HAMERKAZ SHELANU | BAR-MITZVAH

Please complete and email to office@hs.org.au or fax to 9524-7799

Name of Bar-Mitzvah Child

Date of Call-up

Parsha

HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

On the day of the *Aliyah L'Torah*, the call-up of the Bar-Mitzvah to the Torah, 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 Bar-Mitzvah himself is called-up. All people honoured will be personally guided as to what they should do or say. After the Bar-Mitzvah 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.

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 Bar-Mitzvah and their family, while pledging an amount as a donation to charity to the Synagogue. Alternatively, you may prefer for a donation to be made by the Bar-Mitzvah'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 Bar-Mitzvah
Petichah	B.M.				-
1 st Aliyah	Cohen				
2 nd Aliyah	Levi				
3 rd Aliyah*					
4 th Aliyah*					
5 th Aliyah*					
6 th Aliyah*					
7 th Aliyah*					
Final Aliyah	B.M.				-
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.