

## Lesson #6

### Torah Service 3

#### A. Lifting up the Torah (Hagbah) pg 146

The Talmud and the Shulkhan Aruch consider the honor of Hagbah to be greater than the honor of an aliyah. Read and Sing: *V'zot hatorah....*

#### Ritual:

- **Hagbah (Hamagbiah)**  
Three columns, seam in middle, bring about 1/2 over edge of table, bend knees and lift in air, turn in three directions to display the script to the congregation.
- **Congregation-**  
Point with yad corner of Tallit, or little finger (not index finger—considered rude in ancient times). Sit when the Hagbah (hagba) is seated.
- **Gelilah (Hagolel/Hagolelet)**  
Roll the torah tightly, tie the belt, cover with the mantle, place the shield and the yad. The Rimmonim/Keter are added later.

Note: When the honoree returns to their seat the other congregants extend a greeting:

*Yasher Koach, Yishar Koach* (more strength to you, well done), *Sh'koach* (slang)

First used in the Talmud—G-d compliments Moses for having reacted with proper indignation to the golden calf.

Honoree responds:

*Baruch ti-he-yeh* (May you be blessed) to a male and *Baruch ti-he-yi* to a female

#### **B. Returning the Torah. How were the prayers constructed?**

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| a. | <i>Y'hallelu.... levado.</i>               | (Psalms 148:13) |
|    | <i>Hodu.....halleluyah.</i>                | (Psalms 148:14) |
| b. | <i>Havu...bashalom.</i>                    | (Psalm 29)      |
| c. | <i>U'Venochoh yomar.....alfei yisrael.</i> | (Numbers 10:36) |
|    | <i>Eitz Chayim ....me'ushar.</i>           | (Proverbs 3:18) |
|    | <i>D'rachehah.....shalom.</i>              | (Proverbs 3:17) |
|    | <i>Hashiveinu.....k'kedem.</i>             | (Lamentations)  |