

Bet Mitzvah Information & Honors Sheet *Please*
return forms 5 weeks before your Service.

Bet's Full English Name: _____

Bet's Hebrew Name: _____ **Bet Birthdate:** _____

Parent English Name: _____

Parent English Name: _____

Grandparent(s) English Name(s) (LIVING ONLY):

Sibling(s) English Name(s)

Friday Night Erev Shabbat Honors:

We would love for your family to attend Erev Shabbat services on Friday evening. The Bet's immediate family (Bet, parents, siblings) have the opportunity to assist with 3 honors: 1) lighting the Shabbat candles, 2) opening the ark for Aleinu, and 3) holding the ritual objects for Kiddush and Motzi while leading. In addition, the Bet has the opportunity to 1) lead the V'ahavta.

Please list the names here of the immediate family members who will be participating on Friday night:

How many guests do you anticipate at services Shabbat evening (Friday): _____

How many guests do you anticipate at services Shabbat Morning (Saturday): _____

Are you throwing candy? (Circle one) YES NO

If a Talit will be presented who will be presenting it during the service: _____

Saturday Morning Shabbat Honors:

During our Shabbat Morning Bet Service friends and family of the Bet are invited to participate in our Service for a variety of honors. Each honor is explained below; you may use as many or as few of these honors as needed. Please notify anyone who is listed on this sheet that they should endeavor to arrive by 9:30 AM Saturday morning for a brief service run-through to practice their service part.

Please indicate below the English name(s) for all service honors. There are no maximum limits to our honors, but please try to keep group sizes reasonable. NOTE: Ark opening honors require at least 2 people.

Ark Openers 1 – Taking Out the Torah: Opening and closing the Ark when we take the Torah out of the Ark at the beginning of the Torah Service. At this time parents and grandparents of the Bet will also be on the *bima*.

Ark Openers 2 – Returning the Torah: Opening and closing the Ark when we return the Torah to the Ark at the end of our Torah Service.

Ark Openers 3 – Prayer for Israel: Opening and closing the Ark for the Prayer for Israel. (This is a great time for a larger group. Consider honoring your B’nai Jehudah Classmates)

Bet Mitzvah Aliyot Sheet

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When reading from our Torah Scroll it is traditional to bless our words of Torah both before and after they are read. We call this blessing an 'aliyah.' Our Bet students typically read 4 sections of Torah, and thus we have 4 aliyot. The 4th Aliyah is traditionally reserved for the Bet Mitzvah, and the 3rd Aliyah is for the parents of the Bet.

There are, then, two other aliyot to give out as honors. ***These people should be prepared to recite the blessing before and after the Torah reading in Hebrew. It is traditional to not come up for an aliyah until after the age of 13. There are no maximum limits to our aliyot honors, but please try to keep the group sizes reasonable.***

When completing the sections below, please fill in the Hebrew names as follows:

HEBREW FIRST NAME ben/bat PERSON'S PARENTS' HEBREW FIRST NAMES

For example: An Aliyah will go to Shirley, whose Hebrew name is 'Sara Beracha.' Shirley's father's Hebrew name is 'Shmuel Yitzchak, and her mother's Hebrew name is 'Esther Rachel.' So, Shirley's Hebrew name is: 'Sara bat Shmuel v'Esther.'

Aliyah 1 (use as many lines as necessary)

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

Aliyah 2 (use as many lines as necessary)

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

Aliyah 3 | PARENT(S) OF Bet (use as many lines as necessary)

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

Aliyah 4 | Bet Mitzvah

ENG Name: _____, HEB Name: _____ *ben/bat* _____

*Use more paper if necessary

Torah Undressers/Dressers: During the Shabbat morning service, the Torah scroll is undressed before the Bet reads their portion, and then dressed again afterwards. The Torah is dressed in cloth and silver ritual items. Kids are welcome to participate in this honor.

The **undressers** come to the *bima* during the *hakafah* (walking with the scroll around the room) – the rabbi does not call them by name. The **dressers** come up after the Torah reading when the rabbi calls them up by name, along with the person doing *hagbahah* (lifting the scroll).

Undressing the Torah:

Dressing the Torah:

Hagbahah (Lifting the Torah): After our Bet reads from the Torah it is traditional to lift the scroll that all might see the words of Torah that have been read. This person should feel comfortable lifting approx. 20 pounds; it’s mostly about balance, and our rabbis will help the person practice before the service. This person should be a Jewish adult over the age of 13.

Lifting the Torah (1 person): _____

Kiddush & Motzi (Blessing the Wine and Challah): At the conclusion of our service these honors are invited to join the Rabbis in helping to lead Kiddush (blessing over the wine) and Motzi (blessing over the challah). This is a lovely opportunity to invite the Bet’s entire B’nai Mitzvah class up to the *bima*, cousins and younger children.

Usher(s): One or two people eighteen years or older are required for this honor to assist in greeting guests.