

Instructions for Hagba and Gelila *(Lifting and Wrapping the Torah Scroll)*

Hagba (Lifting the Torah)

1. When called forward, take your place as directed.
2. The *mag-be'ah* (one lifting the Torah scroll) steps up to the Torah Reading Table. It is customary, but not required, to open the scroll so a few columns are showing. Grasp the scroll by the *atzei hayim* (handles) and pull it down until the middle of the scroll is on the edge of the table. **Push down** on the *atzei hayim*, using the table as a fulcrum, and raise the scroll. Lift the Torah scroll and turn around so your back is to the congregation. Sit down where you are shown.
3. Hold the Torah at lap level as the *golel* (one wrapping the scroll) proceeds with the wrapping and tying.
4. When the scroll is fully dressed, hand it to the designated person or place it where you are shown.
5. Shake hands with the Rabbi, Hazzan and other bima attendants. Then, exit the bimah.

Gelila (Wrapping the Torah)

1. Wait until the *mag-be'ah* is seated. Grasp the top *atzei hayim* (handles) and turn them until the parchment is tight.
2. Put the Torah belt around the scroll, about half-way down. The closure (clasp, buckle, velcro, etc.) should be over the front of the scroll (where the scroll opens).
3. Put the mantle over the scroll. The front of the mantle should be over the front of the scroll (where the scroll opens).
4. Place the *yad* (pointer) over the handle to your left.
5. Place the crown on the *atzei hayim*.
6. Shake hands with the Rabbi, Hazzan and other bima attendants. Then, exit the bimah.