

Dorshei Derekh Service Guidelines – Required Components

This guide lists the minimal required parts of a Dorshei service, as approved at DD quarterly meeting March 8, 2009. Davening leaders are welcome and encouraged to experiment and innovate within these guidelines. “Required in some form” means that a translation, variation, or interpretive version is acceptable.

Timing: Start promptly at 10:00, and definitely no later than 10:05, no matter who's there. Begin *Shohen ad* (p. 241) by 10:30. Begin Torah service (p. 383) by 10:50-11:00. Begin introductions and announcements by 12:20.

All page numbers are from Kol Haneshamah: Shabbat Vehagim.

Page	Notes
	Start promptly at 10:00, and definitely no later than 10:05, no matter who's there.
153-161	<i>Birchot Hashachar</i> required in some form
177-179	<i>Baruch She'amar</i> required in some form
235-241	<i>Nishmat</i> : 1st 6 words aloud, then customarily silent through top of 241, sometimes sing <i>Ilu finu</i> . Or an alternative that takes enough time for those who wish to read silently.
241-243	<i>Shohen ad</i> : Required: first line chanted aloud, time for remainder silently.
245	<i>Hatzi Kaddish</i> , aloud.
247	<i>Barechu</i>
269	<i>Yotzer hame'orot</i> blessing
273	<i>Ahavah rabah</i> required in some form.
275	<i>Ohev amo yisrael</i> blessing
277	<i>Shema</i> : first line required aloud
277-285	<i>Ve'ahavta</i> paragraph sometimes chanted aloud. Remainder generally done silently. Required to chant final 3 words (<i>adonay eloheyhem emet</i>) aloud.
287-289	<i>Emet</i> section required in some form.
291	<i>Mi hamohah</i> til end of page required. Give any instructions for the <i>amidah</i> before <i>Mi hamoha</i> .
295-299	Beginning of <i>Amidah</i> required to be chanted aloud. On yom tov (whether or not on shabbat), substitute festival <i>Amidah</i> , pages 327-353.
303-305	<i>Kedusha</i> is required. The following 3 lines are required to be aloud: <i>Kadosh kadosh; Baruh kevod; Yimloh adonay</i> .
307-323	Remainder of <i>amidah</i> required to be done silently.
357-379	<i>Hallel</i> is done only on hagim and rosh hodesh. Opening blessing is required. Singing some of printed psalms required. Closing blessing required.
	Should get here no later than 10:50-11:00. Exception: <i>Hallel</i> may cause it to be slightly later. Solicit volunteers for Torah service: 1st and 2nd gabbai, 3 aliyot, hagbah and gelilah.
383-385	Something musical required.
391	<i>Adonay adonay</i> and <i>Va'ani</i> required one time on weekday yom tov.
393	<i>Shema, Ehad, Gadelu</i>
393	Torah processional song required.
	Now the gabbai takes over and runs the torah reading service. Then the darshan gives the d'var torah. This should end by 12:00, though if the d'var starts later than 11:30, it may run slightly past 12:00.
425	<i>Birkat Hahodesh</i> required in some form when Rosh Hodesh falls in the coming week
433	<i>Yehalelu</i>
441	<i>Etz hayim hi</i> : required in some form.
	Alternative musaf required in some form, e.g., poem, nigun, reading, prayer, meditation. Should not be another d'var torah. Be mindful of time.
445-447	<i>Aleynu</i> required aloud through 2nd line on p. 447 (<i>hakadosh baruh hu</i>)
449	<i>Al ken</i> required, customary to do silently. <i>Vene'emar</i> required aloud.
451	Mourners' <i>kaddish</i>
	Now comes introductions and announcements. Should get here by 12:20.
459	<i>Adon olam</i> or another closing song is required.