

TORAH BLESSINGS

1. After the announcement the aliyah to the congregation you'll be invited by name to come up to the bema. Please have your Hebrew name ready.
2. Please stand at the right of the table. There will have a laminated copy of the Torah blessings, similar to the one provided here.
3. You may touch with your tallit or prayerbook at the place where the reading will begin, then kiss that object as a sign of giving honor to the Torah.
4. Read or chant the first blessing in Hebrew, or using the English transliteration

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת ה' הַמְּבָרֵךְ.
Barkhu et Adonai hamevorakh

5. After you read or chant the first sentence, the congregation will respond with:

בָּרוּךְ ה' הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד
Barukh Adonai hamevorakh le 'olam va 'ed

6. Repeat the second sentence, and then continue the blessing. If you simply follow the blessing card, reciting all the Hebrew that is there, you will be fine.

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בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ בְּעַם כָּל הָעַמִּים
וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Barukh Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha 'olam,
asher bahar banu mi kol ha'amim, v' natan lanu et Torato.
Barukh Atah Adonai, noten ha Torah.

7. Stay to the right of the Torah reader while he/she chants from the Torah.
8. At the conclusion of the reading, you may touch the end of the Torah text using a tallit or Siddur and then kiss it.

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9. *Read or chant the concluding blessing.*

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

Barukh Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha 'olam,
asher natan lanu Torat emet, v' haye 'olam nata b' tokhenu.
Barukh Atah Adonai, *noten ha Torah.*

10. *After you are congratulated, move to the other side of the table to watch the next aliyah ritual.*

11. *At the conclusion of the next aliyah, please return to your seat.*

Thank you for performing this Mitzvah!