

Dear Families,

We are excited to have the Torah brought into your homes for your child's bar/bat mitzvah. As you know, our Torah scrolls are precious. Please read the instructions below carefully, so you can ensure the safety of our Scrolls.

- We will arrange a touch-free handoff of The Torah scroll to your home.
- The scroll will be in a large container, along with your child's gifts from the Synagogue, a copy of these guidelines, and a microphone and speaker with a usb extension cord. On the top of the container is a bag with Disinfecting wipes. These are for after your child's B'nai Mitzvah.
- **Please find a safe, dry location to store the scroll, out of reach of any pets or young children.**
- The scroll will be wrapped in a Tallit. For the start of the service, you can either keep the scroll in the container, or on a clean, dry surface in front of you. At this point, the scroll should stay wrapped in the tallit.
- When instructed within the service, please remove the scroll from the Talit. Your rabbi will instruct you in how to pass the Torah. Once you have passed the Torah, you can begin to undress the Torah.
  - To undress the Torah, first remove the yad (pointer). Then carefully remove the cover. Place these items on a clean, dry surface.
  - Once the Torah is laid on a clean, dry surface or tabletop, you can remove the tie around the scroll. Then you can unroll the scroll until you see the post-it.
- On a student-by-student basis, we will determine if your child will read from this scroll, or from their practice papers. Each scroll will be rolled to your child's Torah portion.
- After your child has read Torah, you can re-roll the scroll. Try to line it up neatly with what is already rolled, and roll it so that it is taut, but not tight.
  - You can then re-dress the Torah by following the instructions in reverse order (Tie, Cover, Yad)
- After your child's Bat/Bar Mitzvah, please use the attached sanitizing wipes to disinfect the wooden handles and yad. Return the Torah Scroll to the container, and place back in the safe storage location.
- We will then arrange pick-up or drop-off. Be sure to remove your child's gifts from the box before returning.

Looking forward to being able to celebrate with you and your family.