

## **Being Called for an Aliyah**

If you are honored with an Aliyah, the following procedure should be followed:

- You will be called up by your Hebrew name by the Gabbai (person helping the with the Torah service), who will also say your name in English.
- Men must wear a tallit and a kippah. Women must wear a head covering, however tallit is optional. Note: tallitot can be found inside the sanctuary door. Kippot and head coverings are in the sanctuary foyer.
- You will be called to the Aliyah after the person before you has made his/her concluding blessing. When called, go up to the Amud and stand to the Torah reader's right.
- At the podium, the reader will point out the place in the Torah where s/he will begin reading. You should take the end of your tallit and touch that place in the Torah with it, then kiss the tallit. A woman not wearing a tallit touches the place in the Torah with the sash used to tie the Torah, then kisses it.
- If you are called to the Torah with one other person, both of you should follow the above procedure.
- If you are called with more than one person, only those called by their Hebrew names will kiss the Torah.
- You should then grasp onto the wooden handles of the Torah with your left hand.
- You will find the blessings on the sheet called Torah Blessings written in the Hebrew and in English transliteration, on a laminated sheet next to the Torah. You will recite these blessings.
- You can listen to the Torah Blessings by logging on to the CAA website at [caa-austin.org](http://caa-austin.org). Click on "Religious," then "Shabbat Services" and scroll down to "Shabbat Morning Services", then "Torah Service," and click on "Prayers before and after aliyah." You will hear Rabbi Blumofe give instructions and recite the blessing. Further down the page you will see the transliteration sheet that will be on the bimah.