

How to get an aliyah to the Torah:

Before the aliyah:

1. Please approach the table during the final blessing of the previous aliyah.
2. Tell the gabbai your Hebrew name.
 - For example:
[your Hebrew name] *bat / ben*
[your father's Hebrew name] [if applicable: HaLevi or HaCohen]
(*vi* – [your mother's Hebrew name])
3. (A blessing will be said for the person who had the previous aliyah.)

Blessing before the aliyah:

- The leynner will point to the place in the text where the reading begins. Touch a talit or the Torah belt to that place, kiss the talit/belt, and then hold the handles of both scrolls and bow as you say:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְבָרָךְ:

Barechu et Adonai ha-mevorach.

The congregation will respond: בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Then you will say:

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Baruch Adonai ha-mevorach le-olam va'ed.

Baruch atta Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam

asher bachar banu mikol ha'amim, venatan lanu et torato.

Baruch atta Adonai, notein ha-torah.

Reading: The leynner will read the portion. Please follow along with him/her and hold the right handle of the Torah scroll.

Blessing after the aliyah:

- After the leynner has finished, touch a talit or Torah belt to the place where the reading ended, kiss the talit/belt, and then hold the handles of both scrolls as you say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת, וַחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נִטַּע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Baruch atta Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam

asher natan lanu torat emet, vechayei olam nat'a betocheinu.

Baruch atta Adonai, notein ha-torah.

After your aliyah:

1. The gabbai will call up the person getting the next aliyah, and then say a blessing for you and insert your Hebrew name. Please tell the gabbai your Hebrew name again if s/he pauses during the blessing.
2. Please step over to the side of the table while the next aliyah is read. You can follow along with the gabbai.

Note: This outline is based on prevalent Ashkenazic custom at Minyan Urim. If you have another custom that you'd like to discuss, please feel free to speak with us. If you have any questions, please speak with the gabbaim.