

1. We encourage open constructive dialogue amongst various baalei simcha to resolve any conflicts. Our strong preference is that the baalei simcha present agreed upon resolutions to all conflicts.
2. Halachic preferences regarding chiyuvim take precedence. The decision of the Rabbi will be final regarding any halachic questions. Halachic chiyuvim include a chatan on the Shabbat before and after his wedding, a father of a newborn boy or girl, the sandek and mohel on the day of a bris and someone commemorating the yahrtzeit of a parent or child on Shabbat or during the coming week.
3. Any remaining kibudim (*i.e.*, aliyot, hotzaah, hagbah, glila, davenings) after all chiyuvim have been accommodated will be available to the baalei simcha (subject to the gabbai's discretion); provided that maftir cannot be given to a non-member. Allocation of available kibudim among multiple baalei simcha is addressed below.
4. Laining and maftir for a bar mitzvah can be reserved by a member in good standing beginning two (2) years prior to the simcha through the shul office. No reservation is considered finalized unless no other reservations are received 18 months prior to the simcha, and no priority is given to the first to reserve during that six month period. No reservation will be accepted from a member not in good standing. Maftir for Parshat Zachor, Shabbat Hagadol, Shabbat Chazon and Shabbat Shuva can only be given to a bar mitzvah if the Rabbi is mochel.
5. In the event more than one bar mitzvah has requested laining/maftir for a particular minyan for a particular Shabbat prior to 18 months before the simcha, the following procedure shall be followed to resolve the conflict:
 - a. The baalei simcha are encouraged to work it out amongst themselves.
 - b. A full member will always take precedence over an affiliate member.
 - c. If it cannot be worked out by the baalei simcha, a bar mitzvah on the Shabbat on or immediately following his 13th Hebrew birthday will have precedence over other bar mitzvot.
 - d. 2 or more bar mitzvot on the Shabbat on or immediately following their 13th Hebrew birthday, or 2 or more bar mitzvot not on the Shabbat on or immediately following their 13th Hebrew birthday who have both reserved prior to 18 months before the simcha will be decided by lottery immediately following the date 18 months prior to the simcha. The loser or losers of the lottery will have the option of selecting a different minyan that Shabbat or selecting a different Shabbat that is available (they will not have preference over others reaching the age of bar mitzvah on or in the week prior to an alternate Shabbat).
1. Any baal simcha (chatan, father of newborn baby, bar mitzvah) has the right to daven at the minyan of their choosing, regardless of the existence of other s'machot at that minyan, although consideration of other baalei simcha in that regard is strongly encouraged. In the event of multiple smachot at a particular minyan, after all chiyuvim are addressed in accordance with halachic preferences (including the bar mitzvah, chatan, father of newborn baby, sandek, mohel, and any yahrtzeits), all remaining kibuddim will be divided equitably among the baalei simcha, provided that every effort will be given to provide the family of the bar mitzvah that has the Shabbat reserved at least three kibbudim (including the bar mitzvah). The gabbai will have final discretion as to how kibbudim are ultimately divided, and as to whether it is appropriate to give any kibbudim to others (*e.g.* someone returning from an illness, a "chashuv" guest, recently engaged chatan, family of a bat mitzvah, etc.). As part of this discretion, the gabbai may postpone a chiyuv's aliya to mincha.
2. No hosafot will be made unless a bar mitzva is a Cohen or Levi and has a grandfather who is also a Cohen or Levi. In such case, one hosafa may be made.
3. All rules regarding conflicts listed above apply to non-Shabbat events as well.
4. A copy of this policy will be delivered to each person "reserving" a bar mitzvah date at the time they make their reservation.