

Honors for the Family & Friends during the B'nai Mitzvah Service

Please submit this completed form to the office 3 months before the B'nai Mitzvah service.

Name of B'nai Mitzvah (English) _____

Name of B'nai Mitzvah (Hebrew) _____

Date of B'nai Mitzvah Ceremony _____

Aliyot

Five Aliyot (honors in which family members recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read) are reserved for family and friends of B'nai Mitzvah Family. The final Alyah, called the Maftir, is for the B'nai Mitzvah Child, Aliyot may be apportioned to individuals or in groups. Anyone who is called up for an Aliyah must be 13 years of age or older. It is expected for a man called to the Torah wear a tallit and while women are not expected, they are welcome to wear a tallit. A non-Jewish parent is warmly invited to the bimah with their Jewish spouse, but not expected to say the blessing. Please list the family/friends receiving Aliyot. List their English and Hebrew name followed by their parent's Hebrew names.

ENGLISH NAME AND HEBREW TRANSLITERATION (NAME AND PARENT'S NAME)

Aliyot 1 _____

Aliyot 2 _____

Aliyot 3 _____

Aliyot 4 _____

Aliyot 5 _____

Opening the Ark

Two adults may be designated to open the doors of the ark.

Person 1 _____ Person 2 _____

Undressing/Dressing the Torah/G'lilah

One or two people may dress the Torah before it is read. Often the younger siblings or cousins of the B'nai Mitzvah are accorded this honor.

Person 1 _____ Person 2 _____

Leading Prayers

Some ritual honors are limited only to those who are Jewish and above the age of B'nai Mitzvah. However, Beth Sholom is committed to inclusion. Non-Jewish parents are encouraged to participate with their Jewish spouse in blessing their B'nai Mitzvah child on the bimah. In addition, non-Jewish parents and family members may lead an English reading at the service and help with select rituals. Please speak with the Rabbi to arrange for this participation.

Prayer for Peace _____

Prayer for Our Country _____

Prayer for Israel _____

Musaf Service Prayers

Ark Opening for Aleinu (up to two people, English name only)

Person 1 _____ Person 2 _____

Adon Olam

This is the concluding prayer of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service. Individuals or groups are welcomed for this honor to lead this prayer, i.e. camp and school friends or cousins.
