

# ALIYOT FORM INSTRUCTION SHEET

*Return fully completed form to Temple Office 2 weeks prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.*

## **ARK OPENINGS: Two to Four people per ark opening**

Traditionally given to family members or close friends who **can be Jewish or Non-Jewish**. **All persons selected to open the ark should know they will have to wear a head covering.**

## **TORAH HONORS: Two-person limit per aliyah.**

### **Calling People to the Torah (Aliyot):**

At a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony, honorees are called to the Torah in addition to the parents and child. Aliyot are assigned by the B'nei Mitzvah family to honorees of their choosing. An Aliyah Honor Form, which can be found in this packet and also on the Temple website, must be completely filled out and returned to the Temple office 2 weeks prior to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. You will need to know the complete Hebrew names of the honorees and to let them know they will be called to the bima and expected to recite the Torah Blessings. A recording of the Torah blessings, along with the printed blessings can be found in this packet and on the Temple website under the Education tab/B'nei Mitzvah Families.

***By tradition, the honor of an aliyah is reserved for members of the Jewish faith. All honorees for aliyot must wear a tallit and head covering when at the bima reciting the Torah blessings.***

### **Honors for Hagbah (Lifting the Torah) and G'lilah (Dressing the Torah):**

Because lifting the Torah is physically demanding, this honor should be given to an individual capable of lifting heavy things (generally strong men, sometimes women). The names of these honorees should be included when filling out the aliyot form. *By tradition, the honors of Hagbah and G'lilah are reserved for members of the Jewish faith and must wear head coverings.*

For the Hagbah, only one person may be selected.

For the G'lilah, one or 2 people can be selected.

### **Hebrew Names \*\*\* REQUIRED \*\*\*\***

The full and complete hebrew names of all persons receiving Torah honors must be supplied on the Aliyah Honor form. The format is as follows:

#### **Male:**

First Name (in hebrew) + Ben (son of) + First Names (in hebrew) of Father and (v') Mother

*For example: Yitzhak Ben Avraham v' Rivkah*

#### **Female:**

First Name (in hebrew) + Bat (daughter of) + First Names (in hebrew) of Father and (v') Mother

*For example: Devorah Bat Avraham v' Rivkah*

***If needed, fillable pdfs of the Aliyah Honor Forms can be found on the Temple website under the Education tab / B'nei Mitzvah Families.***