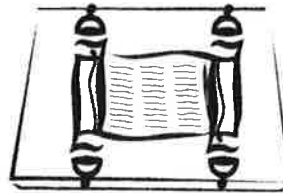


INSTRUCTIONS FOR *Hagbahat Hatorah* (Raising the Torah)

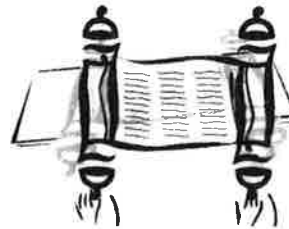
1. When instructed to do so, begin by rolling the *Torah* scroll open, so that three columns of text are showing.



2. Next, lift and slide the handles toward you, so that approximately 1/3 of each side of the scroll is overhanging the edge of the reading desk.



3. Raise the scroll to a vertical position by (*gently*) pressing down on the handles. The edge of the desk will act as a fulcrum, making it easier to stand the *Torah* up straight.



4. Immediately raise the *Torah* while holding it open. As you are led to a seat on the pulpit, turn the *Torah* from side to side so the congregation may view the columns of text you are displaying. The attendants will walk with you to ensure that you don't drop the *Torah*, or stumble on the way.



5. Once you are seated, the person honored with *G'ilat Hatorah* (dressing the *Torah*) will roll the two scrolls together, belt them, and cover them with the mantle.

