

## HONORS

Torah Service

Opening the Ark

Aliyot

G'leelah

Holding Torah

Passing out candy

Closing the Ark

Adon Olam

We invite the congregation to join our family following services at the Kiddush in honor of \_\_\_\_\_'s ba\_mitzvah.

Thank you again for celebrating with us!

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May you live to see your world fulfilled, may you be our link to future worlds, and may your hope encompass all the generations to be. May your heart conceive with understanding, may your mouth speak wisdom and your tongue be stirred with sounds of joy. May your gaze be straight and sure, your eyes be lit with Torah's lamp, your face aglow with heaven's radiance, your lips expressing words of knowledge, and your inner self alive with righteousness. And may you always rush in eagerness to hear the words of One more ancient than all time. -**Talmud, Brachot 17A**

## Ba\_Mitzvah of



**Parshat** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secular Date**

**Hebrew Date**

**Congregation Olam Tikvah**

**Rabbi David Kalender**

**Rabbi Evan Ravski**

## Shabbat Shalom!

We are happy that you have joined us as \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates becoming a *ba\_ mitzvah*. *Ba\_ mitzvah* means \_\_\_\_\_ is now connected to the commandments and has joined the adult Jewish community. Today \_\_\_\_\_ will wear a *tallit* (prayer shawl) for the first time, and now has the right to lead religious services and can be counted in a *minyan* (the minimum number of people needed to say certain prayers as a community).

The Olam Tikvah Sanctuary was built in 1972 with masonry reminiscent of Jerusalem stone. As in traditional European synagogues, the *amud* (reader's table) is in the center of the room. This brings the service closer to the congregation and allowing the leader to face the *Aron Kodesh*, the Holy Ark, while praying with us and instead of performing for us. The *Aron Kodesh* is on the eastern wall, directing our attention toward Jerusalem. The outside bronze panels of the *Aron Kodesh* are inscribed with the first two words of each of the Ten Commandments. The *Aron Kodesh* holds the Torah scrolls, the Five Books of Moses, which are handwritten on parchment. Above the *Aron Kodesh* is the *Ner Tamid* (eternal light), which symbolizes God's eternal presence in our lives.

We will use two books today, both of which are under your seat. The *Siddur*, the blue prayer book, is used for the majority of the service. The red book, the *Etz Chayim Chumash*, contains the Torah and Haftarah readings.

Olam Tikvah is fortunate to have many talented and committed congregants who lead prayers and read from the Torah. You will see several different people participate in today's service. The Shabbat morning service is divided into four major sections.

- **Pesukei D'Zimra:** The preliminary service consists of blessings, psalms, and prayers of praise and gratitude to God. It establishes the mood for the rest of the prayers that follow.
- **Shacharit:** The morning service includes some of our oldest and most significant prayers to God. The *Barchu*, a call to prayer, is followed by the *Shema*, the oldest fixed daily prayer in Judaism,

which expresses Judaism's belief in the oneness of God. The *Amidah* is a series of prayers said while standing and facing east. We say this prayer first quietly, at our own pace, and are seated when we finish. We stand again when the reader repeats the *Amidah* aloud.

Just a reminder, during Shabbat at Olam Tikvah, it is prohibited to use ANY electronic devices, smoking or using writing instruments anywhere on the synagogue grounds. Please do not take photographs or video of the service, please enjoy it and be in the moment with us!

- **Torah Service:** The public reading from the Torah is the central part of our morning worship. \_\_\_\_\_ will lead the congregation in the Torah service. The Torah will be carried around the sanctuary. Jews show their devotion by reaching out to touch the Torah mantle with the fringes of their *tallitot* or the edge of a *siddur* and then kissing whatever they used to touch the Torah. We remain standing until the Torah is placed on the reader's table. Before the Torah reading, \_\_\_\_\_ will speak about the meaning of this week's *parsha* (portion).

After \_\_\_\_\_ is called to the Torah for the first time, one of our rabbis will pronounce a blessing over \_\_\_\_\_ and the congregation will respond by singing *Siman Tov U'Mazal Tov*, a celebratory song. Everyone is welcome to gently toss candy at them. Children under the age of 10 are welcome to run up and collect the candy.

After the Torah reading we will chant of the *Haftarah*, a selection from the Prophets. At the end of the Torah Service, the Torah will be carried around the Sanctuary again before it is returned to the *Aron Kodesh*.

- **Musaf:** A central part of *Musaf* is the *Amidah* prayer, though it is a slightly different version of the prayer which was said earlier.

At the end of the *Musaf* service, \_\_\_\_\_ and our family will join the Rabbis on the *Bima* to say the traditional blessings over wine, hand-washing, and bread, then precede downstairs to the *Kiddush* luncheon following the service.