

**SIDDUR FOR THE BAR MITZVAH OF  
ARI HARRIS**

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**Rabbi Loren's Welcome**

Let me warmly welcome all the members and friends of our synagogue, and our honored guests, the relatives and friends of the Harrises, who have come to celebrate Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah. I pray that each one of you receives a wonderful blessing, and I hope that you are filled with an extra measure of joy on this special day!

For some of you, this may be your first experience at a Messianic Bar Mitzvah, and since our synagogue may be different from most synagogues, I want to begin by explaining a little bit about Messianic Judaism. Our most important distinction is that we acknowledge that Yeshua - Jesus, is the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the World. We accept not only the five books of Moses and the rest of the Hebrew Scriptures, but also the Brit Chadasha, the New Covenant - the New Testament Scriptures, as an inspired and supernatural message that comes from our Creator.

We believe everything that the Bible teaches. We really believe that God, though infinite, is a Person, and that it is possible to know Him in a very personal way. We believe that He created the entire universe in six literal days. We believe that very early in our history, all of mankind became deeply alienated from God. We believe that having faith in Messiah Yeshua enables us to find atonement and to be reconciled to God. We believe in the resurrection, when everyone will be raised from death and appear before God to be judged for what they have done, and left undone. We believe that there will be a World to Come - everlasting life in a new Heavens and new Earth as a reward for the righteous, and Gehenna - Hell, as punishment for the wicked.

Messianic Judaism is both something old and something new. We are something old because our roots go back 2,000 years and more. Our Rabbi and Messiah and Savior was Jewish. Yeshua's first followers were Jewish. The writers of the New Testament were Jewish. On the other hand, we are something new because we are not bound by tradition. Where tradition helps us know God and His Word better, we will observe it; where it hinders our knowing God and His Word, we won't allow it to hold us back.

Our synagogue is comprised of a wide variety of people. Our members include Jewish people and "kosher-hearted Gentiles" who have a love for the God of Israel, and who want to learn more about the Jewish roots of their Faith. I hope that you will enjoy the sincerity and warmth of our commitment to the God of our fathers. I pray that you are able to enter into the worship and be blessed by the presence of the Holy One of Israel!

**Jeremiah 31:31-34 The Promise Of The New Covenant**

“Behold days are coming” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days” declares the Lord, “I will put my Torah within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they will be my people. And they shall not teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother saying, ‘know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

## **Psalm 2 God And The Messiah**

Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the Earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his Messiah, saying, "let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!" He who sits in the Heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, "but as for Me, I have installed my King upon Zion, My holy mountain." I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the Earth as your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, you shall shatter them like earthenware." Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the Earth. Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

## **Isaiah 53 The Suffering Of The Messiah To Make Atonement For Us**

Behold, My Servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted... His appearance was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men. He will sprinkle many nations...

*Who has believed our message and to whom has the Arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground. He has no stately form or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.

*But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities! The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed! All*

*we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open his mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open his mouth... He was cut off from the land of the living, for the transgression of My people He was stricken.

*He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.*

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes Him like an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After the suffering of His soul, He will see and be satisfied!

*By His knowledge My Righteous Servant will make many righteous, as He will bear their iniquities! Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors!*

### **A Word About Becoming Bar Mitzvah**

Different cultures have various "coming of age" ceremonies, when a young man or woman takes their place as an adult in the community. Sadly, for many of the peoples of antiquity, entering into adulthood was accompanied by initiation rites that caused pain. For some, danger was involved. Among certain tribes in Africa, a young man became an adult when he killed his first lion. Even today there are tribes in the rain forest that coerce their boys who will become men to be bitten by ants. But for the Jewish people, there is no pain or danger. Instead, it is the joyous completion of an initiation which begins at birth, and leads to a gradual immersion of the child in God's ways, and culminates with an acceptance of personal responsibility. Among the Jewish people it is customary for a thirteen year old to become an adult when he comes before the community, and reads from the Holy Book inspired by our Creator. Bar Mitzvah literally means "son of the commandment," but can be understood as "a son of duty or responsibility." Ari, what you are doing today is a declaration before God's Holy Community, and your family and friends, that you want to be part of the Jewish community, that you are making the Word of God the foundation of your adulthood, and that you are taking responsibility for your own actions.

