



B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY HONORS

Prayer	Honoree	Hebrew Names	AM Siddur Page	PM Siddur Page
Parent's Kavanah (English Reading)	PARENTS	n/a	8	
Opening Kavanah (English Reading)		n/a	9	
Kavanah for Peace (English Reading)		n/a	56	
Ark Opening (Non-Speaking)		n/a		
Carry Torah	BAR/BAT MITZVAH	n/a		
Kavanah on Torah (English Reading)		n/a	57	
Torah #1 Blessing (Hebrew Chanting)	GRANDPARENTS OR GUEST			
Torah #2 Blessing (Hebrew Chanting)	PARENTS OR GUEST			
Torah #3 Blessing (Hebrew Chanting)	BAR/BAT MITZVAH			
Lift the Torah (Non-Speaking)		n/a		

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Dress the Torah (Non-Speaking)		n/a		
Prayer for US (English Reading)		n/a	67	
Prayer for ISRAEL (English Reading)		n/a	67	
Carry Torah (Non-Speaking)	BAR/BAT MITZVAH	n/a		
Open & Close Ark (Non-Speaking)		n/a		
Kiddush (Hebrew Chanting)		n/a		
HaMotzi (Hebrew Chanting)		n/a		

PARENT'S KAVANAH

Dear God,

We thank You for the blessing of this Shabbat

to come together with family and friends

and celebrate our son/daughter being called to the Torah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

May your Bar/t Mitzvah initiate you into

a life-long commitment to Jewish living and Jewish values.

May you be a strong branch in our Jewish family tree

and may you continue to bring pride and blessing to our family,

our community and our world.

We wrap you in this talit symbolizing God's sheltering presence

and the mitzvot that add holiness to our lives.

We pray that you will always be surrounded, as you are today,

by the warmth of community and the sacred traditions of our ancestors.

May you go from strength to strength.

We love you.

OPENING KAVANAH

RESPONSIVE READING

Prayer

Prayer is at the heart not only of great religion, but of significant living.

Without prayer we cannot scale the heights of compassion or attain the peaks of love for fellow human beings of which we are capable.

Prayer has endured not because a priesthood ordained it, nor because a tradition hallowed it, but because human beings are ever seeking to probe our inner depths and bring to light our hidden yearnings.

Prayer requires no consecrated space, no appointed hour. Indeed, it needs no words.

Prayer is a step on which we rise from the self we are to the self we wish to be.

Prayer blesses us with the power to choose wisely, to act generously and to live helpfully.

Prayer affirms hope and reinforces our actions.

Prayer is the search for silence amidst the noise of life.

Our prayers are not answered when we are given what we ask, but when we are challenged to be what we can be.

By Morris Adler

KAVANAH FOR PEACE

RESPONSIVE READING

Peace

Let us live in peace, God.

Let children live in peace, in homes free from brutality and abuse.

Let them go to school in peace, free from violence and fear.

Let them play in peace, in safe parks, in safe neighborhoods;

God, watch over them.

Let husbands and wives love in peace, in marriages free from cruelty.

Let men and women go to work in peace, with no fears of terror or bloodshed.

Let us travel in peace;

protect us, God, in the air, and on the seas, along whatever roads we take.

Let nations dwell together in peace, without the threat of war hovering over them.

Help, us God.

Teach all people of all races and faiths, in all the countries all over the world, to believe that the peace that seems so far off is in fact within our reach.

Let us all live in peace, God.

And let us say, Amen.

By Naomi Levy

KAVANAH ON TORAH

RESPONSIVE READING

Torah

In this scroll is the secret of our people's survival from Sinai until now.
Let us give honor to the Torah and learn from her truths.

Our Torah teaches:
All human beings are created in God's divine image.

Our Torah teaches:
Love your neighbor as yourself.

Our Torah teaches:
Do not stand idly by the blood of our neighbors.

Our Torah teaches:
Beat swords into plowshares.

Our Torah teaches:
Pursue peace.

We are Israel, the Torah is our sacred inheritance.
*We are Israel, witnesses to Your love
and messengers of Your Torah.*

We are Israel, accepting our mitzvah to honor one another,
do acts of kindness, and make peace.
*We are Israel, accepting our mitzvah to study Torah
because Torah study leads to all mitzvot.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God
who gives this Torah to the Jewish people.

Adapted from Siddur Mishkan T'fillah

TORAH BLESSINGS

BEFORE TORAH READING

LEADER:

Bar'chu et Adonai hamvorach.

CONGREGATION:

Baruch Adonai hamvorach l'olam va-ed.

LEADER:

Baruch Adonai hamvorach l'olam va-ed.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher bachar banu mikol ha-amim v'natan lanu et torato. Baruch atah Adonai, notein hatorah.

AFTER TORAH READING

LEADER:

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher natan lanu torat emet, v'chayei olam nata b'tocheinu. Baruch atah Adonai, notein hatorah.

BEFORE TORAH READING

LEADER:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ:

CONGREGATION:

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ לְעוֹלָם
וָעֵד:

LEADER:

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ לְעוֹלָם
וָעֵד:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל
הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנו אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

AFTER TORAH READING

LEADER:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנו תּוֹרַת
אֱמֶת וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנו
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

KAVANAH FOR OUR COUNTRIES

RESPONSIVE READING

The United States

Our God and God of our ancestors:

We ask Your blessings for our country, for its government, for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority.

Teach them insights from your Torah that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst.

May this land under Your Providence be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom and helping them fulfill the vision of Your prophet:

*"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war any more."
And let us say, Amen.*

The State of Israel

Avinu shebashamayim, Our Father in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of the people Israel;
Bless the State of Israel and her people - and our homeland and our family.

*Shield it with Your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace.
Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth.*

May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, bless the soldiers of the Israel Defense Force, who stand watch over our land from the Lebanese border to the desert of Egypt and from the great sea to the wilderness.

Keep our soldier sons and daughters safe, in mind and in body, as they defend our home on land, in the air and at sea.

May the Holy One spare our soldiers from all forms of distress, affliction and illness and may their every mission find success.

Bring our soldiers home safely and speedily. And strengthen our faith in a peaceful future for Israel and her neighbors.

Bless the land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy.
And let us say: Amen.

Adapted from Siddur Sim Shalom

KIDDUSH

Baruch atah Adonai
eloheinu melech ha-olam,
borei p'ri hagafen.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן.

HAMOTZI

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu
melech ha-olam,
hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

