

# HAMERKAZ SHELANU | THE SHABBAT CHATAN

## ALIYAH L'TORAH | CALL-UP

Please complete and email to [office@hs.org.au](mailto:office@hs.org.au) or fax to 9524-7799

### HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

On the day of the *Aliyah L'Torah*, the call-up of the groom (Chatan) to the Torah, you have the option of also honouring some of your relatives and friends with an Aliyah or Honour in the Synagogue. Standard is to include the father and grandfather(s), if present. Aliyot can be given to any Jewish male age 13 and older, while Gelilah can also be given to a younger boy. Traditionally, for the first and second Aliyah a Cohen and Levi, if present, are called-up, while for the final Aliyah the groom himself is called-up. All people honoured will be personally guided as to what they should do or say. After the groom is called-up, it is the Jewish custom for the mother and ladies to “throw” on him (Kosher) sweets! After completing and returning this form to us, please consult the Rabbi as there are a number of Halachic and other consideration to be taken into account before finalizing.

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Name of Groom & Bride

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Date of Call-up

Parsha

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### DONATIONS FOLLOWING THE ALIYAH

Please notify the people you want to honour with an Aliya of the *Brachot*-blessings they will be required to recite, (English transliteration attached within). Also, that it is customary for them to request, after their Aliyah, for a special *Mi SheBerach* blessing to be recited by the rabbi in honour of the bride/groom and their families, while pledging an amount as a donation to charity to the Synagogue. Alternatively, you may prefer for a donation to be made by the bride/groom's family in place of individual donations by your guests. This is a great honour and *zchut*. Thank you!

| ALIYA                   | To Whom | Full names of person called-up to the Torah | Full Hebrew names of the person called-up to the Torah AND his father's Hebrew names | Full Address | Relation to Groom/ Bride |
|-------------------------|---------|---|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| Petichah                | Groom   |   |  |              | -                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Aliyah  | Cohen   |   |  |              |                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aliyah  | Levi    |   |  |              |                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aliyah* |         |   |  |              |                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Aliyah* |         |   |  |              |                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Aliyah* |         |   |  |              |                          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Aliyah* |         |   |  |              |                          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Aliyah* |         |   |  |              |                          |
| Final Aliyah            | Groom   |   |  |              | -                        |
| Hagbaha                 |         |   |  |              |                          |
| Gelilah                 |         |   |  |              |                          |

**TRANSLATION:** **Petichah** - Opening the Aron Kodesh (Holy Ark). **Aliya** – a person being called-up to the Torah, reciting blessings before and after the Reading by the cantor. **Hagbaha** – “Lifting-up” the Torah and displaying it to all congregants. **Gelilah** – Dressing the Torah with its special cover.

**Note:** \*These 5 Aliyot apply to Services on Shabbat morning only and are subject to availability, and an additional donation fee may apply.