



Temple Rodeph Torah

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Please give this to each person doing an aliyah.

Dear Friends,

Mazal tov on your invitation for an *aliyah*, to thank God for the gift of the Torah during our service. We hope this occasion will be a memorable celebration for you and your family.

To be called for an *aliyah* is the highest honor a congregation can give, and it is a very important moment for us as well as for you. Please review this information well in advance of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, so you are prepared to honor your family as they are honoring you.

The *aliyah* may be said in any language, including Hebrew, English, Yiddish, Russian, French or Spanish. Your family can provide you with both the Hebrew and the English, and you are welcome to contact either of us to obtain the blessings in any of the other languages listed. We have also made the Hebrew and English of these blessings available online, including recordings of them in Hebrew. Go to trt.org/torah-blessings to listen. Please review the blessings in advance, even if you know them very well. While the Hebrew blessings found on the *bima* are printed in transliteration as well as in Hebrew, ***you will not be able to read them fluently without practicing them beforehand.***

By accepting this honor, you are saying that you are fluent in these blessings (in whatever language you choose to read them), and will not stumble over them during the service.

Your family has been advised of the dress code which our congregation requires for those coming to the *bima*. Please familiarize yourself with it, and plan for it in advance. Following the dress code is a requirement for being honored during our service.

Tallit and *kippah* are optional for both men and women at Temple Rodeph Torah. They are available outside the sanctuary when you arrive.

If you have any questions about the *aliyah*, or about any part of our services, we invite you to call us. We look forward to sharing in your family's celebration with you.

Shalom,

Rabbi Donald A. Weber

Cantor Joanna M. Alexander