

SHABBAT MORNING BAR/BAT MITZVAH HONORS

BAR/BAT MITZVAH DATE: _____

NAME OF BAR/BAT MITZVAH: _____

HEBREW NAME OF BAR/BAT MITZVAH: _____

| | English Name(s) | Hebrew Name(s) |
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| ALIYAH #1: | _____ | _____ |
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| ALIYAH #2: | _____ | _____ |
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| ALIYAH #3: | _____ | _____ |
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| ALIYAH #4: | _____ | _____ |
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Indicate the names of those who wish to read Torah, as well as contact information. If unassigned, please mark "Unassigned."

TORAH READER #1: _____

TORAH READER #2: _____

TORAH READER #3: _____

TORAH READER #4: _____

ARK OPENING & CLOSING #1 (when Torah is removed) _____ & _____

ARK OPENING & CLOSING #2 (when Torah is returned) _____ & _____

ADDITIONAL READINGS: Prayer for Our Country _____
(You may assign up to 3 readings)

Prayer for Israel in a Time of War _____

Prayer for Peace _____

A Single Individual was Created _____

ASHREI (usually for pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah, 4th grade or above) _____

ADON OLAM _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS YOUR FAMILY EXPECTS AT SERVICES _____

To be completed and returned to Cantor Sohn at least **one month** prior to the Bar/Bar Mitzvah date.

BLESSINGS BEFORE READING THE TORAH

Before the reading of the Law:

בָּרְכוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ.

Barchu et Ado-nai ha-m'vorach.

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Baruch Ado-nai ha-m'vorach l'olam va-ed.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר־בָּנוּ מִכָּל־
הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן־לָנוּ אֶת־תּוֹרָתוֹ,
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Baruch ata Ado-nai, Elo-heinu Melech ha'olam, asher
bachar banu mi-kol ha-amim, v'natan lanu et Torato,
Baruch ata Ado-nai, notain ha-torah.

BLESSINGS AFTER READING THE TORAH

After the reading of the Law:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן־לָנוּ תּוֹרַת
אֱמֶת וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נִטֵּעַ בְּתוֹכָנוּ.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Baruch ata Ado-nai, Elo-heinu Melech ha'olam, asher
natan lanu torat emet v'cha-yei olam nota b'to-chei-nu.
Baruch ata Ado-nai, notain ha-torah.

A Prayer for Our Country

Our God and God of our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer on behalf of our country and its government. Pour out Your blessing upon this land, upon its inhabitants, upon its leaders, its judges, officers, and officials, who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the public. Help them understand the rules of justice You have decreed, so that peace and security, happiness and freedom, will never depart from our land.

ADONAI, God whose spirit is in all creatures, we pray that Your spirit be awakened within all the inhabitants of our land. Uproot from our hearts hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant love and companionship, peace and friendship, among the many peoples and faiths who dwell in our nation. Grant us the knowledge to judge justly, the wisdom to act with compassion, and the understanding and courage to root out poverty from our land.

May it be Your will that our land be a blessing to all who dwell on earth, and may You cause all peoples to dwell in friendship and freedom. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” “For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest, shall know Me.” And let us say: *Amen*.

Prayer for Israel in time of war

El Malei Rahamim, God, full of compassion, “We pour our hearts out like water before Your presence, and we raise our hands to You over the lives of Your innocent ones” (Lamentations 2:19).

Matir assurim, God who liberates captives, watch over and be with those who have been abducted – soldier and civilian, man, woman, and child. Have compassion upon them, and bring them from suffering to relief, from darkness to light, and from subjugation to redemption, ensuring their swift and safe return home (*Mahzor Vitry*, Shabbat 199:3).

Somekh nof’lim, God who lifts the fallen, send comfort and strength to bereaved families; let the souls of our lost loved ones find perfect peace in Your eternal embrace, and bind them to us in the bonds of everlasting life.

Rofei holim, God who heals the sick and injured, send a full and speedy recovery to the wounded, and grant all those providing care strength and wisdom, resources and resilience.

Tzur Yisra’el v’Go-alo, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, shield all our brothers and sisters in our holy land with the serene shelter of Your *sukkah* of peace, as was written “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, May those who love her rest tranquil. May there be peace within your walls, tranquility in your palaces.” (Psalm 122:6-7).

Adonai tzeva’ot, Infinite One of Multitudes, guard and protect those who defend our brothers and sisters in our holy land, granting them courage and clarity, and equipping them to overcome and subdue those who would harm, and then hide behind, the innocent.

Ribbono shel Olam, Sovereign and Teacher of the world, shine the light of Your truth to Israel’s leaders, officers, and advisers, guiding them to see Your image in all people and planting in them “the precepts of liberty, justice, and peace taught by” Your prophets. (Israeli Declaration of Independence; Hosea 2:20).

Hovev amim, Lover of all peoples, ready us to rescue our holy land from the spilling of blood,. Steady us with Your spirit, so that together we may make “justice roll down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream” (Amos 5:24), and speedily bring about the day when “when nation will not raise up sword against nation, and they will never again learn war” (Isaiah 2:4).

And let us say, Amen.

Rabbi Michael Knopf

A Prayer for Peace

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease,
when a great peace will embrace the whole world.

*Then nation will not threaten nation,
and the human family will not again know war.*

For all who live on earth shall realize
we have not come into being to hate or to destroy.
We have come into being to praise, to labor, and to love.

*Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations
with the power of compassion.*

Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture:

I will bring peace to the land,
and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you.

*I will rid the land of vicious beasts
and it shall not be ravaged by war.*

Let justice and righteousness flow like a mighty stream.
Let God's peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.
And let us say: *Amen.*

A Single Individual was Created

In the beginning, only a single individual was created,
in order to teach us that if anyone destroys a single soul,
an entire world has been destroyed;
and if anyone saves a single soul,
an entire world has been saved.

In the beginning, only a single individual was created,
for another reason: for the sake of peace –
so that no one can say to anyone else:
“My ancestors were greater than yours;”

In the beginning, only a single individual was created,
to emphasize the greatness of God:
When a human being stamps many coins,
they all turn out the same.
But God has stamped every individual in the image of the
first person created, and every one of us is unique.

Therefore, every one of us must say,
“For my sake the world was created.”

(Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5)

SHEHECHEYANU

This is the traditional blessing for joyous occasions. The Rabbi will lead its recitation in Hebrew and in English. The entire family will be invited to rise and join in the recitation of this blessing. All relatives are invited to participate.

Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai

Eloheinu me-lech ha-o-lam,

She-he-che-ya-nu v'kiy'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu

laz'man ha-zeh.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעַ
לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe,
granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.