

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 in the margin by 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:

בָּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבַרְךְ:

Barekhu et adonai ha-mevorakh.

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

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרְךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

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

Continue with the *brakha*:

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

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher bahar banu me-kol 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 in the margin at 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:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ:
בְּרוּךְ 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.

7. Step to your right and remain on the *bimah* through the end of the next *aliyah*.

Hag-ba'ah and Ge'lee'lah

Lifting and Wrapping the Torah Scroll

Hag-ba'ah

1. When called forward, take your place as directed.
2. The *mag-be'ah* (one lifting the Torah scroll) steps up to the Torah Reading Table. It is customary, but not required, to open the scroll so a few columns are showing. Grasp the scroll by the *atzei hayim* (handles) and pull it down until the middle of the scroll is on the edge of the table. **Push down** on the *atzei hayim*, using the table as a fulcrum, and raise the scroll. Lift the Torah scroll and turn around so your back is to the congregation. Sit down where you are shown.
3. Hold the Torah at lap level as the *golel* (one wrapping the scroll) proceeds with the wrapping and tying.
4. When the scroll is fully dressed, hand it to the designated person or place it where you are shown.

Ge'lee'lah

1. Wait until the *mag-be'ah* is seated. Grasp the top *atzei hayim* (handles) and turn them until the parchment is tight.
2. Put the Torah belt around the scroll, about half-way down. The closure (clasp, buckle, velcro, etc.) should be over the front of the scroll (where the scroll opens).
3. Put the mantle over the scroll. The front of the mantle should be over the front of the scroll (where the scroll opens).
4. Place the *yad* (pointer) over the handle to your left.
5. Place the crowns or other silver, if any, on the *atzei hayim*.

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