### **Thanking God For Keeping Us Alive**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohaynu Melech HaOlam, she-he-che-yah-nu, v'kee-mah-nu v'hee- gee-ah-nu laz-man ha-zeh. Blessed are You O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and enabled us to reach this time, when Ari becomes a Bar Mitzvah.

### **Blessing For Putting On The Tallit**

The Torah instructs us to wear four cornered garments with tzitzit on the corners. Each fringe reminds us that we are to do God's commands. We are to believe all of God's Word, take it seriously, and then do it.

### **Ari Prays And Puts On The Tallit:**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who set us apart to accomplish Your special purposes, by means of Your commandments, and commanded us to wrap ourselves in a fringed garment.

### **Blessing For Ari By Rabbi Glenn And Alexandra**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has brought us to this day when our son becomes Bar Mitzvah - a son of the commandment and a man of duty. Ari is now responsible for his own sins. O Lord our God, from this day forward, may You help Ari fulfill Your Word and live a life filled with good deeds. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, who releases us from the responsibilities that have now become Ari's responsibilities.

### **Ari's Acceptance Of Responsibility**

It is now my responsibility to keep God's commandments and be responsible for my own actions. I now take my place as an adult in the sight of the God of Israel, the people of Israel, my congregation, family and friends.

### **Ari Leads Us In Reciting The Shema**

The Shema is the foundation of Israel's Faith, and the greatest commandment. I'd like to lead us in reciting the Shema, and by doing so, confess my faith in the God of Israel, and declare my intention to live according to God's Word.

There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Messiah Yeshua, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony that took place at the proper time. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in Heaven or on Earth, yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and there is one

Lord, Messiah Yeshua, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. When He was asked by an expert in the Torah, "Which is the most important commandment of them all?", Yeshua answered that the most important commandment is:

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֶחָד!  
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

Shema Yisrael Adonai Elohaynu Adonai echad! Baruch shem kivod malchuto l'olam vaded! Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Blessed be His glorious Majesty forever and ever!

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ  
וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ. וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ.

V'ah-hav-ta et Adonai Elohecha b'kol l'vav-cha, u'v'chol naf-sh'cha, u'v'chol me'oh-deh-cha. V'ah-hav-ta l'ray-ah-cha kah-moh-cha. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Yeshua taught us that all of the Torah and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.

### **Rabbi Loren's Blessing For Ari**

He who blessed our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, may He bless Ari ben Avrum, the son of Avrum ben Levi, and Alexandra the daughter of Al and Mary, who has come to honor God and God's Teaching - the Torah. As a reward for this, may the Holy One, blessed be He, bless him. May the Almighty incline his heart to be perfect with Him, so that he will study and understand the Holy Scriptures, and walk in the Lord's ways and observe His commandments. May Ari be like a lion, powerful and strong; and like Ariel, the special city of Jerusalem that You love; and like our wonderful Messiah Yeshua, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. May he be successful and prosperous in all of his ways, and may he find grace and favor in the eyes of God and man. And let us say, amayn!

### **Blessing Before Reading The Torah**

**Ari:**

Bless the Lord who is blessed!

**Those Present Respond:**

Blessed be the Lord who is blessed forever and ever!

**Ari Continues:**

Blessed be the Lord who is blessed forever and ever! Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has chosen us from all peoples and has given us Your Torah.  
Blessed are You, O Lord, giver of the Torah!

**Ari:**

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְהוָה הַמְּבֹרָךְ!  
Bar-chu et Adonai Ham-vorach!

**Those Present Respond:**

בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!  
Baruch Adonai Ham-vo-rach l'o-lam vah-ed!

**Ari Continues:**

בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד! בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֵל הַיְנוּ מֶלֶךְ  
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה!

