

בְּרִכּוֹת הַתּוֹרָה

Those who receive an aliyah to the Torah say the following blessing:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְהוָה הַמְּבַרֵךְ:
Bareḥu et adonay hamvorah.

Congregation:

בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה הַמְּבַרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
Baruḥ adonay hamvorah le'olam va'ed.

*The response of the congregation is repeated, and the blessing continued as follows
(for alternative versions, see page 397):*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִרְבָנוּ לְעִבּוֹדְתוֹ
וְנָתַן־לָנוּ אֶת־תּוֹרָתוֹ: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Baruḥ atah adonay eloheynu meleḥ ha'olam asher kervanu
la'avodato venatan lanu et torato.

Baruḥ atah adonay noten hatorah.

After the section of the Torah is read, the following blessing is recited:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר נָתַן־לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת
וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נִטֵעַ בְּתוֹכָנוּ: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Baruḥ atah adonay eloheynu meleḥ ha'olam asher natan lanu
torat emet velayey olam nata betoheynu.

Baruḥ atah adonay noten hatorah.

COMMENTARY. The blessing over the Torah recalls the *Barehu*, the call to worship, the beginning of the morning service recited only in the presence of the minyan, ten adult Jews. The blessing encircles the Torah reading in a familiar liturgical pattern of blessing and study. Through blessing, study, and community we manifest God, Torah and Israel. S.P.W.