



List of B. Mitzvah Service Honors and Who Might Participate

Congregation Beth Am welcomes families that include a parent who is not Jewish, we encourage the participation both of Jews and non-Jews in worship services in which our young adults are called to the *Torah* as a *B. Mitzvah*.

In doing so, we follow the general principle that those rituals that assume or imply Jewish identity are reserved for those who are Jewish, while those that do not are available to non-Jewish family and friends as well. In this way, we respect and maintain the identity of everyone who participates in our worship, Jew and non-Jew alike, while affirming the integrity of each family.

Those rituals available to non-Jewish participants include:

- The Parents' Prayer
- Presenting the Tallit
- Optional Readings
- Opening the doors to the *Aron Kodesh* (the Ark)
- Joining on the bima for the Aliyah and the passing of the Torah but not reciting the Aliyah.