Baruch Adonai Ham-vo-rach l'olam vah-ed! Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha-  
olam asher bachar banu mee-kol ha-ah-meem v'natan lanu et torah-to.  
Baruch Atah Adonai noten ha-torah!

**Exodus 20:1-17**

וַיְדַבֵּר אֵל הַיָּם אֵת כָּל הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לְאֹמֶר: אֲנִי יְהוָה  
אֵל הַיָּם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עֲבָדִים: לֹא יִהְיֶה לְךָ  
אֵל אֲחֵרִים עַל פְּנֵי: לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ כֶּסֶל וְכָל תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר  
בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאֶרֶץ מִתַּחַת וְאֲשֶׁר בַּיָּם מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ:  
לֹא תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם כִּי יְהוָה אֵל הַיָּם אֵל קָנָא  
פֶּקֶד עֵוֹן אָבֹת עַל בָּנִים עַל שְׁלִשִׁים וְעַל רִבְעִים לְשָׁנָא: וְעַשֶׂה  
חֹסֶד לְאֲלֹפִים לֹא הִבִּי וּלְשֵׁ מְרִי מִצּוֹתַי: לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת שֵׁם יְהוָה  
אֵל הַיָּם לְשׂוֹא כִּי לֹא יִנְקָה יְהוָה אֶת אֲשֶׁר יִשָּׂא אֶת שְׁמוֹ לְשׂוֹא:

זְכוֹר אֶת יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ: שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וְעָשִׂיתָ כָּל מְלֹאכֶתְךָ: וַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שַׁבַּת לַיהוָה אֵל הַיָּיָךְ לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה כָּל מְלֹאכָה אֹתָהּ וּבִנְךָ וּבִתְךָ עֹבְדֶיךָ וְאִמְתְּךָ וּבְהֵמָתְךָ וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ: כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ אֶת הַיָּם וְאֶת כָּל אֲשֶׁר בָּם וַיִּנַּח בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי עַל כֵּן בֵּרַךְ יְהוָה אֶת יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת וַיְקַדְּשֶׁהוּ: כִּכְבֹּד אֶת אָבִיךָ וְאֶת אִמְךָ לְמַעַן יֵאָרְכוּן יָמֶיךָ עַל הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֵל הַיָּיָךְ נָתַן לָךְ: לֹא תִרְצַח לֹא תִנְאַף לֹא תִגְנֹב לֹא תַעֲנֶה בְרֵעֶךָ עַד שִׁקָּר: לֹא תַחֲמֹד בַּיִת רֵעֶךָ לֹא תַחֲמֹד אִשֶׁת רֵעֶךָ וְעַבְדּוֹ וְאִמָּתוֹ וְשׁוֹרוֹ וְחֲמֹרוֹ וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר לְרֵעֶךָ:

Then God spoke all these words saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in Heaven above or on the Earth beneath or in the water under the Earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing love to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

### The Blessing After Reading The Torah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֵל הַיָּיָנוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה!

Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha-olam asher natan lanu Torat eh-met v'chai-yay olam nah-tah b'toh-cheh-nu. Baruch Atah Adonai no-ten ha-Torah.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has given to us the true Teaching, and planted everlasting life in our midst. Blessed are You O Lord, who gives the Torah!

### The Blessing Before Reading The Prophets

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has chosen good prophets and has been pleased with their words which are spoken truthfully. You have chosen the Torah and your servant Moses, Your people Israel, and the prophets of truth and righteousness.

### Habakkuk 3:17-19

כִּי תֵאָנָה לֹא תִפְרָח וְאֵין יָבוֹל בַּגִּפְנִים כֹּחַשׁ מִעֲשֵׂה זֵית וּשְׂדֵמוֹת  
לֹא עָשָׂה אֶכֶל גָּזַר מִמִּכְלָה צֹאן וְאֵין בְּקָר בְּרִפְתִּים: וְאֲנִי בֵּיהּ יְהוָה  
אֶעְלוֹזָה אֶגִּילָה בְּאֵלֵי יְשׁוּעִי: יְהוָה אֲדֹנָי חֵילִי וַיִּשְׁם רַגְלִי כְּאַיְלוֹת  
וְעַל בְּמוֹתַי יִדְרֹכֵנִי:

Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The Lord, the Lord is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places.

