

THE BLESSINGS OF MESSIAH

Cantor sings, then congregation responds

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת דֶּרֶךְ הַיְשׁוּעָה בְּמָשִׁיחַ
יֵשׁוּעַ. אָמֵן

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haOlam, asher natan lanu et derech haYeshua b'mashiach. (amein)

Blessed are you Adonai, Eloheinu King of the universe, who has given us the way of salvation in Messiah Yeshua. (amen)



LEADER: Shemini Atzeret means eighth day of festive assembly. It is explained in the Talmud and Midrash as follows: A king invited his children to a feast. After a few days, when the departure finally arrived, the king said to his children: "I beg of you, stay another day; it is hard to separate from you!" (Rashi on Lev 23:36). The joyful note characterizing the seven days of Sukkot is extended to *Shemini Atzeret*.

LEADER: *Simchat Torah* was designed as a time to celebrate the completion of the annual cycle of Scripture readings each week in our synagogues. While some believers may find it curious to rejoice in the "Law", our people have always found joy in knowing we have been entrusted with the words of Adonai. In fact, the word Torah is properly translated as "teaching" or "instruction", which tells us the precise purpose of the Scroll. When properly understood, the Torah should be viewed not as some negative legal system, but as the Most High's instructions for living a life blessed by Him. For this reason, Adonai commanded Moshe, at the end of his ministry, to teach a portion of the Torah to Israel in its chanted form (Deut.31:19), a tradition which continues to this day.

Please Stand

SHEMA

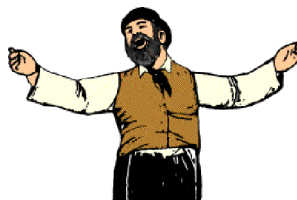
שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יי אֶחָד.
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלָכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Shema Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai Echad, Baruch Shem kavod Malchuto l'olam vaed.

Hear O Israel Adonai, Eloheinu, Adonai is one. Blessed be His Name His glorious kingdom is forever and ever. Amen.

Please Be Seated

Worship Adonai with Music



Please Stand
THE ARK IS OPENED

HAKKAPHOT: (*seven circuits around the synagogue*) Torah Scroll is carried as well as flags.



In the sixteenth century it became the custom to take the *Sifrei Torah* (scrolls of the Torah) on Simchat Torah and make seven *hakkaphot* (circuits) bearing the scrolls around the bimah of the synagogue. Various reasons are given for this. Some say they correspond to Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Moses, Aharon, Joseph, and David.; some maintain they symbolize the seven heavens; and others hold they recall the seven circuits that were made around Jericho at the time of Joshua.

Please remain Standing

וַיְהִי בְנִסְעֵי הָאָרֶז
VAY'HEE BEENSOAH HAAHRONE
WHEN THE ARK WOULD TRAVEL



When the ark would travel, Moshe would say, “Arise O Adonai, and let Your enemies be scattered, and let them that hate You flee from You.” For from Zion will go forth the Torah and the word of Adonai from Jerusalem. Blessed be he, who in His holiness, gave the Torah to His people Israel.

TORAH PROCESSIONAL

Cantor sings as Scroll is carried

וַיְהִי בְנִסְעֵי הָאָרֶז, וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה, קוּמָה יְיָ וַיִּפְצוּ, וַיִּנְסוּ מִשְׁנֵאֵיךָ מִפְּנֶיךָ. כִּי
מִצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תוֹרָה, וּדְבַר יְיָ מִירוּשָׁלַיִם. בְּרוּךְ שְׁנַתֵּן תוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּקֹדְשָׁתוֹ.

ALIYA SINGS:

בְּרַחוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ.

Ba-r'-chu et Adonai Ham-vo-rach

Congregation Sings

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch Adonai Ham-vo-rach l'Olam vaed

ALIYA SINGS

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר

בָּחַר בְּנוֹ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת

תּוֹרָתוֹ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

*Ba-ruch Adonai Ham-vo-rach l'Olam vaed
Ba-ruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, asher
ba-char ba-nu mikol ha-ahmim, v'na-tan la-nu et
Torah-to, ba-ruch atah Adonai, no-tane ha-Torah*

Aliya: Bless Adonai the blessed One.

Congregation: Blessed is Adonai, the blessed One, for all eternity.

Aliya: Blessed are You Adonai, Eloheinu King of the Universe, Who has chosen us from all peoples and given us His Torah, blessed are You Adonai, Giver of the Torah.

Torah portion: Deut.14:22-16:17 Numbers 15:37-41 Numbers 29:35-30:1

(You may be seated)

CHILDREN COME FORWARD AT THIS TIME UNDER THE TALIT

Children repeat the blessing:

Blessed are You Adonai, Eloheinu King of the Universe, Who has chosen us from all peoples and given us His Torah, blessed are You Adonai, Giver of the Torah.

