



Torah Honors

Aliyah (plural aliyot) is Hebrew for “going up.” When someone is honored with an Aliyah they recite the Hebrew blessings before and after the reading of the Torah. This is one of the most significant honors that may be given. These honors are only given to Jewish people over the age of thirteen. When one parent or other relative is not Jewish, they may accompany the Jewish parent or other relative on the bimah. While they do not say the blessing, they are still welcome to participate in the honor with their presence.

When someone is called to the Torah, they are called by their full Hebrew name. Hebrew names include parents’ Hebrew names. Example: Avraham ben Daniel v’Sarah. (Avraham is the honoree’s Hebrew name, ben means “son of”, Daniel is the father’s Hebrew name, Sarah is the mother’s Hebrew name.) If you are having trouble with the Hebrew names, some possible places to find the information include a conversion or naming certificate, ketubah (Jewish marriage certificate), and gravestones (if named after a deceased loved one). Older relatives may be a good resource. If all else fails, the clergy can assist you.

ALIIYAH	ENGLISH NAME			HEBREW NAME				
	First	Middle	Last	First	Middle	ben/bat	Father's Hebrew Name	Mother's Hebrew Name
1								
2								
3	PARENTS							
4 (MAFTIR)	BAR/BAT MITZVAH							

****Additional Aliyot (up to four more) are available for students who learn more than four portions.***