

## Aliyot and Honors for Shabbat Bar/Bat Mitzvah

### Guide to Completing the Form:

1. All aliyot and honors are generally assigned to one person unless the aliyah/honor asks for “Name(s)”.
2. Everyone who comes up to the bimah must have a head covering. Men must wear a tallit. Women are encouraged, but not required, to wear a tallit on the bimah.
3. All honors in the “Torah Service” section are only available to Jewish individuals. Family/guests from other faiths may offer the Prayer for Our Country and the Prayer for Peace. Two other Saturday morning English readings pp. 51-53 and p. 79 are available for family/guests from other faiths. *Please note that these additional readings occur within the first 30 minutes of the Saturday morning service.*
4. Rules for Aliyot
  - a. An aliyah may be assigned to *either* one person or to two people, but only in the case of a married couple.
  - b. When a married couple is called, one person chants the opening blessing and one person chants the closing blessing. Alternatively, one spouse may recite both blessings.
  - c. The **Hebrew Name(s)** that are needed for an aliyah are the *full Hebrew name with son of/daughter of father & mother*. For a man, *Chaim **ben** Moshe ve'Ester*. For a woman, *Shayna **bat** Hershel Tzvi ve'Golda*.
  - d. The Bar-Bat Mitzvah family can assign up to 4 aliyot to family and/or friends: Aliyah number 7 is always reserved for the parent(s)., The Maftir Aliyah is always reserved for the Bar-Bat Mitzvah.(We alter the aliyot assignments in the case of twins.), 2 Aliyot are always left open--The family chooses which two aliyot to leave open.
  - e. We do not call up blood relatives one aliyah after the next. Use the open aliyot to separate if necessary.(Aliyah 7 and Maftir are not considered “one after the next” due to the separation prayer between them.)
  - f. There is a video of “How to Take an Aliyah” on our website [www.grijc.org/](http://www.grijc.org/) Please click on Rabbi’s Desk, then Videos of Ritual Practices.
5. (Optional) Passing the Torah – To represent the passage of Torah from one generation to the next, a parent may pass the Torah to his/her child. A grandparent may participate as well. No more than grandparent-parent-Bar/Bat Mitzvah should participate in each of the two occasions.
6. Personal Speech to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah – Please let us know if you would like to offer personal words to your child during the kiddush/oneg time in the social hall. We will set up a microphone for you to use.
7. **PLEASE FILL OUT THE ALIYAH-HONORS FORM AND SUBMIT 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH TO OUR VOLUNTEER MARC ISENBERG ([marcisenberg@me.com](mailto:marcisenberg@me.com)).**

*Thank you! Mazel Tov on your upcoming simcha!*