

Blessings for Reading Torah

At TSTI, we welcome the participation of all members of interfaith families in our b'nei mitzvah services.

Family members who are not Jewish and would like to participate in an aliyah are welcome to either recite the Hebrew blessings along with Jewish participants, or to select one of the following English blessings to read aloud. Please share your preference with the clergy.

1) May we all be blessed with warm hearts and curious minds.

We pray that the values and teachings which are contained in this scroll always guide and inspire you.

2) Blessed is the Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe,
Who has embraced us and given us Torah,
Who has given us a teaching of truth and enabled us to embody its values.
Blessed are You, God, whose gift is Torah.

3) We pray that this day's service may long echo
in (name of child)'s memory.

May it engrave on the tablet of (his/her/their) heart
the understanding that this day initiates
a life more firmly dedicated to (his/her/their) heritage,
to deeds of justice and kindness, and to faithful membership
in the community of all humanity.

4) (Name of child),

May all the gifts hidden inside you find their way into the world.

May all the kindness of your thoughts be expressed in your deeds.

May all your learning lead to wisdom.

May all your efforts lead to success.

May all the love in your heart be returned to you.

May God bless your body with health and your soul with joy.

May God watch over you night and day and protect you from harm;

And may all your prayers be answered.