

## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to Beth Meyer Synagogue to worship and celebrate with us as XXXXX is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. We feel blessed that our family and friends could be here to share this sim<sub>h</sub>a with us.

The **Bat Mitzvah ceremony** is a significant rite of passage in the life of a Jewish woman. For the Jewish people, it builds upon traditions that are thousands of years old. The term "Bat Mitzvah" literally means "Daughter of the Commandments." The Jewish people made a covenant with God at Mount Sinai. In exchange for receiving the Torah (the Five Books of Moses), Jewish people promised to teach the wisdom of the Torah to their children from one generation to another. XXXXX has shown she is ready to take on the responsibilities as a new member of the Jewish community. As we celebrate this milestone in XXXXX's life, we are very proud of her accomplishments and all the work she has done to prepare for this special day.

**Torah Service:** Taking the Torah scroll from the Ark is accompanied by singing and a procession around the synagogue. This allows all congregants to be close and touch the Torah. In addition, XXXXX's family and friends, and members of the congregation, will be honored with Aliyot (honors of being called up to the Torah). You may follow the Torah readings in Hebrew or English in the Humash (red-covered book) found at your seat.

XXXXX will be honored with the special Maftir Aliyah, and then will chant that part of this week's Torah portion. Elyssa will then chant the Haftorah, a selection from Prophetic Writings. This week is very unusual in that three Torah's are brought out at once, (most weeks only one is used). We have two extra events that cause this, Rosh Hodesh (the new month) and Shabbat Shekalim (a special Sabbath). It is very rare that all three occur on the same day, but we believe it makes this day even more special for XXXXX. The three Torah's are then placed back into the Ark as they were taken out, with singing and a procession around the synagogue for the second time.

**Musaf Service:** XXXXX will lead the Musaf (additional) Service and concluding prayers for the morning.

**Kiddush:** XXXXX will recite the Kiddush and Motzi, prayers for wine and bread before we enter the social hall for lunch in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah.

*Shabbat Shalom,  
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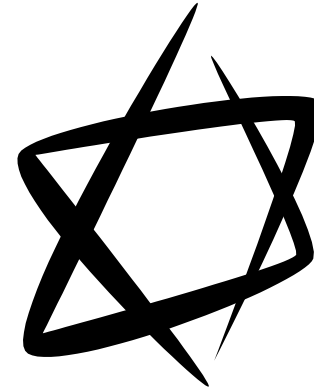
## Shabbat Morning Honors- Torah Service

<u>Honor</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Open Ark/Remove Torahs	_____	Uncle
Carry Torahs	_____	Friends
Close the Ark	_____	Cousins
Aliyah #1 (Cohane)	Congregant Torah Reader: _____	Friend
Aliyah #2 (Levi)	Congregant Torah Reader: _____	Friend
Aliyah #3 (Shli'shi)	Daniel Singer Torah Reader: _____	Brother Friend
Aliyah #4 (Revi'i)	_____ Torah Reader: _____	Uncle and Aunt Friend
Aliyah #5 (Hamishi)	_____ Torah Reader: _____	Grandparents Friend
Aliyah #6 (Shi'shi)	_____ Torah Reader: _____	Aunt Father Friend
Chumash Reading	_____	Friend
Aliyah #7 (Shevi'i)	_____ Torah Reader: _____	Parents Friend
<b>Maftir &amp; Haftorah</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>Bat Mitzvah</b>
Hagbaha (Lift Torah 1)	_____	Friend
G'lilah (Wrap Torah 1)	_____	Friend
Hold Torah	_____	Friend
Hagbaha (Lift Torah 2)	_____	Friend
G'lilah (Wrap Torah 2)	_____	Friend
Hold Torah 2	_____	Friend
Hagbaha (Lift Torah 3)	_____	Friend
G'lilah (Wrap Torah 3)	_____	Friend
Hold Torah 3	_____	Friend
Prayer for Congregation	_____	Friend
Prayer for Country	_____	Friends
Prayer for Israel	_____ (Hebrew) _____ (English)	Friends
Prayer for Peace	_____	Friend
Open Ark	_____	Friend
Carry Torahs	_____	Friends
Replace Torahs	_____	Cousin
Close Ark	_____	Friend
<b>Ushers:</b>	_____ and _____	
<b>Gift Presentations:</b>	_____	

**About XXXXXX:**

XXXXX 's Hebrew name is xxxxx xxxxx. Her first name , xxxx, was a name we fell in love with when we saw her face after she was first born. Her middle name, xxxxx (the English translation is \_\_\_\_\_), was named after YYYYYY's grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_. Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ was an amazingly wonderful, sweet and kind woman. She was also an exceptional singer and as you will hear today, XXXXXX has followed in her footsteps. We are very proud of XXXXXX's musical accomplishments as she is in honors chorus at Martin Middle School. Over the last few years it became evident that XXXXXX has a gift relating to young children. In continuing our family's tradition, Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ and Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_ picked out XXXXXX's tallis with her during winter break. XXXXXX looks forward to wearing this tallis in the future.

**Bat Mitzvah  
Of  
XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX**



**March 12, 2005  
18 Kislev 5763**

**Parshat P'ekudei  
Shabbat Shekalim  
Beth Meyer Synagogue  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**Many thanks to our friends and family for your help and  
advice during the preparations for this weekend !**