

Shelter Rock Jewish Center Bar/Bat Mitzvah Honors Information: Shabbat

Parashah: _____ English Date: _____ Hebrew Date: _____

Full English name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____

Full Hebrew name of Bar/Bat Mitzvah: _____

Father's Name (English): _____ Check here if father is a *Kohen* _____

Father's Name (Hebrew): _____ Check here if father is a *Levi* _____

Mother's Name (English): _____

Mother's Name (Hebrew): _____

Siblings' Names (English): _____

Please note: All immediate family members, including the Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidate, as well as people being given Honors of any sort, need to be wearing proper synagogue attire. At Shelter Rock this means jackets and ties for men as well as a talit, and dresses or skirts and blouses with sleeves for women. Also, men in the sanctuary must wear kipot or hats. It is also the custom in our shul for married women to wear head coverings. All honors listed on this sheet need to be granted to people who are Jewish in accordance to the standards of the Conservative movement. If you have any questions about this, please contact Rabbi Cohen in advance of your simcha.

Ark Opening, While removing the Torah from the Ark (Page 117)

1. _____
2. _____
3. (Optional) _____
4. (Optional) _____

Ark openings do not require special skills; however please remember that there are a few steps to walk up to the bima. Please feel free to assist honorees up the steps if needed. You can assign two or four people to each ark opening.

Carrying Torah (Page 123)

1. _____
2. _____
(When there are 2 Torahs)

The average Torah weighs about 35 pounds and is unevenly weighted. Please honor someone who will be able to manage carrying it easily.

Second Ark Opening, While returning the Torah to Ark (Page 133)

1. _____ 2. _____
3. (Optional) _____ 4. (Optional) _____

On Shabbat, seven or eight people are called to the Torah. (All of them, however, are not always available to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family. You will be informed in advance how many *aliyot* are yours to distribute.) The first *aliyah* must go to a Kohen, the second *aliyah* must go to a Levite. In our day, *Kohanim* and Levites are the sons of *Kohanim* and Levites. If you do not have a Kohen or Levite, please leave these *aliyot* open unassigned and our Religious Services Chairman will look after finding a suitable individual to honor. All people given *aliyot* need to be able to recite these blessings in Hebrew. If someone wishes to have an *aliyah* and is unable to recite the blessings, our cantor will be pleased to assist him or her in advance. Please list the full Hebrew name of each person to be given an *aliyah* below. (The full Hebrew name includes the person's Hebrew name as well as the Hebrew name of that person's father and, if so desired, his or her mother.) Only the parents or grandparents of the bar- or bat-mitzvah may come up together for one *aliyah*. However, even in such cases, only one person will be formally called forward. Therefore, please indicate which honoree you would like to have called up.

Honor	English Name	Hebrew Name	Relationship
Kohen			
Levi			
Third			
Fourth			
Fifth			
Sixth			
Seventh			
Maftir			Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Honor	Torah Reader
Kohen	
Levi	
Third	
Fourth	
Fifth	
Sixth	
Seventh	
Maftir	Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Torah readers: The Bar/Bat Mitzvah will be reading a portion from the Torah. If, in addition, you have guests who are able to read from the Torah and would like to do so for the congregation, please list them here. Please make sure that the Religious Services Chairperson knows in advance that you have Torah readers and for which *aliyot*. Torah readers who have not previously read at SRJC are asked to make contact in advance with our cantor to ascertain that they are ready to read in public.

Hagbahah (Page 125)

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(When there are 2 Torahs)

Hagbahah requires that someone lift the open Torah, turn around so the congregation could see three columns of text on the inside of the scroll, sit down with it and then wind it closed. It requires someone who is physically capable of doing this. If your honoree (*Magbiah*) is physically capable but has never had this honor before, please have him check with the rabbi or cantor regarding the best way to perform this honor, correctly and safely.

Gelilah (Page 125)

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(When there are 2 Torahs)

Gelilah requires that someone "dress" the Torah. This is not physically difficult and a nice honor to give someone who does not have Hebrew knowledge.