

וזאת התורה

Root – ש-י-מ

Meaning – place/put

Words in the prayer with the same root שם

וזאת התורה is found in the Torah service immediately following the end of the Torah reading. It takes place prior to the reading of the Haftarah.

Following the Torah reading a member of the congregation is given the honor of lifting the Torah, holding it aloft with the words of the Torah facing the congregation. It is traditional that at least three columns of the Torah scroll be visible to the congregation as the Torah is held high.

As the Torah scroll is being held aloft, the congregation recites the words of וזאת

התורה. The words tell us that the words of the Torah were spoken by God and given to us through Moses. The words of the prayer make it clear that the Torah is for all Jews and is a gift from God.

Vocabulary and Translation

This is – וזאת

Before - לפני

Which, that – אשר

Mouth - פי

Put, place – שם

In the Hands of - ביד

Past Roots and Suffixes

כ – ר – ב - Bless

ר – ח – ב - Choose

י – י – ח - Life, live

ל – א – Root of the names of God

ב – א - Father

מ – א - Mother

ל – To, For

ו – And

ב – In, on, with

Translation

This is the Torah that Moses placed before the people of Israel from the mouth of Adonai into the hands of Moses.