# Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Torah Reading (But Were Afraid To Ask)

A Video Series Presented by Rabbi Menachem Posner

# Part 1 – Aliyah (Being Called to the Torah)

## **Class outline**

- Procedure for the Torah Reading
- Getting an Aliyah

#### Text #1:

Exodus 15:22	
וַיַסַע משֶׁה אֶת	Moses led
יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּם סוּף	Israel away from the Red Sea,
וַיֵּצְאוּ אֶל מִדְבַּר שׁוּר	and they went out into the desert of Shur
<u>וי</u> ֵלְכוּ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים	and they walked for three days
בַּמִּדְבָּר	in the desert
וְל א מָצְאו מָים	but did not find water.

## When do we read the Torah?

A) Minimum, every three daysB) Monday, Thursday and Shabbat

### What do we read?

*Shabbat:* Weekly portion in its entirety (one portion each week of the year)

*Weekday:* Only the beginning of the portion that is to be read on the coming Shabbat.

#### Holidays:

- 1) Something relevant to that holiday
- 2) Portion that describes the sacrifices to be brought on that day.



#### How many readers?

Monday & Thursday:	3 Readers
Rosh Chodesh:	4 Readers
Yom Tov:	5 Readers
Yom Kippur:	6 Readers
Shabbat:	7 Readers

#### Who are the readers?

Reader 1:CohenReader 2:LeviReader 3:IsraelReader 4:"Reader 5:"Reader 6:"Reader 7:"Maftir:Cohen, Levi or Israel

#### Text #2:

Deuteronomy 5:28	
וְאַתָּה פּ ה עֲמ ד עִמָּדי	And you stand here with me

#### Text #3:

Talmud, Megillah 22b	
נקוט האי כללא בידך	Keep this rule handy:
כל דטפי ליה מילתא מחבריה	whichever day has greater sanctity than others
טפי ליה גברא יתירא	has additional men.
הלכך	Therefore,
בראש חודש	on Rosh Chodesh
ומועד	and Chol Hamoed
דאיכא קרבן מוסף	which have the mussaf offering
קורין ארבעה	four men read.
ביום טוב	On holidays,
דאסור בעשיית מלאכה	when work is forbidden,
חמשה	five men read.
ביום הכפוריםששה	Yom Kippursix men read
שבת	On shabbat
שבעה	there are seven.



# 3 Parts of the Tanach

(Canon of the Hebrew Bible)

- Torah Five Books of Moses
- Nevi'im ("Prophets")
- Ketuvim ("Writings")

## Text #4:

Talmud, Megillah 23aאמר עולאSaid Ullah:אמני מה המפטיר בנביאWhy does the one called to read from the Prophetsalso need to read from the Torah?For the dignity of the Torah.

## Recap

- Historical significance
- How many Aliyahs: 3 7
- What we read
  - \* Weekly Torah portion
  - \* Haftorah (prophets) on Shabbat/Holidays
- Being called up for an Aliyah
- Procedure for Maftir

# Blessings

בָּרָכוּ אֶת יְ-יָ הַמְבֹרָדָ:

*Transliteration:* Bor'chu es ado-noy ha-m'voroch.

*Translation:* Bless the L-rd who is blessed.

בָּרוּך יְ-יָ הַמְבֹרָך לְעוֹלָם וָעֶר:

*Transliteration:* Boruch ado-noy ha-m'voroch l'olom vo-ed.

*Translation:* Blessed be the L-rd who is blessed for all eternity.



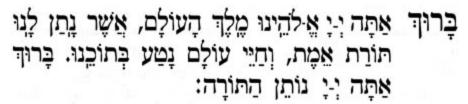
# בָּרוּך אַתָּהיְ-יָ אֶ לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הַעַמִּים, וְנֶתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ. בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְ-יָ נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

#### Transliteration:

Boruch atoh ado-noy elo-haynu melech ho-olom, asher bochar bonu mikol ho-amim, v'nosan lonu es toroso. Boruch atoh ado-noy, nosayn ha-toroh.

#### Translation:

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has chosen us from among all the nations and given us His Torah. Blessed are You L-rd, who gives the Torah.



#### Transliteration:

Boruch atoh ado-noy elo-haynu melech ho-olom, asher nosan lonu toras emes, v'cha-yay olom nota b'sochaynu. Boruch atoh ado-noy, nosayn ha-toroh.

#### Translation:

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has given us the Torah of truth and planted eternal life within us. Blessed are You L-rd, who gives the Torah.

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