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Torah Service (traditional order)

about God

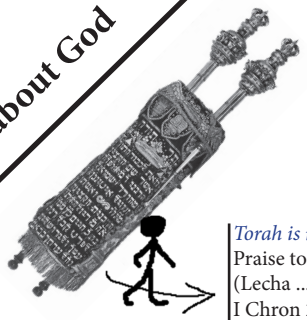
about us

Psalm 86:8, Ps 145:13, [Ps 10:16 + Ps 93:1 + Exod 15:18], Ps 29:11.
Ps 51, 20, [Ps 33:21]

Preparation

Ark is opened
(Num 10:35)
Tora comes from Zion = God's presence
(**Isa 2:3**)

Taking out the scroll



Torah is received
Praise to God
(Lecha ...)
I Chron 29:11;
Ps 99:5.9
(Only in sephardic tradition:
I Sam 2:2; Ps 18:32; Deut 33:4; Prov 3:18,17; Ps 119:165; Ps 29:11
Sephardim lift the scroll here, before the reading.)

Torah is given [...natan]
Our relationship with God
Baruch Shenatan
Summary of Torah
Sh'ma (Deut 6:4), our response;
Ps 34:4 (gadlu)

Procession

Tora is heard
Blessing before Aliyah
READING
Blessing after Aliyah

Evtl. further aliyot (= symbolically accepting torah)
Maftir

(tradionally:
Kohen - Levi - Israel ....)

Hagbahah und Gelilah
(raising and dressing the scroll)

Torah Reading

Tora is studied
Blessing before Prophetic Reading
READING OF PROPHET
Blessing(s) after Prophetic Reading

Our response
Prayer for the country in which we live
Prayer for state of Israel
Prayer for our congregation
Prayer for specific individuals
evtl. **announcement** of new month (important for keeping festivals)

Prayers after Reading Torah

We follow torah
Psalm 148:13 a 14
(yehallelu...)
Psalm 29
(mizmor ledavid...)
(if a festival falls on a weekday: Ps 24 instead)

Procession

Ark will be closed soon
(Num 10,36)
Our tasks and our hope
Ps 132:8.10, Prov 4:2, Prov 3:18, Prov 3:17.)
Plea for God's presence

Returning the scroll

Eikha 5:21
(Hashiveinu)

Hope in exile