



Temple Rodeph Torah

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Please give this letter to each person doing an English reading in the service

Dear Service Participant,

Attached is the reading which your family has asked you to lead during our service. Please practice it, so you are comfortable reading and leading it.

Our congregation's practice is to read the entire service *together*, rather than having it read to us by the service leaders. Because of this, please be ready for people to read along with you, and please read *loudly*, so you can be heard. It will help if you stand close to the podium and the microphone; if you stand back we will not be able to hear you.

It is best if all the readers read together; if two or more of you are dividing up this reading, please remember that once the congregation gets started, they do not stop so easily. So, if you are the second or third reader, you must be ready to "jump in" when it is your turn, or the congregation will probably just go on without you!

On the page we have indicated when you should come up to the *bima*. When you are finished with your reading, *you should not return to your seat until the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student completes the next reading.*

Finally, please respect our congregation's dress code for service participants. This information was given to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family. Following the dress code is a requirement for participation in our services.

If you have any questions about your role in the service, please feel free to call us at the temple. We look forward to seeing you at the celebration!

Shalom,

Rabbi Donald A. Weber

Cantor Joanna M. Alexander