Bet Mitzvah Information and Honors Sheet

Return forms five weeks before your service to: **BnaiMitzvah@BnaiJehudah.org**

Student's Full English Name: _____

Student's Hebrew Name: _____

Student's Birthdate: _____

Parent's English Name: _____

Parent's English Name: _____

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

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Sibling(s) English Name(s)

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Friday Night Erev Shabbat Honors:

We would love your family to attend Erev Shabbat services on Friday evening. The student and their immediate family (parents and siblings) have the opportunity to assist with 4 honors: 1.) Lighting the Shabbat candles, 2.) Leading *V'ahavta* (just the student), 3.) Opening the Ark for the Prayer for Israel, and 4.) Holding the ritual objects for *Kiddush* and *Motzi* while leading.

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

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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? YES____ NO____

If a tallit will be presented, who will be presenting it during the service? _____

Saturday Morning Shabbat Honors:

During our Shabbat morning Bet Mitzvah service, the student's friends and family 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 the honors to arrive by 9:30am for a brief service run-through to practice their parts.

Please indicate the English name(s) for all service honors. There is no limit to the number of 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, the student's parents and grandparents will also be on the *bimah*.

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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.

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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 Bet Mitzvah class.

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Bet Mitzvah Aliyot Sheet

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

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 wait until the age of 13 to come up for an *aliyah*. There is no limit to the number of people who can come up for an *aliyah*, but please try to keep the group sizes reasonable.**

At least 1 Jewish adult is required in each *aliyah* group.

When completing this section, please fill in the Hebrew names as follows:

Hebrew FIRST NAME ben/bat/bet STUDENT'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 _____
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***Aliyah* 2 (use as many lines as necessary)**

ENG Name: _____ HEB Name: _____ben/bat _____
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***Aliyah* 3 | Student's Parents (use as many lines as necessary)**

ENG Name: _____ HEB Name: _____ben/bat _____
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***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 student reads their portion and 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 bimah 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 by name, along with the person doing *hagbahah* (lifting the scroll).

Undressing the Torah:

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Dressing the Torah:

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Hagbahah (Lifting the Torah): After our student reads from the Torah, it is traditional to lift the scroll so all can see the words of Torah that have been read. This person should feel comfortable lifting approximately 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* and *Motzi* (Blessing the Wine and Challah):** At the conclusion of our service, these honors are invited to join the rabbis on the *bima* to lead *Kiddush* (blessing over the wine) and *Motzi* (blessing over the challah). This is a lovely opportunity to invite the student's entire *Bet Mitzvah* class, as well as cousins and younger children.

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