

NAME: _____

BM DATE: _____

B'NAI MITZVAH HONORS

The time has come for you to assign honors for your upcoming simcha. There are a variety of bimah honors available; they are listed below, along with explanations. If you have any questions regarding these honors, please speak to the rabbi who is officiating. **Please do not feel the need to fill all the empty lines available** They are there as options, not as necessities. **This form needs to be completed and brought with you to your final appointment with the Rabbi.**

ALLIYOT. The word "alliyah" means to "go up." It refers specifically to being called to the Torah to recite two blessings, one before and one after your child's reading of the Torah. Because this blessing includes the words "*asher bachar banu*" –which means: "who has chosen us", we call only Jews over the age of 13 to recite or chant these blessings over the Torah. You will need to know the Hebrew name of each person called for this honor. Remember, Hebrew names represent two (generations and that in Reform Judaism we like to mention both father and mother if we can. The word "ben" means "son of" and "bat" means "daughter of."

PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED FOR THIS BLESSING SHOULD PRACTICE! Being called for an alliyah is a very high honor; it also presupposes an ability to recite or chant credibly. Non-Jewish family or friends, as well as children, can accompany the alliyah.

TALLIT: Parents generally give a tallit to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. However, on occasion, someone else will. This could be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. Please let us know who will be presenting the tallit.

ARK OPENINGS AND HANDLING THE TORAH:

There are several times during the service when the Ark is opened and the Torah is handled (i.e. carried, lifted, removed from and replaced in the Ark. Hebrew names are not necessary for these honors, but please include the relationship to the B'nai Mitzvah on this form. Please be certain that those asked to handle the Torah are physically able to do so.

Tallit Presentation:

Relationship to BM

1) Open Ark doors before taking the Torah from the Ark:

Relationship to BM:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

2) Remove the Torah from the Ark and hand to student for *Hakafah* (marching with Torah) or one of your own honorees.

a. _____

Relationship to B/M: _____

First Alliyah:

Name(s):	Hebrew Name(s):	Relationship to BM:
1) _____	_____ <u>ben/bat</u> _____	_____
2) _____	_____ <u>ben/bat</u> _____	_____
3) _____	_____ <u>ben/bat</u> _____	_____
4) _____	_____ <u>ben/bat</u> _____	_____

Second Alliyah:

Name(s):	Hebrew Name(s):	Relationship to BM:
1) _____	_____ <u>ben/bat</u> _____	_____
2) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____
3) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____
4) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____

Third Alliyah:

Name(s):	Hebrew Name(s):	Relationship to BM:
1) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____
2) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____
3) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____
4) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____

Fourth Alliyah (Parents)

Name(s):	Hebrew Name(s):	Relationship to BM:
1) _____	_____	<u>ben/bat</u> _____

2) _____
_____ ben/bat _____

Fifth Alliyah (Bar/Bat Mitzvah)

Full English Name:

Full Hebrew Name:

_____ ben/bat _____

If there are Six and Seven Alliyot, please fill them out on the reverse side of this form.

3) HAGBAH - Lift Torah after B'nai Mitzvah has completed reading or chanting.

a. _____ Relationship to BM: _____

4) GALLILAH - Dressing the Torah. Excellent for younger siblings or relatives of both families.

Name(s) _____ Relationship to BM: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5) Bring Torah to holder stand. (Could be same person that does Hagbah)

a. _____ Relationship to BM: _____

6) Return Torah to the Ark after Haftarah is read. Can include second *Hakafah* (marching with the Torah).

a. _____ Relationship to BM: _____

7) CANDY: YES: _____ NO: _____

8) Open Ark doors before returning the Torah to the Ark/Aleinu: _____ Relationship to BM: _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

KADDISH: We recite *kaddish* at our services. We like to mention people who would have delighted in your child's B'nai Mitzvah but who are sadly absent. In general, namesakes are appropriate. Also, if you believe mentioning a name would be meaningful to those present, please do so.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Are there people whose names should be mentioned who are present, but who are not participating in the service? This can include a great grandparent, an aunt or uncle from Israel, etc. Are there people who could not attend that should be noted?

SHABBAT GREETERS:

Saturday

BOARD MEMBER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Quite often we will mention that a family is holding the Kiddush in the social hall or that a bus is waiting to take the kids to the party, etc. Any special announcements?

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS OR CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

_____ Please arrange live streaming for our service.