________________ Hebrew name _____________________________
Father’s Hebrew name (if applicable) ________________________________
Mother’s Hebrew name (if applicable) ________________________________

**Opening Ark when taking Torah out:**
Name(s) ______________________________________________________________
**Email Address(es)**
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
Opening Ark when returning Torah:

Name(s)________________________________________________________

Email Address(es)_____________________________________________________________________

_______________________________________________________________

Hagba’ah (Lifting the Torah) Please note that this honor is for ONE (1) person.
NOTE: if you are “sharing” your date, the family first in alphabetical order (A-Z) will have the hagba’ah.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Name________________________________________________________

Email Address_____________________________________________

G’lilah (Wrapping the Torah)
NOTE: if you are “sharing” your date, the family second in alphabetical order (A-Z) will have the g’lilah.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Name(s)_____________________________________________________

Email Address(es)_____________________________________________________________________

Numbers of Guests

Please give us the estimated number of guests you expect on Shabbat morning  _______ Adults  _______ Children

**LETTERS WILL BE EMAILED TO EACH OF THOSE LISTED EXPLAINING THEIR HONOR**