

Simchas Torah

Evening: After Shmone esre Yearkadish. Afterwards Hakofos. The s'forim are first carried by the men, who auctioned them the nite before resp. the ones ordered by the buyers. Children walk before the Chasen. There may be songs (ensemble or solo) and horra dancing afterwards. After "Einheben" kidush, oleinu, adon olom, yigdal.

At shacharis we omit "Ashrei hoom" after borchu, but say ashrecho yisroel. Duchenen at shacharis. (It would be better to skip it altogether.) At "Ausheben" shma before gadlu. Hakofos as usual.

Everybody present gets an aliya. On this day we call 4 or 5 persons together, so that the services don't take too long (what they do anyway). The last aliyoh goes to a bochur "im kol hanorim".

Chosen Torah and chosen bereishis are conducted solemnly by the president and the nonacting gabai resp. vicepresident from their place to the almemor; four bachurim (boys) hold a chupoh and accompany them; the chupoh should be over the chosen and the toroh, while the parshoh is layend. We accepted this chasidic minhag, because we found it impressive.

Geliloh of the first sefer belongs to the chosen toroh, hagbooh of the second sefer to the chosen bereishis. They carry the second resp. third sefer during the first hakofoh. They may layen (read) their parshioth themselves, when they are able to do it.

After bereishis all s'forim are laid on the almemor and the chasen says kadish, ein yochid for the chosen bereishis, mi sheberach; hagbooh. At the last piece avrom somach every name "yizchok, yaakov is sung with somach.

After the end of the service there is a kidush etc. in the house, which is given by the chasonim or by the congregation.
