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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Ceremony Date: _____ (circle) AM or PM

Aliyah Honors

All those being given the honor of reciting the Aliyah (the blessings before and after the reading of the Torah) should be instructed to sit as close to the front of the Sanctuary as possible and on the inside isle. There is a laminated copy of the blessings (in Hebrew and Transliteration) on the Bima, so participants need not bring up their prayer book (siddur). It is appropriate only for Jews to say the blessings before and after the Torah reading because of its overt statements regarding Jewish peoplehood and its mission. Non-Jewish participants are most welcome, but we respectfully ask that they be partnered with a Jew who will recite the blessings with the non-Jewish partner standing by. All Jewish participants should wear a Tallit for the entire service.

For those reciting the Aliyah, a sheet with both transliteration and Hebrew is enclosed (page 3). This is an exact copy of the sheet we have on our Bima. Please send a copy of this sheet to all who will be so honored and encourage them to practice the Hebrew. ***It is important that all those reciting the blessings be able to do so fluently.*** Perhaps the Bar/Bat Mitzvah could work with or record his/her voice on a tape or cd and send it to those being given this honor. It is never comfortable for our Bar/Bat Mitzvah when a relative or friend is not prepared and stumbles over his/her reading. Please reassure participants that the Cantor will be with them to guide them through the Aliyah and sing along if necessary.

Those being called to the Bima to recite the blessings will be called up by their Hebrew names. In our tradition, the Hebrew name given to someone also includes the Hebrew names of their parents. For example, my Hebrew name translated is Kaddish, son of Jules and Marilyn. The Hebrew is Kaddish ben Ya'akov v'Malcha. Please do your best to find out the complete Hebrew name of those reciting the Aliyah. You can check family records like baby naming certificates, ketubot (marriage licenses), death certificates, etc. If no Hebrew name can be found, we are happy to present a Hebrew name. Please understand that we take the naming of any individual very seriously. This name will be their Jewish marker forever, something that they will always have to live with.

Always remember that Rabbi Neil and Cantor Ken are always available to answer any questions you may have about this form or any part of our B'nai Mitzvah Program.

This must be turned into Cantor Ken no later than TWO weeks before the ceremony date.

**Please write names clearly and as they are to be called during the service.
Contact Cantor Ken with any questions.**

Aliyah #	English Name	Hebrew Name	Father's Hebrew Name	Mother's Hebrew Name	Relationship to Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Example	1. Joe Lamm 2. Sara Lamm	Yosef Sara	Moshe Yitzchak	Chana Leah	Paternal Grandfather Paternal Grandmother
1.	1. 2.				
2.	1. 2.				
3.	1. 2.				
4. Usually done by the parents	1. 2.				
5. Reserved for Bar/Bat Mitzvah	1.				

TORAH BLESSINGS

Blessing before the Torah Reading

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ!

Bar-chu et Adonai ha-m'vo-rach!

(Praise the Eternal, to whom our praise is due!)

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

BA-RUCH ADONAI HA-M'VO-RACH L'O-LAM VA-ED.

(Praised be the Eternal, to whom our praise is due, now and forever!)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Ba-ruch A-tah Adonai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lech ha-olam, a-sher ba-char ba-nu mi-kol ha-a-mim, v'na-tan la-nu et To-ra-to. Ba-ruch A-tah Adonai, no-teyn ha-Torah.

(Praised be the Eternal One our God, Ruler of the universe, who has chosen us from all people by giving us God's Torah.

Blessed is the Eternal One, Giver of the Torah.)

Blessing after the Reading

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן
לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת, וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Ba-ruch A-tah Adonai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher na-tan la-nu To-rat e-met v'cha-yey o-lam na-ta b'to-chey-nu. Ba-ruch A-tah Adonai, no-teyn ha-Torah.

(Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who has given us a Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life. Blessed is the Eternal, Giver of the Torah.)