

Taking an Aliyah

1. When called for an *aliyah*, come forward and stand to the Torah reader's right.
2. Take a corner of your *tallit* or the Torah tie and touch it to the place in the scroll the Torah reader shows you. Kiss the *tallit* or Torah tie.
3. Grasp both *atzei hayim* (Torah handles), roll the scroll closed and recite the blessings [also found on a card on the Torah reading table] as follows. Begin by saying:

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:

Barekhu et adonai ha-mevorakh.

Wait for the congregation to respond. You then repeat their response.

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Barukh adonai ha-mevorakh le'olam va'ed.

Continue with the *brakha*:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher bahar banu mekol ha'amim ve'natan lanu et torato. Barukh ata adonai notane ha'torah.

4. Roll the scroll open, hold the right *atz hayim* (handle) in your left hand and follow as the *aliyah* is read.
5. Take a corner of your *tallit* or the Torah tie and touch it to the place in the scroll the Torah reader shows you. Kiss the *tallit* or Torah tie.
6. Grasp both *atzei hayim* (Torah handles), roll the scroll closed and recite the blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נְטִיעַ בְּתוֹכֵנוּ:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher natan lanu torat emet ve'ha-yay olam natah betokhaynu. Barukh ata adonai notane ha'torah.