

## Opening and Closing the Ark (#1)

at the beginning of the Torah service

You have been honored with opening and closing the Ark (*Aron Kodesh*).

- Please make sure your head is covered.
- If you are a man, wear a tallit and a kippah.

**As soon as the Cantor begins the *Kaddish Shalem* on page 138, come sit in a row near the front of the sanctuary.**

On **page 139** we all stand up with *Va y'hi binso'a ha-aron*. **That is your signal to come UP to the bima.** Come up quickly and open the curtain from the right side. Pull on the cord with the green tassels to open the curtain.

Wait next to the Ark during the Torah processional. When the Cantor and Rabbi return, they will signal you to close the curtain. Pull on the Red tassels to close the curtain. You may return to your seat.

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## Opening and Closing the Ark (#3)

during the Musaf service

You have been honored with opening and closing the Ark (*Aron Kodesh*).

- Please make sure your head is covered.
- If you are a man, wear a tallit and a kippah.

**When we conclude the *Musaf Amidah* (page 181), come sit in a row near the front of the sanctuary.**

**At the end of *Ein Keloheinu*, come up to the Ark.**

You will open the curtain from the right side. The Cantor or Rabbi will tell you when to open the curtain. Pull on the cord with the green tassels to open the curtain.

Wait next to the Ark during the *Aleinu*. The Cantor or Rabbi will signal you to close the curtain. Pull on the Red tassels to close the curtain. You may return to your seat.

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## Opening and Closing the Ark (#2)

at the end of the Torah service

You have been honored with opening and closing the Ark (*Aron Kodesh*).

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**When we begin chanting *Ashrei* (page 151), come sit in a row near the front of the sanctuary.**

**At the end of *Ashrei* (page 152), come up to the Ark and stand to the right of the Ark.**

Watch for the rabbi to signal you to open the curtain (from the right side) Pull on the cord with the green tassels to open the curtain.

Wait next to the Ark during the Torah processional. When the Cantor and Rabbi return, they will signal you to close the curtain. Pull on the Red tassels to close the curtain. When the closing prayers are done, return to your seat.

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## Prayer for Peace

You have been honored with reading the **Prayer for Peace on page 149.**

- Please make sure your head is covered.
- If you are a Jewish man, wear a tallit and a kippah.

**When the Bar/Bat Mitzvah has concluded the *Haftarah*, come sit in a row near the front of the sanctuary.**

After the Prayer for Israel, the rabbi will call you up to the bima.

Read responsively on page 149.  
The italic passages are read by the congregation.

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## Prayer for Israel

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- If you are a Jewish man, wear a tallit and a kippah.

**When the Bar/Bat Mitzvah has concluded the *Haftarah*, come sit in a row near the front of the sanctuary.**

After the Prayer for Our Country, the rabbi will call you up to the bima.

Begin the *Prayer for Israel* (in Hebrew).  
The congregation will join in immediately.

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## ***Hagba***

You have been honored with  
**lifting the Torah.**

- Please make sure your head is covered.
- If you are a Jewish man, wear a tallit and a kippah.

**When we are on the sixth Aliyah of the Torah, come sit near the front of the sanctuary.**

After the Torah reading is concluded, the rabbi will call you up to the bima.

Bring the Torah towards you, crouch under the Torah for leverage and lift. The Torah is heavy.  
Walk with the lifted Torah to your left (toward the Cantor's side) and sit in the seat. Others will dress the Torah.

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## Prayer for Our Country

You have been honored with leading the **Prayer for Our Country on page 148.**

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- If you are a Jewish man, wear a tallit and a kippah.

**When the Bar/Bat Mitzvah has concluded the *Haftarah*, come sit in a row near the front of the sanctuary.**

After the gifts have been presented to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the rabbi will call you up to the bima. Stand at the center table. Read the *Prayer for Our Country*. You read all three paragraphs aloud. The congregation joins in for the second paragraph.

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## ***Gelilah***

You have been honored with  
**dressing the Torah.**

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**When we are on the sixth Aliyah of the Torah, come sit near the front of the sanctuary.**

After the Torah reading is concluded, the rabbi will call you up to the bima.

Stand on the Cantor's side of the bima. Help the Torah lifter.  
Put the "belt" onto the Torah. Place the Torah cover over the Torah. Others will be there to help you.

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## Ein Keloheinu

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Come to the front row of the sanctuary when we begin the *Kiddush*. Be ready to be called up to the bima at the end of the *Kiddush* blessing.

The Rabbi will call you to the bima.

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