

Return this form to the Rabbis' & Cantors' Assistant two weeks before your Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

# BAR/BAT MITZVAH HONORS FORM

BAR/BAT MITZVAH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENGLISH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HEBREW NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony is a rite of passage, important not only to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, but to the entire family. Therefore, we are eager to provide many opportunities for family members to participate in the Shabbat morning service, while preserving the uniqueness of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student.

**Please note: Only Jews who are at least 13 years old may participate in the Torah service itself.**

**A. ALIYOT & TORAH HONORS-** The highest honor that can be given is to be called to the Torah for an *aliyah*. The Torah service includes seven (7) *aliyot*. You may ask other members of your family or of the congregation to chant up to six of these *aliyot*. Please provide both English and Hebrew names of those you are honoring. One of the Rabbis will assist with Hebrew names if necessary. While parents, grandparents, and close relatives are customarily given the honor of an *aliyah*, other family members and close friends may also be included. Please remind those coming up for *aliyot* to prepare well the Hebrew and chanting of the blessings to give honor to the Torah. **Please, no more than three people per *aliyah*.** Sample Hebrew Name: *Channah bat Shmuel v'Leah*

1. This first *aliyah* (blessing) is assigned by the clergy.

2. Name and Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah

English Name \_\_\_\_\_ English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name and Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah

English Name \_\_\_\_\_ English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name and Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah

English Name \_\_\_\_\_ English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name and Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah

English Name \_\_\_\_\_ English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Parent(s)/Guardians(s)

English Name \_\_\_\_\_ English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah

English Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

**HAGBAH** (Raising up Torah) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name & Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah)  
(this person must practice lifting the Torah before the service)

**G'LILAH** (Dressing Torah) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name & Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah)

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**B. OTHER HONORS:** Please remember that you do not have to find different people for each honor. You can choose to use the same people or select others who will be attending. Due to the height of the ark, participants must be at least about seven years of age to open and close the ark doors. **You may select only two people for beginning of Torah service and two for end of service (a total of no more than four people.)**

**OPENING/CLOSING ARK** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as we take out the Torah) (include names **and** relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah)

**OPENING/CLOSING ARK** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as we put the Torah away) (include names **and** relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah)

**Shabbat morning kiddush cup distributors** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. At conclusion of service, they will pass out cups of juice and wine as guests enter social hall.

**C. TORAH PASSING (optional):** The Torah is symbolically passed from generation to generation down the line of your student's Jewish ancestry. Jewish grandparents are called forward along with the parents/guardians of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. If one parent/guardian of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah is not Jewish, that parent's/guardian's role in the Torah passing should be discussed with the Rabbi. Please list those who will be included in the Torah passing starting with the eldest generation:

**D. GRANDPARENTS:** Please list here the names of all grandparents who will be in attendance at the service.

**E. SIBLINGS** are encouraged to say the short *kiddush* and *motzi* to begin the Shabbat morning *kiddush* after the service in Margolis Hall. Please list the names and ages of siblings who will participate:

**F. SPECIAL MEMORIALS:** Your student's presence is bound up in your family's past. Because those who came before your student are so deeply connected to the occasion of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we invite you to honor the memory of all loved ones during our *kaddish* prayer. Please list those close family members whose names you would like read prior to the saying of the mourner's *kaddish*.

**G. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:** We know that every family has their own particular needs and concerns surrounding the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The Rabbi(s) encourage you to speak directly with them in creating an uplifting and memorable Shabbat service for your student, your family, and the entire congregation. Please do not hesitate to note any concerns here or to contact the Rabbi(s) directly to address your specific needs.

**H. SHABBAT EVENING CANDLE BLESSING PARTICIPANTS:**

Reader - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Reader/Blessor must be Bar/Bat Mitzvah Age)

Lighter - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lighter may be any age; does not need to be Jewish)