

EXPLANATION OF HONORS

ALL HONOREES	<p><i>All persons-men and women-are required to wear a head covering when on the bimah. Men are always required to wear a tallit when on the bimah. Women are also encouraged to wear a tallit. For those who do not already have one, they will be available from the Gabbi at the front of the bimah, where you may also be assisted in saying the brachah before putting on a tallit.</i></p> <p>At the assigned time, please be seated in the special reserved section at the front of the congregation. The Ritual Committee Gabbi will advise when to ascend the bimah. Upon ascending the bimah, take a seat on the Rabbi's side, and wait until directed to actually begin. Upon completion, without disrupting the service, greet the Rabbi and others on the bimah, and then return to your seat in the congregation. All honorees will be assisted by the Gabbi and others on the bimah.</p>
ALIYAH	<p>The honoree recites the blessings immediately preceding and following the reading of each Torah portion. The honoree will be called by his/her Hebrew name, and goes directly to the Torah to recite the blessings. The blessings are printed on a card on the bimah.</p>
P'TICHA	<p>The honoree opens and closes the <i>parochet</i> (Ark drape) for a particular prayer. Go directly to the RIGHT side of the Ark and, when signaled, pull the drawstring to open the parochet. Remain standing beside the open Ark until signaled to close the parochet.</p>
HAGBAH 1	<p>The honoree raises the Torah and displays it to the congregation. Following the final reading, go directly to the Torah. While it is still resting on the reading table, the Torah is opened to a width of three columns. It is then pulled towards the honoree just beyond the edge of the reading table (for leverage). Then, with a downward, then upward motion, the Torah is raised, turned towards the congregation and briefly held aloft so that the congregation may see the written text. The Gabbi will assist in steadying the Torah. Walk to one of the bimah chairs to the right of the Ark and be seated with the Torah while it is wrapped by the G'lilah.</p>
G'LILAH 1	<p>The honoree ties and "dresses" the Torah. Called to the bimah together with the Hagbah, the honoree goes directly to the Torah and stands with the Hagbah and assists in stabilizing the Torah while it is being held aloft and carried. When the Hagbah is seated and holding the Torah, roll it tightly closed, tie it, and replace the mantel and silver adornments. When completed, the Gabbi will take the Torah and place it on its special holder next to the Ark.</p>
HAGBAH 2	<p>Same procedure as HAGBA 1, but for the SECOND Torah.</p>
G'LILAH 2	<p>Same procedure as G'LILAH 1, but for the SECOND Torah.</p>
ARK OPENER	<p>Open and close the Ark drape when the Torah is taken out at the start of Torah service.</p>
HOTZA'AH	<p>Lift the Torah out of the Ark and hand it to the Cantor; remove the second Torah from the Ark and hand it to the Rabbi. You will be directed as to which Torahs are to be used.</p>
ARK CLOSER	<p>Open and close the Ark drape when the Torah is returned at the end of the Torah service.</p>
HACHNASAH	<p>Replace both the Torahs in the Ark at the end of the Torah service.</p>
TORAH PROCESSIONAL	<p>Go to the bimah just prior to the start of the Torah service. Following the blessings in front of the Ark, take the second Torah from the Rabbi. Follow directly after the Cantor in the processional around the sanctuary. As you go back up onto the bimah, the Gabbi will take the Torah from you after which you may greet the Rabbi and others on the bimah and return to your seat.</p>
TORAH RECESSIONAL	<p>As the Torah Service concludes, go to the bimah. Follow the same procedure as the processional.</p>