

BAR/BAT MITZVAH CEREMONY WORKSHEET

***Please complete this form and return to the synagogue office at least one month prior to your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah.**

Child's English name:

Child's Hebrew name:

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date:

Parent 1 English name:

Parent 1 Hebrew name:

Parent 2 English name:

Parent 2 Hebrew name:

The following is a list of potential honors and areas of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service in which you and your friends or family may participate:

ARK OPENINGS:

Ark Opening: beginning of *Torah* Service:

- 1.
- 2.

Ark Opening: end of *Torah* Service:

- 1.
- 2.

ALIYOT: The *Torah* reading is divided into seven parts called *aliyot* (from the singular word *aliyah*, meaning "to go up). An *aliyah* is the honor of being called to the *Torah* to recite the *Torah* blessings (in Hebrew) before and after each reading. The synagogue may limit *aliyot* at its discretion in order to accommodate congregants.

- 1. First *aliyah* (The first *aliyah* is usually designated for a *Kohen*):**
- 2. Second *aliyah*:**
- 3. Third *aliyah*:**
- 4. Fourth *aliyah*:**
- 5. Fifth *aliyah*:**
- 6. Sixth *aliyah* (traditionally recited by the Bar/Bat Mitzvah child's parents)::**
- 7. Seventh *aliyah*:**

TORAH READINGS: We encourage all of our congregants and families to learn how to read from the *Torah*. For the day of your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you may want to ask family members to learn a *Torah* portion. If you would like for friends or family to read from the *Torah*, please indicate who will be reading, their relationship to your family and which reading they will be learning:

1. **First *Torah* reading:**
2. **Second *Torah* Reading:**
3. **Third *Torah* Reading:**
4. **Fourth *Torah* Reading:**
5. **Fifth *Torah* Reading:**
6. **Sixth *Torah* reading:**
7. **Seventh *Torah* reading:**
8. ***Maftir Torah* reading: reserved for your child**

TORAH PROCESSIONAL: This is traditionally done by the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family.

HAGBAH AND GELILAH

The honor of lifting up the Torah is called *Hagbah*, and the honor of dressing the *Torah* is called *Gelilah*. Please indicate who will be doing these special honors:

1. ***Hagbah*:**
2. ***Geililah*:**

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY AND FOR ISRAEL

These readings are in English and are done immediately after the Torah service.

1. Prayer for our Country:
2. Prayer for the State of Israel: