

## **Ark Opener at the Beginning of the Torah Service**

1. Please come up to the Bimah and stand by The Ark at the beginning of the Torah Service (Page 139 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*)
2. There may people as well being honored with opening The Ark.
3. Open the curtain to The Ark after the congregation finishes singing:  
**Ki v'cha l'vad batachnu, melech Eil ram v'nisah, adon olamim**
4. One of the Ark Openers will take out the Torah to hand to the person who will be carrying the Torah.
5. Close the curtain after the Torah/s is/are taken out of The Ark.
6. You may return to your seat after the processional once the Torah is place on the reading table.

## **Ark Opener at the End of the Torah Service**

1. Please come and sit in a front pew during *Ashrei* (Pages 151-152 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*). When *Ashrei* is finished come up onto the Bimah and stand in front of The Ark.
2. There may be other people as well being honored with opening The Ark.
3. Open the curtain when the people holding the Torah/s return to the Bimah and are walking up the stairs.
4. One of the Ark Openers will take the Torah from the person who has been carrying the Torah and will put the Torah back in The Ark.
5. Close the curtain while the congregation finishes singing: **Hashiveinu Adonai Eilecha v'nashuva, chadeish yameinu k'kedem.**
6. You may return to your seat once the Ark is closed.