



Bar/Bat Mitzvah *Shacharit* (Morning) Service Honors

Please, return this form electronically along with a photo of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah to bmitzvah@ctjmb.org at least a week before the event.

Saturday Morning Service Honors

We can't wait to celebrate with your family and honor your loved ones by including them in parts of the service. **For the following honors, we welcome individuals of all backgrounds and faiths:**

Ark Opening - Taking Out Torah (2 People): _____

Torah Pass Through Generations (Parents & Grandparents): _____

* Torah Lifter (*Hagbah*): BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT - PLEASE SPEAK TO CANTOR BETH _____

Torah Dresser (*G'ililah*): _____

Ark Opening - Returning the Torah (2 People): _____

English Readings (Choose 2): Prayer for Country: _____ Prayer for Israel: _____

Prayer for Peace: _____ Prayer for Family & Friends: _____

Hebrew Names

For the Torah honors (on the next page), we will call family and friends by their Hebrew name.
Please use the following format when filling out their Hebrew name:

Male: Person's Hebrew name BEN (son of) Father's Hebrew name v' (and) Mother's Hebrew name
Example: Shlomo **ben** Yitzchak v'Miriam

Female: Person's Hebrew name BAT (daughter of) Father's Hebrew name v' (and) Mother's Hebrew name
Example: Leah **bat** Moshe v'Aliza

If you don't know someone's Hebrew name:
For men, it is customary to use **Avraham** (our patriarch)
For women, it is customary to use **Sarah** (our matriarch)

If someone converts to Judaism, their name is usually formatted:
Person's Hebrew name ben/bat **Avraham v'Sarah**

We do not follow the Kohen & Levi format at a Bar Mitzvah service, but feel free to give any one who is a Kohen or Levi the 1st or 2nd aliyah respectively, should you wish.

If you have any questions or concerns about Hebrew names, please contact Cantor Beth or Rabbi Kalev.

Torah Service Honors (*Aliyot*)

Here are some helpful tips and information to keep in mind when giving out the Torah honors (*Aliyot*):

- ▶ The Torah honors may be given out to Jewish individuals who are above the age of 13.
- ▶ We welcome younger children to come and stand with their parents.
- ▶ We are honored to have CTJ parents who are interfaith to come and stand together for an *aliyah* should they wish to do so.
- ▶ There may be a maximum of 3 individuals called up per *aliyah*.
- ▶ Please fill out Hebrew names in a transliterated form (see previous page for instructions)
- ▶ If you wish to have one of your guests read from the Torah, they must be approved by Cantor Beth no later than three days prior to the service. You may write their English name on the grid below.
- ▶ Please remind your guests that they each must wear a tallit when coming up for an *aliyah*.

Aliyah	Full Name (English)	Full Hebrew Name (Transliteration or Hebrew)	Torah Reader (Optional)
1st	1)	1)	
	2)	2)	
	3)	3)	
2nd	1)	1)	
	2)	2)	
	3)	3)	
3rd	1)	1)	
	2)	2)	
	3)	3)	
THE 4TH ALIYAH IS SAVED FOR THE GREATER CTJ COMMUNITY			
5th	1)	1)	
	2)	2)	
	3)	3)	
6th	1)	1)	
	2)	2)	
	3)	3)	
7th	1) PARENTS OF BAR/BAT MITZVAH	1) PARENTS OF BAR/BAT MITZVAH	
	2)	2)	
MAFTIR	BAR/BAT MITZVAH	BAR/BAT MITZVAH	BAR/BAT MITZVAH

B'nai Mitzvah English Reading Honors
(Please choose two)

A Prayer for the Renewal of Creation

Master of the universe, in whose hand is the breath of all life and the soul of every person, grant us the gift of Shabbat, a day of rest from all our labors. With all of our senses may we perceive the glory of Your works. Fill us with Your goodness, that we may attest to Your great deeds. Strengthen us to become Your faithful partners, preserving the world for the sake of future generations. ► ADONAI our God and God of our ancestors, may it be Your will to renew Your blessing of the world in our day, as You have done from the beginning of time.

A Prayer for Our Country

Our God and God of our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer on behalf of our country and its government. Pour out Your blessing upon this land, upon its inhabitants, upon its leaders, its judges, officers, and officials, who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the public. Help them understand the rules of justice You have decreed, so that peace and security, happiness and freedom, will never depart from our land.

ADONAI, God whose spirit is in all creatures, we pray that Your spirit be awakened within all the inhabitants of our land. Uproot from our hearts hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant love and companionship, peace and friendship, among the many peoples and faiths who dwell in our nation. Grant us the knowledge to judge justly, the wisdom to act with compassion, and the understanding and courage to root out poverty from our land.

May it be Your will that our land be a blessing to all who dwell on earth, and may You cause all peoples to dwell in friendship and freedom. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." "For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest, shall know Me." And let us say: *Amen*.

A Prayer for the State of Israel

Avinu she-ba-shamayim, stronghold and redeemer of the people Israel: Bless the State of Israel, [that it may be] the beginning of our redemption. Shield it with Your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land. Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph. Bless the land with peace and its inhabitants with lasting joy. And let us say: *Amen*.

A Prayer for Peace

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease,
when a great peace will embrace the whole world.

*Then nation will not threaten nation,
and the human family will not again know war.*

For all who live on earth shall realize
we have not come into being to hate or to destroy.
We have come into being to praise, to labor, and to love.

*Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations
with the power of compassion.*

Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture:

I will bring peace to the land,
and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you.

*I will rid the land of vicious beasts
and it shall not be ravaged by war.*

Let justice and righteousness flow like a mighty stream.
Let God's peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.
And let us say: *Amen*.

Prayer for Families & Friends – To Love & To Care

We thank You, O God, for family and friends and for what they mean and bring to one another. We are grateful for the bonds of loyalty and affection which sustain us, and which keep us close to one another no matter how far apart we may be.

We thank You for implanting within us a deep need for each other, and for giving us the capacity to love and to care.

Help us to be modest in our demands of one another, but generous in our giving to each other. May we never measure how much love or encouragement we offer; may we never count the times we forgive. Rather, may we always be grateful that we have one another and that we are able to express our love in acts of kindness.

Keep us gentle in our speech. When we offer words of criticism, may they be chosen with care and spoken softly. May we waste no opportunity to speak words of sympathy, of appreciation, of praise.

Bless all families and friends with health, happiness, and contentment. Above all, grant us the wisdom to build a joyous and peaceful home in which Your spirit will always abide.

And let us say: Amen.

[Adapted from Likrat Shabbat 1981]