

We are so pleased to have you with us as we celebrate ____ Bar Mitzvah. Today, ____ becomes a “son of the commandment.” As an adult in the Jewish community, ____ will accept the responsibilities of being a Jewish. He will wear a “tallit” (prayer shawl) today for the first time. The fringes which hang from the four corners, symbolize the 613 mizvot or commandments.

____ will lead us in the service today, including many of our traditional prayers. He will chant from the Torah as well as the Haftarah which is another portion from the Bible. In addition to these things, ____ will teach us about today’s reading by delivering a *d’var torah* (words of *Torah-Sermon*) and conveying what this experience means to him.

The Morning Service – Shacharit

The *Shacharit* section of the service begins with several prayers. Among these prayers is the recitation of the *Shema*. The *Shema* is a statement of our Jewish faith, reflecting that there is an eternal covenant which connects us to G-d. The English translation for the *Shema* is, **Hear, O’Israel, the Lord is our G-d, the Lord is One.**

The Amidah

The *Amidah* is a prayer that will be led by the Bar Mitzvah. Afterwards, the remaining part of the prayer is said silently to oneself while standing. This is the part of the service where we reflect on the greatness of G-d and as well as our human needs, as we present our silent petitions.

The Torah Service

____ will receive the scroll which contains the *Torah*, consisting of the five books of Moses and is the most treasured possession of the Jewish people. Each *Shabbat*, (*Sabbath*) Jewish congregations around the world read or chant the same parsha (portion) from the *Torah*. In many ways, this ties us together as a Jewish community. Today it will be _____ turn to be called to the *Torah* to chant his portion.

To begin this part of the service, the *Torah* is removed from the Ark and is symbolically passed down through the generations of our family. The Bar Mitzvah is then given the honor of carrying the *Torah* around the sanctuary where members of the congregation will “greet” the Torah scroll by kissing the edge of their tallit first and touching the Torah, or the edge of their prayerbook and then touching the Torah in that way.

The reading of the *Torah* portion is broken into seven sections. Before and after each section is read, a blessing is recited by a family member or friend. This honor is called receiving an aliyah.

The last section read from the Torah portion, (technically the 8th) is called the maftir, and is chanted by the Bar Mitzvah.

The Haftarah

The Bar Mitzvah will chant the Haftarah which is also from the Bible and from a section we refer to as the book of Prophets. The prophets, by example, are authors such as Isaiah or Ezechial. In addition to leading the congregation in prayer, and chanting from the Torah, _____ also has perfected this portion to chant.

D'var Torah

_____ will conclude the final requirement in our synagogue of a Bar Mitzvah, as he delivers a sermon, or his D'var Torah, teaching us something about the portion that he chanted in Hebrew.

Concluding Prayers

The service concludes with additional prayers, including the Aleinu, the Mourner's Kaddish, (remembering those who have passed away) and the concluding prayer and song, Adon Olam.

Kiddish

Following the service there is a Kiddish which is *Challah* (braided egg bread) and wine shared by all the congregation and guests after the blessing is said by our Bar Mitzvah.

The Aliyot and Honors

Ark _____ (example younger sister and younger brother)

Aliyot: (Examples below)

1. Haya Adner and Uri Adner (grandparents) - Haya bat Gedalyahu and Rina and Uri ben Ezra and Shoshana
2. Zohar Adner (uncle) Zohar ben Haya and Uri and Neal & Claudia Hanson (grandparents)
3. Benjamin Greenspoon (cousin) Benjamin ben David and Holly Greenspoon (aunt)
4. Adam Kleinbaum (friend) Avram Michal Meir ben Yisrael Yitzchak
5. Andrew Samwick (friend) Avraham ben Yakov and Mindel
6. Ariel Wertheim (teacher) Shlomo Moshe (Ha Levi) ben Zev Avraham and Raisel Yaffa
7. Maggie and Ron Adner (parents) Maya bat Avraham and Sarah and Yaron ben Haya and Uri
8. Ethan Adner ben Maya and Yaron, Ha Bar Mitzvah

Hagbah: Zohar Adner (uncle) Zohar ben Haya and Uri

Giliah: Haya Adner (grandmother) Haya bat Gedalyahu and Rina