



Adas Israel Congregation - Procedure for Naming a Child

In anticipation of the celebration of your simcha, the Congregation is delighted that you will be accepting an aliyah to the Torah.

1. Please arrive for services no later than 10:00 am on the designated Saturday morning. (Services begin at 9:30 am and end at noon.)
2. Make your presence known to an usher, so that we can give you your *aliyah* assignment.
3. As the Torah reading begins, please take seats in the front row near the lectern where the Torah is read. An usher will indicate to you when you should ascend the pulpit.
4. Parents stand together at the Torah in front of the Torah card, which is found in large print on the reading table (page 142 in the prayer book).

- A. Touch the white part of the Torah with the *tallit* and kiss the *tallit*.
- B. Chant the first Torah blessing:

BARUCH ET ADONAI HA-MIVORACH
 BARUCH ADONAI HA-MIVORACH LE-OLAM VA-ED ★
 BARUCH ATA ADONAI, ELOHAYNOO MELECH HA-OLAM,
 ASHER BACHAR BA-NOO MEE-KOL HA-AMIM,
 V'NATAN LANOO ET TORATO.
 BARUCH ATA ADONAI, NOTAYN HA-TORAH.

בָּרַכְנוּ אֶת ה' הַמְבָרָךְ
 בָּרוּךְ ה' הַמְבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים,
 וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

★*Note:* This line is chanted by the congregation **first** and then repeated by you.

- C. The Torah portion is read by the Torah reader.
- D. Touch the Torah with the *tallit*, kiss the *tallit*, and recite the second Torah blessing:

BARUCH ATA ADONAI, ELOHAYNOO MELECH HA-OLAM,
 ASHER NATAN LANOO TORAT EMET,
 V'CHAYAY OLAM NATA B'TOCHAYNOO.
 BARUCH ATA ADONAI, NOTAYN HA-TORAH.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת,
 וַחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נִטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ.
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

5. Turn to face the rabbi, who will then read a prayer, announcing the child's Hebrew name and asking God that the joy and *nachas* you feel will continue throughout life.
6. Parents then face the microphone, and the mother recites the following prayer:

Almighty God, we give thanks to You for allowing us to share in the miracle of creation -- bringing into existence a human life. Guard our newborn daughter and grant her Your blessing. And to us, her parents, grant the wisdom and ability to rear her faithfully in the ways of the Torah -- that as a true daughter of Israel, she may bring blessing and honor to our people.

Parents then recite together:

*We praise You, Lord our God, for keeping us in life, sustaining us,
 and allowing us to celebrate this joyous moment.*

BARUCH ATA ADONAI, ELOHEYNNOO MELECH HA-OLAM,
 SHE-HE-CHE-YANU V'KEEY MANU V'HEE-GEE-ANU LAZMAN HAZEH.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 שְׁהַחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזְמַן הַזֶּה.

7. Take two steps to the right and remain at the Reader's pulpit during the next *aliyah*.
8. Shake hands with the cantors, rabbis and others on the *bimah*, descending at the steps on the rabbi's side.

We ask you and your family to co-sponsor the Kiddush (\$250) in honor of this happy occasion. Please contact Henry Silberman for details at (202) 362-4433, ext. 144.