

# Gabbai Booklet

Shabbat  
שבת

## Role of the Gabbai

The gabbai is not the star of the show — the Torah is. Your job is to support the leynner, the 'olim, and the people doing *hagbahah* and *gelilah*, bringing honour to the Torah.

## Key Tasks

- Call people up to the Torah and give them *misheberachs*.
- Help those who need with the *brachot*.
- Assist the leynner if necessary and correct any significant error.

## Before You Start

- Have the week's gabbai Sheet in front of you, as well as the *misheberach* texts.
- Make sure the laminated *brachot* sheets are on either side of the Torah.
- Confirm we have a (male) kohen and levi for the first two *aliyot*.
  - If no kohen: start with a yisra'el (any gender) and give the second *aliyah* to a different yisra'el (*'ein kan kohen. ta'amod/ya'amod/ya'amdu...*)
  - If there is a kohen but no levi: the kohen gets a second *aliyah* (*'ein kan levi. ya'amod kohen bimkom levi*)

## Flow for a Standard Shabbat

1. Intro, then call up kohen.
2. Aliyot 2–6: Call 'oleh → *misheberach* → *barchu*, etc. → Torah reading → closing bracha.
3. After Aliyah 7: Half Kaddish, then call maftir, then *misheberach* for Aliyah 7.
4. Maftir aliyah and reading.
5. Call up Hagbahah/Gelilah, followed by *misheberach* for the maftir.
6. Haftarah by the maftir oleh.

## Getting Started

Welcome everyone, announce the parsha and page number, and say a few words about the readings. (See this week's Gabbai Sheet.)

## 1) Intro (veya'azor) + Kohen Call-Up

וַיַּעֲזֹר וַיִּגַּן וַיּוֹשִׁיעַ לְכָל-הַחֹסִים בּוֹ, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.  
הַכֹּל הָבּו גְדֹל לְאַלְהֵינוּ וּתְנוּ כְבוֹד לַתּוֹרָה:  
כֹּהֵן קָרֵב! יַעֲמֵד [שֵׁם] בֶּן [שֵׁם הָאָם וְשֵׁם הָאָב] הַכֹּהֵן.  
בְּרוּךְ שְׁנַתֵּן תּוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִדְשָׁתוֹ:

Congregation, then gabbai:

וְאַתֶּם הַדְּבָקִים בְּה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם חַיִּים כְּלַכֶּם הַיּוֹם.

## 2) Remaining Call-Ups

- Man: יַעֲמֵד
- Woman: תַּעֲמֵד
- Non-binary: יַעֲמָדוּ
- For a Levi, remember to say הלוי after the father's name.

יַעֲמֵד / תַּעֲמֵד / יַעֲמָדוּ  
[שֵׁם] בֶּן / בַּת / מִבֵּית [שְׁמוֹת הַהוֹרִים]

### 2a) Mi Sheberach (After Each Aliyah)

*Misheberach* for Aliyah 7 comes after Half Kaddish and after calling up the maftir.

*Misheberach* for the maftir comes after calling up the *magbiah* and *golel*.

מִי שֶׁבֵרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבָרְהָם יִצְחָק וַיַּעֲקֹב,  
וְאַמּוֹתֵינוּ שָׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה,  
הוּא יְבָרַךְ אֶת [שֵׁם] בֶּן / בַּת / מִבֵּית [שְׁמוֹת הַהוֹרִים]  
בְּעִבּוֹר שְׁעָלָה / שְׁעֵלְתָה / שְׁעָלוּ  
לְכָבוֹד הַמָּקוֹם, לְכָבוֹד הַתּוֹרָה וְלְכָבוֹד הַשַּׁבָּת.  
בְּשִׁכְרָה זֶה הַקְדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא  
יִשְׁמְרֵהוּ / יִשְׁמְרֵהָ / יִשְׁמְרֵם  
וַיַּצִּילֵהוּ / וַיַּצִּילָהָ / וַיַּצִּילֵם  
מִכָּל צָרָה וְצָקָה וּמִכָּל נֹגַע וּמַחֲלָה,  
וַיִּשְׁלַח בְּרַכָּה וְהַצִּלָּה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה  
יְדָיו / יְדֵיהָ / יְדֵיהֶם,  
עִם כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל  
אָחִיו / אָחִיהָ / אָחֵיהֶם  
וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

### 3) After Aliyah 7: Half Kaddish (תְּצַי קַדִּישׁ)

After Aliyah 7 (following the final bracha) and before calling up maftir.  
Usually said by the leynner of that aliyah.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא....

### 4) Maftir

After Half Kaddish, call the maftir and give *misheberach* for the 7th 'oleh.

### 5) Hagbahah / Gelilah

יַעֲמֵדוּ  
הַמַּגְבִּיחַ / הַמְגַבִּיחָה  
וְהַגּוֹלֵל / וְהַגּוֹלֵלָת.

*Misheberach* for the maftir.

The *magbiah* lifts and shows the Torah, then sits holding it while *gelilah* is done, remaining seated through the Haftarah reading and communal blessings.

### 6) Haftarah

The gabbai announces the page number, says something about the reading (see Gabbai Sheet), and offers a chumash on the Haftarah page to the *magbiah*.

**Gabbai returns to seat.**