



The Rebbe faced the aron kodesh while reciting "Vayehi Binsoa" and "Brich Shmei" from the siddur. As the sefer Torah was taken out, the Rebbe would follow it with his gaze until it was placed on the bima.





During the *kriah* the Rebbe would follow along inside with a Chumash or *siddur*. Between *aliyos*, the Rebbe would sometimes glance at a Rashi. Often, this would be the Rashi discussed at the upcoming Shabbos farbrengen.



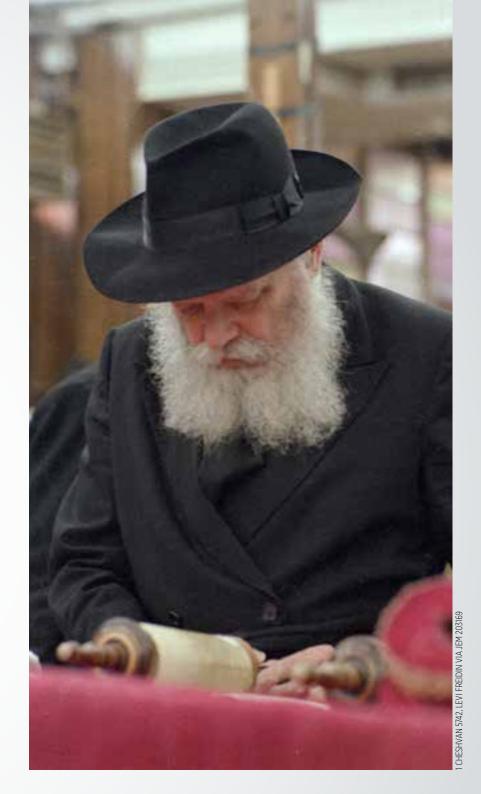
Before reciting the *bracha*, the Rebbe would hold the right side of the tallis or the *gartel* of the *sefer Torah* in his right hand, place it on the beginning, end, and again the beginning of the portion of the *kriah*, and then kiss it.

While slightly facing away from the Torah to the right, the Rebbe would hold on to the atzei chaim with both hands, and raise them up by the words ""ברכו, ברוך השם, ברוך אתה ה', ברוך, אתה ה', ברוך אתה ה'.





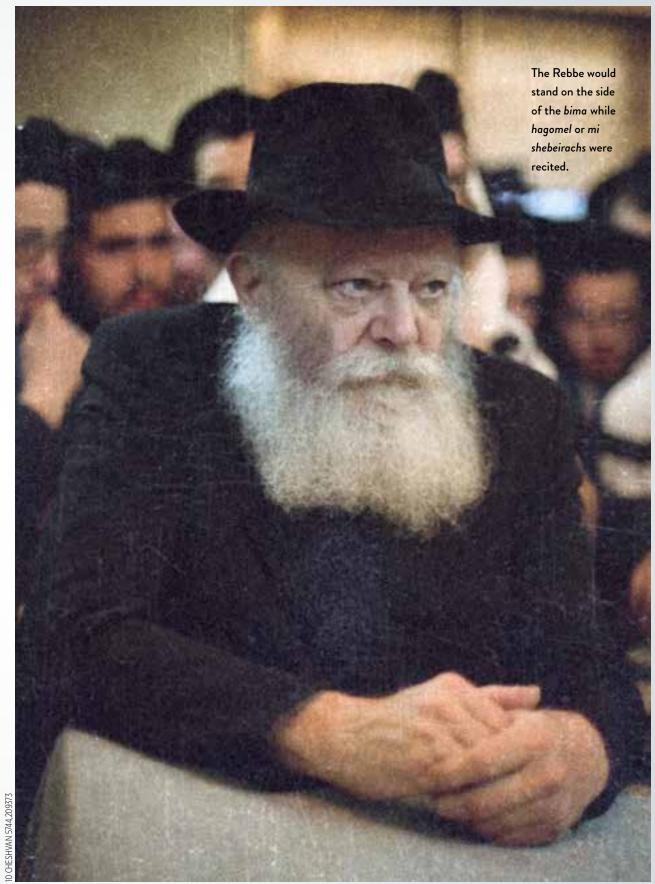




During the *kriah*, the Rebbe would read inside from the sefer Torah at the same pace as the baal koreh, while holding onto the right eitz chaim with both hands.



After the aliyah, the Rebbe would again kiss the portion of the kriah with the tallis or gartel, this time in the opposite order (end, beginning, end) and then recite the bracha while lifting the atzei chaim by the words "'," ברוך אתה ה "תורת אמת, ברוך אתה ה





Before hagbah, the Rebbe would kiss the outside parchment of the sefer Torah with his tallis.





The Rebbe watched the Torah until it was returned to the *aron*. (Note: When attending *kriah* in the small *zal*, the Rebbe would recite Tehillim at this time)