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## Hagbah

The one who lifts the Torah

Upon being called for your honor, please sit next to the rabbi. You will then proceed to the right side of the Reader's Table.

When it is time to lift the Torah, please stand in front of the Reader's Table. Holding the two wooden handles at the bottom of the Torah with each hand, slide the Torah toward you so that approximately half of the Torah is off the Table. Then proceed to push down the handles toward the floor, thus lifting the Torah up into the air. Hold the Torah up so that the congregation can see it.

It is tradition to open the Torah while holding it high so that three columns of the text are visible to the congregation. However, if you feel that this will cause you to drop or damage the Torah please do not attempt to open it that wide.

With the Torah still held up high, proceed to the seat immediately next to the rabbi's. There, someone will tie and dress the Torah. After the Torah is dressed properly, someone will take the Torah from you and place it in the holder on the side of the Bimah.

When the Torah is taken from you, you may return to your seat. As you do so, please allow those on the Bimah to congratulate you on your honor.

Reminder: Men must wear a kippah and a tallit.