

Torah blessings for having an aliyah:

Instructions: Come up to the Bimah (front 'stage' area) when your name is called. Stand to the right of the Torah reader. (People up at the bimah will direct you where to stand.) When signaled, take the tzitzit (fringes at the corners of your talit) and touch it to the place in the Torah where the Torah reader points. (This is where the Torah reader will start to read.) Then kiss the tzitzit. Then say the blessing before the torah reading; it is traditional to hold on to the torah rollers while this blessing is recited.

Before the Torah reading:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ:
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים
וְנָתַן לָנו אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Person having aliyah says:

Barechu et adonai ham-vorach.

Community responds:

Baruch adonai ham'vorach le'olam va'ed.

Person having aliyah says:

Baruch adonai ham'vorach le'olam va'ed.

Baruch atah adonai, eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher bachar banu mi-kol ha-amim, ve-natan lanu et torato. Baruch atah adonai, notein ha-torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe. You have chosen us from among all peoples by giving us Your Torah. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

The Torah portion is now read. When it is completed, the reader will again point out the place where the Torah reading concluded; take the tzitzit again and touch it to that spot and kiss the tzitzit. Then say the blessing after the Torah reading; again, it is traditional to hold on to the rollers when reciting the blessing.

After the Torah reading:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנו תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת,
וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Person having aliyah says:

Baruch atah adonai, eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher natan lanu torat emet, ve-chayei olam nata be-tocheinu. Baruch atah adonai, notein ha-torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe. You have given us a Torah of truth, and planted within us everlasting life. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Remain at the bimah until the following aliyah has concluded (or until the people on the bimah invite you to return to your seat).