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*THE JOY OF EXPLORING VILLAGE LIVES*

# *SOME OF TURKISH TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS*

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# ***\*OUR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES\****

*In our country marriage ceremonies have these stages.*

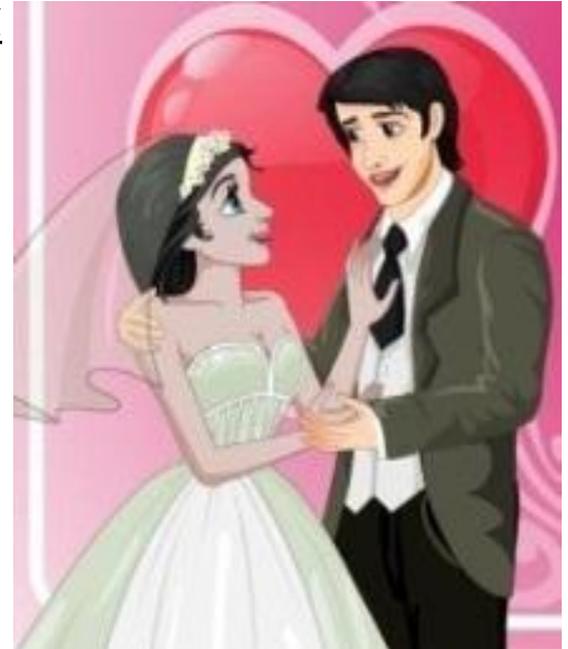
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## VISITING OF BRIDE CANDIDATES HOUSES FOR THE FIRST TIME

If the boy and the girl loves each other and they decide to marry , they tell their families. The family of the boy visit the family of the girl and they take flower and sweets as gifts. The bride candidate makes Turkish coffee to the visitors. The oldest of boy's family tells the reason of their visit and wants their girl to be their bride. If the family of the girl has enough knowlodge about boy's family they led them to marry.



## ENGAGEMENT CEREMONIES

If this visit finishes positively they organize an engagement ceremony and the boy and the girl wear the engagement ring. Before this organization the bride candidate and a woman from the family of the bride candidate are taken to the shopping for buying clothes, jewellery and cosmetics, then they decide the date of engagement and send the cards to the visitors. The oldest of their family gives the engagement rings and visitors eat and drink and enjoy themselves.



# HENNA NIGHT

This is the last night of the bride at her mother's house. The happiness and sadness lived at the same time. The night of henna is organised by the family of the bride. After they eat and drink and enjoy themselves, they turn down the lights, the bride sits in the middle and they close her head with the red veil. The friends of the bride and the alone girls of the neighbours turns around the bride with the candles in their hands and they sing folkloric songs to make the bride cry. The mother of the groom gives a little gold to the bride and she opens her hands and they gloat her hands and the night finishes.



# TO TAKE THE BRIDE FROM HER FATHER'S HOUSE

In our country marriage organizations begin on Tuesday and finish on Thursday or begin on Friday and finishes on Sunday at the countryside. They take the bride from her father's house on Thursday or Sunday. The girls of the bride's neighbours come to bride's house , the groom and his family come there by cars. If the bride has a brother he doesn't open the door until the groom gives him a present. The bride's father or brother takes the bride outside of the house and somewhere the groom takes the bride out. The bride and the groom gets on the bride's car with the drum and the horn. The children try to stop the bride's convoy to take presents from the groom. When the convoy come to the marriage organization place everybody comes together and pray Allah. After praying, the bride and the groom and the women of their families go to the place of jewellery ceremony.



# JEWELLERY CEREMONIES

*In our country the aim of jewellery ceremony is to help the new couple and it becomes a custom. The groom and the bride take their place where everybody can see them. The family of the groom gives golden bracelets and rings to the bride. Then the other visitors come and give their presents (generally money or a piece of gold) and a man says who gives what. After the ceremony the bride and the groom dances with the folkloric music and other people also dances with the folkloric music. The marriage ceremony ends when the groom and the bride get on their car and go to their new house.*



# *\*FAREWELL OF SOLDIERS\**

- In our country ; soldiering is a duty and a right for the Turkish men who is 20 years old. Soldiering is very important for Turks. Because Turks have a belief as " Every Turk borns as a soldier." "A soldier nation." Because of this belief they organize ceremonies for the young boys who will go to military. They sacrifices animals for them. The young boys of neighbour villages all come together and they organise ceremonies for ten or fifteen days. They give meal parties and visitors pray Allah for them. One week before they go to military service soldier candidates organise an enjoyment ceremony , they put Turkish flag to their back and dance with the flags on their back. Other people gives money to help the soldier candidates. They go to the bus station by the cars with Turkish flags. The farewell ceremony of soldiers begins here with the proud and sadnesses of leaving their families.*



## \*CELEBRATIONS OF FESTALS\*

In our country ; festals divided in two parts as religious and national festals. We will focus on religious festals. Our religious festals are Sacrifice Festal ( four days ) and after the month of Ramadan we have Ramadan Festal ( three days ) Festals are valuable because they are happy days , they cause people to become closer friends. They conciliate people who are angry with each other. In our country before festals we clean our houses and make delicious tucks. We buy new clothes for children . In the morning of festals men go to the mosques for praying Allah. After that we go to the cemeteries and pray all together. Children visit all the houses around they kiss the olders hands and collect bonbons. Not only the children but younger people visit their older relatives in their houses. In countryside after praying Allah in mosques at noon , all the people celebrate their festals in front of the mosques.



# CONDOLENCES

*Condolence ; is a visit to the funeral house to share the sadness of funeral's relatives and families. These visits can be in funeral house or in a special place people use for these visits. In our country neighbours of funeral house cooks meals and takes them to funeral houses for the funeral's families , relatives and visitors*

