

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR THE HONOR OF THE ALIYAH

The Ritual of Aliyah to the Torah: Blessing the Torah Reading

COME to the bimah when called. The Rabbi or the Torah reader will call you to the Torah using your Hebrew name. Be sure they have the Hebrew names for yourself and both of your parents. You may call this information to the synagogue office in advance. After your name is called, ascend the bimah and stand to the right of the Torah reader. Touch a corner of either your tallit or prayer book (note: don't use your finger) to the spot pointed out in the Torah where the reading will commence. Kiss the book or tallit fringe: then:

CHANT/READ: Barechu et Adonai hamevorach

CONGREGATION: Baruch Adonai hamevorach leh'ohlam va'ed

CHANT/READ: Baruch adonai hamevorach le'ohlam va'ed Baruch atah Adonai, eloheynu melech ha'olam, asher bachar banu mikol ha'amim, v'natan lanu et toratoh. Baruch atah Adonai, noteyn hatorah.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

THEN the reader will read the Torah portion. When they have finished, again touch the indicated spot in the Torah with your tallit fringe or the corner of the prayer book, and kiss it. Then:

CHANT OR READ: Baruch atah adonai, eloheynu melech ha'olam, asher natan lanu torat emet, v'chayay olam natah b'tocheynu. Baruch atah adonai, noteyn hatorah.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASS behind the reader to the left side of the Torah if there is going to be another Aliyah. From this position you can assist in holding the Torah open to the right spot. After the next Aliyah has been finished, you may take your seat. If you are the last (or only) Aliyah, you may take your seat when those doing Hagbah and G'lilah are called to the bimah.

TAKE YOUR SEAT after shaking hands with the Rabbi, the person doing Hagbah, and others on the bimah to acknowledge your well-performed honor.