## **TORAH READING: THE BIMA**

## **Shortest Route to Bima**

When you go up to the *Torah*, take the shortest route to the *bima*. This is a non-binding custom, not a *halacha*.

## Stand on Bima after Aliya

After getting an *aliya* to the *Torah*, stand on the *bima* until the next *aliya* has ended. This is to show respect for the *Torah* and not appear to be running away.

## **Returning to your Seat after Aliya**

When you go back to your seat after an *aliya* to the *Torah*, take the longer way around the *bima*--even if it is inconvenient or you want to avoid someone who is along the way back to your seat.

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