

ק"ק בית אברהם

ELWOOD TALMUD TORAH CONGREGATION  
INCORPORATING THE ERDI FAMILY CENTRE

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# Mazal Tov on your forthcoming Bar Mitzvah!

Thank you for choosing to celebrate this  
momentous occasion together with us at  
Elwood Shule.



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# Elwood Shule Bar Mitzvah Application

Please fill in all pages of this form in block letters and return it to the Shule

**DATE OF BAR MITZVAH:** English \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_ Parsha \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be completed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the Rabbi. Information such as Hebrew dates and names, or the unavailability of documents required, should be discussed with the Rabbi.

1. Full name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the name that appears on child's birth certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what was his original name? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name child likes to be called (eg Thomas: Tommy/Tom): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Full Hebrew name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is child a  Cohen,  Levi or  Israelite?

5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: AM/PM \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew date: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Place of Birth: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of person(s) to whom all information regarding the Bar Mitzvah should be sent:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship, if any, to child: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Parsha: \_\_\_\_\_ Haftorah: \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice #: \_\_\_\_\_

Application approved by Rabbi Karnowsky: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation conveyed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Entered in diary

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY INFORMATION:

**Questions 1, 2 & 3 must be answered in full, unless the child is adopted and the information requested is unavailable.**

1. Full name of **natural** father of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew name of **natural** father of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Was **natural** father of child born Jewish? \_\_\_\_\_

If **natural** father was not born Jewish, please state:

Did conversion to Judaism take place? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of conversion: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of presiding Beth Din: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach copies of supporting documentation.*

Is/was **natural** father a  Cohen,  Levi or  Israelite?

2. Full name of **natural** mother of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name of **natural** mother of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew name of **natural** mother of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Was **natural** mother born Jewish? \_\_\_\_\_

If **natural** mother was not born Jewish, please state

Did conversion to Judaism take place? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of conversion: \_\_\_\_\_

If this date is after birth of the child, did the Beth Din convert child as well? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of presiding Beth Din \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach copies of all supporting documentation for mother and child as the case may be.*

3. Were **natural** parents of the child married under the auspices of an Orthodox Synagogue and/or Rabbi? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please name the Synagogue: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or

the officiating Rabbi: \_\_\_\_\_

*If parents were not married under the auspices of an Orthodox Synagogue and/or Rabbi, please provide other supporting documentation that the parents are Jewish – this can be their parents' Ketubah (Jewish marriage document) or a supporting letter from an Orthodox Rabbi. If such documentation is not available the Rabbi must be consulted as soon as possible.*

4. Are natural parents living together? Yes  No

*If not, please answer question 7 below.*

5. Is child adopted? Yes  No

*If so, please answer question 8 below.*

6. Is child living with a legal guardian other than natural or adoptive parent? Yes  No

*If so, please answer question 9 below.*

**7. This question to be answered only if natural parents are no longer living together:**

Please state why natural parents are no longer living together (e.g. divorced, death of spouse etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Is natural father still living? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what is the current address of natural father?

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Is natural mother still living? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what is the current address of natural mother?

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

With whom is child actually living? \_\_\_\_\_

**8. This question to be answered only if child is adopted:**

Date of adoption: \_\_\_\_\_ Full name of adoptive father: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Hebrew name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of adoptive mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Was child born Jewish? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, do you have official documentation supporting this fact? \_\_\_\_\_ Please attach copies of any such documentation

If child was not born Jewish, was adoption properly registered with a Beth Din? \_\_\_\_\_

*If so, please attach copies of any such documentation.*

**9. This question to be answered if child is living with legal guardian(s) other than natural or adoptive parent:**

Name of guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship, if any, to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDS EDUCATION:**

Which school does child attend? \_\_\_\_\_

If the school is a Jewish day school, how long has child attended? \_\_\_\_\_

If the school is not a Jewish day school, where does child attend Hebrew classes? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has he been attending such Hebrew classes? \_\_\_\_\_

Child attends Shabbat services at: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Bar Mitzvah teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**BAR MITZVAH PORTION:**

Name of Parsha (weekly portion): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which of the following the Bar Mitzvah boy will read (you may tick more than one box):

Maftir and Haftorah  Haftorah only  Aliya only  Whole Parsha Part of the Parsha  Please indicate exactly which sections: \_\_\_\_\_**KIDDUSH:**Are you having a Kiddush in the Karafka Hall? Yes  No 

Please note \$330 (Elwood Members) or (non members) \$550 hall hire fee.

Caterer: \_\_\_\_\_

*Only Kosher caterers under a recognized orthodox Rabbinical authority may be used*

**Current Bar Mitzvah fees for Shule members are \$275.00**  
**Current Bar Mitzvah fees for non-Shule members are \$500.00**

**DOCUMENTATION:****Please ensure that you attach a copy of all relevant documentation.**

In all cases this must include a copy of child's full birth certificate, natural parents' Ketubah (Jewish marriage document) if available or any other documentation that would help prove the Jewish status of the child.

- In the event of illness or injury to my child whilst attending Elwood Shule's Bar Mitzvah Program, I hereby authorise the staff member in charge of my child to consent to emergency medical arrangements on my behalf as deemed necessary.
- I hereby give permission for my child to attend excursions organised as part of the Elwood Shule Bar Mitzvah Program
- I hereby give permission for my child's photographs/videos to be used for publicity & promotion of the program.
- I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and correct in every detail.

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note, that lodgement of this form does not constitute confirmation of your booking. You will be notified concerning such confirmation in due course. An interview with the Rabbi may be required prior to confirmation at which time original documents may need to be presented.*

**This form together with any required documentation should be lodged with:**  
**Rabbi Shmuel Karnowsky, 39 Dickens St, Elwood 3184**  
**Scan/Email to: [office@elwoodshule.org](mailto:office@elwoodshule.org)**