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Shabbat, Parshat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrew Date

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Rabbi Ruhi Sophia

Motzkin Rubenstein

Temple Beth Israel

Eugene, Oregon



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*In honor of Student’s Name and the Last Name Family, please consider making a contribution to Talmud Torah. Talmud Torah, TBI’s Religious School, nourishes the minds and hearts of students age 3.5 well into their teens.*

*Student’s Name has attended Talmud Torah since the age of X and stands here today thanks to the years of guidance and support from his/her/their morim (teachers), madrichim (teen teaching assistants), support staff and Rabbis.*

*Talmud Torah’s vision and mission is to plant seeds of Jewish joy, literacy and practice that will continue to grow over a lifetime in the lives of our students and their families. We meet Sundays and Wednesday afternoons depending on the grade.*

*We thank you in advance for your generous continuation to help nurture the future of Jewish education and joyful Jewish living for generations to come.*

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**Reminders**

Please do not place prayer books on the floor.

Turn off all cell phones and other digital devices.

Refrain from taking photos in the synagogue.

Refrain from applause during the service.

**Key terms**

**Shabbat**: Shabbat, or Sabbath, begins at sundown on Friday and ends Saturday upon the presence of the first three stars in the sky. It is a day of rest and restoration, focusing on the spiritual rather than the physical world.

**Tallit**: A fringed prayer shawl worn by Jewish adults during services or prayer. On becoming a [B’nai] Mitzvah, [name] is entitled to wear a tallit for the first time. When put on, a prayer is said, and the tallit is kissed. Being wrapped in the tallit is very holy, as if being alone with Gd.

**Torah**: The five books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy). According to tradition, the Torah is written on parchment and divided into 54 weekly portions that are chanted or sung to a special melody or “trope.” [name] will read from the weekly portion for this week.

**Aliyah**: Literally “ascent,” aliyah refers to the practice of honoring relatives and friends by inviting them up to the bimah (platform) to recite blessings between Torah readings.

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ברוכים הבאים ~Welcome

We are so happy to have you join us today as we celebrate [name] becoming [B’nai] Mitzvah, a child of the commandments. [name] will be called to the Torah for the first time, symbolizing [their] transition from childhood to becoming an adult member of the Jewish community.

[Name] has dedicated significant time and effort preparing for this day. This celebration provides an opportunity to acknowledge the value of a young person and [their] current and future contribution to the Jewish community.

All of you have touched our lives in some special way, and we are grateful that you are here to share this day with us.

[names of family]

The Service

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**Opening Songs and Prayers, led by Rabbi Ruhi Sophia Motzkin Rubenstein**

**Presentation of the Tallit:**

**Shema and its Blessings, co-led by Rabbi Sophia and [student]**

**The Amidah – core standing prayer, led by [student]**

**Torah service**

* **Opening of the Ark:**
* **Passing of the Torah:**
* **Gabbaim** (assistant to the Torah reading):
* **First Aliyah:**
* **First reading** ( )*:*
* **Second Aliyah:**
* **Second reading** ( ):
* **Third Aliyah:**
* **Third reading** ( ):
* **Fourth Aliyah:**
* **Fourth reading** ( ):
* **Maftir** ( ):
* **Hagbah** (Torah raiser):
* **Gelilah** (Torah dresser):
* **D’var Torah** (commentary) by [student]
* **Blessings for [student]**:

**Prayer for Social Action and Reading [optional]:**

**Concluding Prayers**

*After the service, [Student] will lead us in a prayer over wine and challah. A light luncheon will be served in the social hall, to which you are warmly invited.*