



High Holidays Honors Guide

Your honors card indicates the approximate time of your honor. Your card also indicates the page number on which your honor will occur, so that as the service progresses you can gauge how soon your name will be called. Ten minutes prior to your appointed time, please move to the front of the sanctuary to the Honors section at the front of the sanctuary, to the left of the *bimah*.

Please note that when going up onto the *bimah*, men are expected to wear *kippot*. Jewish men are also expected to wear a *tallit*.

Holding the Torah during English Prayers

The essence of this honor is to stand on the *bimah* holding the Torah while two prayers are recited: **The Prayer for Our Country** and **The Prayer for Israel**.

This is a *group* honor: two individuals will hold a Torah, while the rest of the group stands next to them.

1. Come to the *bimah* when your names are called.
2. Two individuals will be given a Torah to hold by members of the Ritual team.
3. Once those two individuals are secure holding their Torahs, they should proceed to center table to stand on either side of the people who received the separate honors of reading each of the two prayers.
4. The remainder of the group should stand surrounding the Torahs and the readers for the duration of the prayers.
5. At the conclusion of the **Prayer for Israel**, those individuals *not* holding the Torahs should begin to return to their seats in the congregation.
6. Once the *bimah* mostly clear, the Torahs will be taken from the Torah holders by members of the Ritual team.
7. At that time, the Torah holders may return to their seats in the congregation.