

ALIYAH BLESSING BEFORE TORAH IS READ

TAKE THE TZIZIT (THE LONG STRINGS ON A CORNER OF THE TALIT), TOUCH THEM TO THE FIRST WORD OF THE ALIYAH IN THE TORAH, AND THEN KISS THEM. WHEN HAVING AN ALIYAH WITHOUT A TALIT, USE THE GARTLE (STRAP) FROM THE TORAH. THEN, HOLD BOTH HANDLES OF THE TORAH, STAND WITH YOUR FEET TOGETHER, AND SING:

בְּרֹכֵנוּ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ:

AT THIS POINT, YOU STOP AND THE CONGREGATION SINGS THE NEXT LINE:

(בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:)

YOU REPEAT THE LINE THAT THE CONGREGATION HAS JUST SUNG:

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

CONTINUE:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוֹ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים

וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה: (אָמֵן)

*YOU SHOULD NOT LOOK INTO THE TORAH WHILE RECITING THE BLESSINGS, EVEN IF YOU HAVE MEMORIZED THEM.

ALIYAH BLESSING AFTER TORAH IS READ

WHEN THE ALIYAH IS FINISHED, TAKE THE TZIZIT (OR THE GARTLE) AND TOUCH THEM TO THE LAST WORD OF THE ALIYAH IN THE TORAH, AND THEN KISS THEM. HOLD BOTH HANDLES, STAND WITH YOUR FEET TOGETHER AND SING:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת,

וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נִטַּע בְּתוֹכָנוּ:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה: (אָמֵן)