



B'nei Mitzvah Service Template

Welcome to Temple Beth Shalom. We are delighted and honored you have come to share this joyous occasion of _____'s Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

The act of becoming a **Bar** or **Bat Mitzvah**, often translated as “son or daughter in relationship with the commandment(s),” raises a Jewish child to the status of adult in the religious community. It marks the beginning of many obligations and privileges.

You might notice that many people within the sanctuary have covered their head with a kipa and are wearing are wearing a *Tallis* (prayer shawl). These two traditions are optional for you.

We will use two books during the service. Our *siddur* (prayer book) called “*Mishkan Tefillah*,” and the book called “the Torah” which contains _____'s Torah portion.

_____’s *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* ceremony takes place during this morning’s **Shabbat** (Sabbath) service. During the service, _____ will be called upon to chant (read) from the **Torah**. The Torah is the handwritten parchment scroll of the Five Books of Moses. Each Shabbat and holiday a prescribed portion of the Torah is read aloud in Hebrew. _____’s Torah portion is from the **Book of** _____.

Each section, as it is read, is preceded and followed by blessings of thanks for the gift of Torah. This honor of being called to the **bema** (pulpit) to say these blessings is

called an **Aliyah**. Today we bestow this honor upon the following friends and family members:

- Person/People 1
- Person/People 2
- Etc.

We have asked some of our family and friends to share in this special service by leading the congregation in readings from the *siddur* (prayer book). The following individuals will be honored with readings from the *siddur*:

- Person 1
- Person 2
- Etc.

Others honored during today’s service include:

- Person/People 1 – (name of honor)
- Person/People 2 – (name of honor)
- Etc.

Following the Torah Reading, _____ will chant (read) (his/her) **Haftarah** portion from the **Book of** _____. This reading is taken from the biblical writings of the prophets and complements the Torah portion.

Thanks to all of you for your continued love and friendship. You share our pride too! A special thank you to Rabbi Goldstein, (cantor’s name, if one), (tutor’s name) and the staff of Temple Beth Shalom and its Religious School.

*Shabbat Shalom,
(names of family members)*