

GUIDELINES FOR ALIYOT (- BEING CALLED TO THE TORAH)

The Gabbai's Role - The Gabbai's role is to announce the honor of being called to the reading of the Torah - the "Aliyah" - during the Torah service. Here are the steps for this process -

1 - The Gabbai, standing, says loudly, in Hebrew - "*Na la`amod*" - meaning - "Please stand/rise."

2 - The person/s honored with that Aliyah rise and say their Hebrew name out loud (see below). (If they do not know their Hebrew name, they can say their English name).

3 - The Gabbai does not leave their place nor do they repeat the person's name. The Gabbai simply follows, after the person says their own name, by saying - "*L'aliyah alef*" (- "for the first Aliyah")- for the first Aliyah;

For the second Aliyah the phrase is - "*L'aliyah bet*"; etc.:

	(Please rise) Na la`amod		נא לעמוד
(For Aliyah 1)	La-aliyah alef	-- לעליה א	(name) - 1
(for Aliyah 2)	" bet	-- לעליה ב	" - 2
	" gimmel	-- לעליה ג	" - 3
	" dallet	-- לעליה ד	" - 4
	" heh	-- לעליה ה	" - 5
	" vav	-- לעליה ו	" - 6
	" zayyin	-- לעליה ז	" - 7

For the Haftarah Aliyah -

(Please rise) Na la-amod - (name)- נא לעמוד
la-aliyah ha-maftirah לעליה המפטירה
(for the concluding Aliyah)

For lifting and closing up the Torah –

Na la-amod (no names)

נא לעמוד

l'hagbahat u-g'lilat ha-Torah

להגבהת וגלילת התורה

(for the raising and rolling closed of the Torah)

A Person's Name -

The honoree stands (if possible) and says their name out loud - The traditional Hebrew name includes one's personal name linked to the name(s) of one's parent(s).

If one's parent is/was a Kohen or Levi, that is part of their name - e.g., "*Aharon ha-kohen* - Aharon the Kohen", "*Moshe ha-levi* - Moshe the Levi."

Thus, the honoree is to say one's personal Hebrew name (if known) and then:

"בן - *ben*..." - for a male - "the son of";

"בת - *bat*" - for a female - "the daughter of":

And then one's parents' Hebrew names (if known).

Another option, for a person who, for any reason, does not want to gender-identify as either "son" or "daughter," is to say one's Hebrew name (if known) and then:

"לבית - *l'veit*..." - "of the family of"

And then the parents' names.