

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:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ:

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

(בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד):

YOU REPEAT THE LINE THAT THE CONGREGATION HAS JUST SUNG:

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

CONTINUE:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים

וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה: (אֲמֵן)

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