

PERFORMING AN ALIYAH TO THE TORAH

Instructions:

- 1. The clergy will call the *aliyah* by name to come up to the bema.
- 2. You may touch the Torah with your tallit or prayerbook. This is a traditional custom giving honor to the Torah.
- 3. Read or chant the first blessing. See back for the blessings.
- 4. At the conclusion of the reading, you may touch the Torah again.
- 5. Read or chant the concluding blessing

Thank you for performing this Mitzvah!

To hear the blessings chanted, go to:



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TORAH BLESSINGS Blessing Before Torah Reading

Ascend bimah, stand to the right of Torah reader; touch Torah text with Tallit, Siddur or Torah Binder, kiss that object and then recite in Hebrew or English:

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vo-rach!	בְּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבוֹרָךָ.
(Congregation responds, then you continue:)	
Baruch Adonai ham'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed	בָּרוּך יְיָ הַמְבוֹרָך לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech	בָּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ כֵּילֶך
ha-o-lam, a-sher ba-char banu mi-kol	ָדָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל
ha'a-mim, v'na-tan lanu et Torah-to.	הָעַמִים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.
Baruch Atah Adonai, no-tein ha-Torah.	
	בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.
Praise the One to whom our praise is due!	

Praised be the One to whom our praise is due, now and for ever! We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You have called us to Your service by giving us the Torah. We praise You, O God, Giver of the Torah.

Blessing After Torah Reading

Upon completion of reading, touch Torah text with Tallit, Siddur or Torah Binder, kiss that object and then recite in Hebrew or English:

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-o-lam, a-sher na-tan la-nu Torat emet, v'cha-yei o-lam na-ta b'to-chei-nu. Baruch Atah Adonai, no-tein ha-Torah. בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶרְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נְתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת, וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, You have given us a Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life. We praise You, O God, Giver of the Torah.

Move to other side of the lectern, next to the Cantor to watch the next Aliyah performed.