

## Shabbat Service Honors

### 1. Candle Lighter

- Rabbi (or Cantor) will call you up after opening song
- Read English reading on page 3 (top or bottom) your choice
- Light candles
- Recite blessing in Hebrew on *page 2*
- Read English prayer below
- Stay on pulpit until Cantor finishes singing blessing

### 2. Ark Opener

- Rabbi (or Cantor) will call you up at beginning of Torah service on *page 244*
- Open Ark
- Stay on Bimah during Torah prayers, then follow Torah parade back to your seat

### 3. Torah Carrier

- Rabbi (or Cantor) will call you up at beginning of Torah service on *page 244*
- After Ark is opened, remove Torah from the Ark and stand facing congregation during Torah prayers
- Lead the Torah parade after a nod from the Cantor
- When parade returns to the Bimah, Rabbi or Cantor will remove Torah cover
- Place Torah on lectern/stand
- Return to your seat

### 4. Torah Blesser

- Cantor will call you to the Bimah by your Hebrew and English name *Page 250*
- Prior to reciting blessing, if you wish...touch Torah with your prayer book or Tallit, kiss book or Tallit
- Recite first line of blessing
- Congregation responds with second line
- Repeat second line and continue with rest of blessing
- Remain standing while Rabbi reads from the Torah

- Recite blessing after reading the Torah
- Return to your seat

#### 5. Torah Lifter (Hagbahah)

- *Bottom page 252* - Rabbi (or Cantor) will call you to the Bimah
- Before lifting Torah, bend your knees so that your weight is below the Torah. Then stand up and lift Torah above your head.
- Turn around so that the writing of the Torah is facing the congregation
- Sit down on chair on Bimah – open side of Torah facing the congregation
- Person dressing Torah will put on cover and rimonim (crowns)
- Remain seated with Torah while names are announced for healing prayers. Stand with the congregation while singing the Misheberach. Remain standing during prayers for returning Torah to the Ark (on page 256), and at line 4 of the prayer, Vayarem Keren, raise the Torah again. At the conclusion of the prayer return the Torah to the Ark.
- Stay on Bimah until Ark is closed on *bottom of page 256*

#### 6. Torah Dresser

- *Bottom page 252* – Rabbi (or Cantor) will call you to the Bimah
- When lifter sits with Torah, turn Torah rollers until Torah is closed tightly. (Cantor will assist)
- Fasten belt around Torah...clasp facing ***toward*** congregation
- Put Torah cover on with front facing congregation
- Place yad (pointer) over one of the rollers
- Place rimonim (crowns) on both rollers
- Stay on Bimah until Ark is closed on *bottom of page 256*

#### 7. Ark Closer

- *Top of page 256* – Rabbi (or Cantor) will call you to the Bimah
- Stand by the Ark
- Close Ark at *bottom of page 256* ***after*** Cantor sings “Eitz Chayim Hi”
- Return to your seat