

Instructions for Gelilah (Dressing the Torah)

To assist the individual you have chosen for this honor, please distribute these instructions to them. The participant is also welcome (especially if they have never performed this honor before) to attend any of the student's weekly bimah sessions with the Cantor, the final Thursday rehearsal, or to remain after the Friday evening service in order to receive some hands-on instruction and to practice.

1. Come to the *bimah* when your name is called (along with those of the person performing *Hagbah* and the Torah holder) at the conclusion of the final Torah reading (the *Maftir*).
2. Stand next to the person performing *Hagbah* as the Torah is lifted and walk behind them over to the chair.
3. Grab hold of the upper handles of the Torah after the person performing *Hagbah* is seated comfortably.
4. Roll the scroll tightly together.
5. Place the belt around the Torah and buckle it in place, where the two sides of the scroll meet.
6. Place the cover on the Torah.
7. Wait on the *bimah* until the Cantor has taken the Torah from the person performing *Hagbah* and given it to the Torah holder.
8. You may now return to your seat in the congregation along with the person who performed *Hagbah*.