

Instructions for Rolling the Torah (*Gelilah*)

After the reading from a *sefer Torah* has been completed at a synagogue service, the Torah is lifted and displayed to the congregation by the *magbiah*. The *golel* (or *golelet*) then rolls the Torah and dresses it in its covers.

- When the *magbiah* (person lifting the Torah) has sat down, approach the chair and grasp the two handles of the Torah
- Roll the Torah tightly, preferably ending up with a seam between the two rollers; the *magbiah* will help with this.
- The *gabbai* (member who had been helping with the Torah reading) will hand you each article to put on the Torah when you are ready for it. If the *magbiah* is holding the Torah correctly, its front (the side with the writing) will be facing him/her and you will be facing the back of the Torah. Therefore, the front of each of the articles you put on the Torah will be facing the *magbiah*.
 - Fasten the belt around the center of the Torah, with the buckle toward the front; you will need to reach around the Torah.
 - Put the cover on the Torah, getting the two rollers through the openings at the top of the cover.
 - Put on the breastplate
 - Put the *yad* (pointer on a chain) onto the left-hand roller (left as you face the back of the Torah)
 - Put on the crowns.
- Shake hands with the Rabbi, the President, the *magbiah* once he/she has handed the Torah to the *gabbai*, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrant, and other people on the *bimah* and return to your seat in the sanctuary.
- See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b773MaBkTks> for a demonstration.