Genesis 48:16 is recited: The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless these children. May my name live on in them, and may the names of my fathers Abraham, Isaac. May they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.



CALLING OF THE CHATAN TORAH: (*Bridegroom of the Law*) Deut.33:1-34:12

Therefore may it be the will of the Most High to grant life, loving kindness, and crowning glory to _____ who has been chosen to complete the cycle of the Torah readings; to strengthen him, to bless him and to encourage him in the study of the Torah; to seek for him life, to honor him, to associate him with the holy assembly, to enliven him, to adorn him with the ornament of life, to make him upright, to perfect him, to instruct him in the knowledge and logic of the Torah; to protect him, to uplift him, to assure his maintenance, to refine him, to sustain him, to make him righteous, draw near to him Holy One; and show him compassion, preserve him from all trouble and affliction, strengthen him, uphold him, support him when broken in spirit.

Arise! Arise! Arise! _____ as the Chatan Torah and give glory and honor to Adonai!

CALLING OF THE CHATAN BERESHIT: (*Bridegroom of Genesis*) Genesis 1:1-2:3



Adonai is exalted above all blessing and song, awesomely exalted above all praise and hymn, wise and mighty in power and strength, Ruler of the universe, Master of all creation. Here we are a righteous assembly, a fortunate congregation, with both old and young in attendance. We are gathered here to participate in the rejoicing of the Torah, and remain to conclude and to begin anew, with joy and reverence the reading of the Torah. For we love it today as on the day it was first given in all its glory, delighting in it as something new and fresh, not as something old and past, thirsting to draw from, and to delight in, the splendor of its glory, which rejoices the heart and removes sorrow.

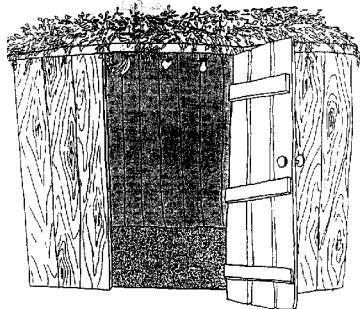
We call forth (_____ who has been found intelligent of heart to explain the Torah; pursuing righteousness and kindness in an upright manner. Whose heart has been aroused and his spirit moved to be the first, to begin the reading of the Torah. And now Arise

_____ rise and gird yourself; come take your place and read of the work of Creation, in honor of the One who formed it. How great will be your blessing and abounding your reward. Your bountiful eye shall be blessed that your generosity shall not be diminished; from the blessing of your Creator you shall be blessed, that your generous hand not be curtailed, for all who honor the Torah in a royal manner, shall themselves be honored. May you be privileged to see children and grandchildren who occupy themselves with Torah study, and fulfill the commandments amidst the people, beautiful, and pure. May you be privileged to rejoice in the Temple; and may you shine in the righteousness of your Messiah, Yeshua.

Arise! Arise! Arise! _____ as the Chatan Bereshit and give glory and honor to Adonai!

Haftorah Portion: Joshua 1:1-18 I Kings 8:54-66

Brit Chadasha: John 7: 37-44 Romans 7:7-25 I Timothy 4:13



Return of Torah Scroll to Ark
(Please stand)

ETZ CHAIM

Cantor recites & sings while ark is open, then congregation responds

וּבְנַחָה יֹאמֶר, שׁוּבָה יְיָ רַבְבוֹת אֱלֹפֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. קוּמָה, יְיָ לְמַנוּחָתְךָ, אֶתָּה
וְאֲרוֹן עֲזֶךָ. כְּהִנֵּיךָ יִלְבָּשׁוּ צְדָקָה, וְחֲסִידֶיךָ יִרְנְנוּ. הִלְלוּיָהּ! בְּעַבּוֹר דָּוִד עֲבָדְךָ,
אֵל תָּשׁוּב פְּנֵי מְשִׁיחֶךָ. כִּי לָקַח סוּב נִתַּתִּי לָכֶם, תּוֹרַתִּי אֵל תַּעֲזוּבוּ. עֵץ חַיִּים
הִיא לְמַחְזִיקִים בָּהּ, וְתַמְכִּיחַ מְאֹשֶׁר. דְּרָכֶיהָ דְרָכֵי נֵעַם, וְכָל נְתִיבֹתֶיהָ שְׁלוֹם.
הִשְׁיִבְנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְנָשׁוּבָה, חֲדָשׁ יְמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.

When the ark rested, Moshe would say: “Return, O Adonai, to the myriads of Israel’s families.
Arise, O Adonai, to thy resting place, Thou and Thy glorious Ark. May Thy priests be clothed in righteousness;
may Thy faithful followers shout for joy. (Hallelujah!!)

For the sake of Thy servant David, reject not Your anointed. I give you good instruction:
Forsake not my Torah; It is a Tree of Life to those who take hold of it, and happy are those who support it. Its
ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. Turn us to Thee, O Adonai, and let us return; renew
our days as of old.”

(You may be seated)