

Your Torah restoration checklist!

Educational Restoration in a New Dimension

A Sefer Torah is the most precious entity we possess and it is befitting that it be maintained accordingly.

When deciding to restore a Torah scroll:

- Make sure that the one giving the quotes for restoration is the same one that will do the actual repairs. Otherwise, you may be getting an unqualified person attempting to restore your scroll. This is unfortunately only too often the case.
- All the restoration should preferably be on site or at least some of the restoration in order for you to be able to view the scribe's workmanship and insure that the amount of time spent restoring the scroll is in fact the amount quoted and not less.
- Another benefit of having the scrolls restored on site is the educational aspect for the community. If the Sofer is verbally competent he could spend time teaching congregants of all ages about the importance of the restoration and its procedures and on to the wondrous wisdom of the Hebrew letters.
- If shipped out, be sure you have insurance approved appraisals for each scroll as well as photos of the script at known areas in order to insure that the scroll returned is, in fact, your scroll.
- It's always good to get a written confirmation that your scroll has been received.
- If you are told that a scroll is beyond repair and should be buried, it's advisable to immediately obtain a second opinion. Almost always scrolls which were taken for burial are really perfectly usable, repaired and then resold.
- You should be aware that missing crowns on top of letters, white spots in letters and even brown letters do not in any way render the Torah scroll Pasul.
- If you see black or white clouds on the letters, or the letters turning grey to white-ish, or the columns are just appearing dirty, NEVER allow them to be cleaned with an organic solution, i.e. alcohol, acetone, carbon tetrachloride, etc. These solutions destroy the parchment and the ink. We can show you safe alternative methods for cleaning!!
- Lastly when you receive a scroll back, roll through it to insure all the general work has been completed neatly as quoted. **We hope this information will assist your community to have a hassle free and pleasant Torah restoration experience.**



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