### The Blessing Before Reading The New Covenant Scriptures

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ יֵשׁוּעַ הַמָּשִׁיחַ  
וְהַדְּבָרִים שֶׁל הַבְּרִית הַחֲדָשָׁה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה נוֹתֵן הַבְּרִית  
הַחֲדָשָׁה!

Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha-olam asher natan lanu Yeshua HaMashiach v'had-va-reem shel ha-b'reet ha-cha-da-sha. Baruch Atah Adonai no-ten ha-b'reet ha-cha-da-sha. Blessed are You O Lord our God King of the universe who has given us Messiah Yeshua and the words of the New Covenant. Blessed are You O Lord, giver of the New Covenant!

### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

εἰ δὲ χριστὸς κηρυσσεται ὅτι ἐκ νεκρῶν ἐγηγερται πῶς λεγουσιν ἐν ὑμῖν τι  
ἐς ὅτι ἀναστασις νεκρῶν οὐκ ἐστὶν εἰ δὲ ἀναστασις νεκρῶν οὐκ ἐστὶν οὐδὲ  
χριστὸς ἐγηγερται εἰ δὲ χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγηγερται κενὸν ἀρα τὸ κηρυγμα ἡμῶν  
καὶ ἡ πίστις ἡμῶν εὐρισκομεθα δὲ καὶ ψευδομαρτυρες τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι  
ἐμαρτυρησαμεν κατὰ τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι ἠγειρεν τὸν χριστὸν ὃν οὐκ ἠγειρεν εἴπερ  
ἀρα νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται εἰ γὰρ νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται οὐδὲ χριστὸς ἐγη  
γερται εἰ δὲ χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγηγερται ματαία ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν [ἐστὶν] ἐτι ἐστε ἐν  
ταῖς ἀμαρτιαῖς ὑμῶν ἀρα καὶ οἱ κοιμηθέντες ἐν χριστῷ ἀπώλοντο εἰ ἐν τῇ

ζωη ταυτη εν χριστω ηλπικοτες εσμεν μονον ελεεινότεροι παντων ανθρωπων εσμεν νυνη δε χριστος εγηγερται εκ νεκρων απαρχη των κεκοιμημενων

Now if Messiah is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Messiah has been raised; and if Messiah has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Messiah, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Messiah has been raised; and if Messiah has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Messiah have perished. If we have hoped in Messiah in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

### **Blessing After Reading The New Covenant Scriptures**

Our Supreme Rabbi said: "Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until Heaven and Earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Torah until all is accomplished."

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has given us Your entire revelation - the Torah, the Prophets, the Writings; and the Emissaries - those special men You sent; and especially Your ultimate revealer of truth - Messiah Yeshua. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, who sent the Savior and gave us all of Your divinely inspired and inerrant Holy Scriptures which are able to give us the wisdom that leads to salvation!

### **Exposition Of The Word Of God By Ari**

### **Exposition Of The Word Of God By Rabbi Glenn**

### **M'Dor L'Dor From Generation To Generation**

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable! Dor l'dor - one generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts!

We will tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a Torah in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

### **Comments From Rabbi Glenn And Alexandra**

### **Presentation Of Gifts**

### **Rabbi Loren's Final Blessing**

O Lord our God, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, may Ari experience the fullness of the New Covenant and the salvation found in the Messiah! In Your great mercy give him a pure and holy heart to serve you all the days of his life. May he become great in all of Your Holy Scriptures. May his heart be open to understand Your Word, that he may learn and teach, keep and practice it. May his life be filled with good deeds, and if it be Your will, may he enter into a good marriage. May he be blessed in this life and rewarded with eternal life in the World to Come!

### **Conclusion Of The Service**