

Additional Features of Siddur Eit Ratzon

Here are some local features of the Siddur that you might find interesting and may want to explore:

- A discussion of the spiritual journey of Jewish prayer (page 3), with guides to the stages of the journey interspersed throughout the morning service
- A discussion of meditations and their role in a prayer service (page 5)
- A new closing prayer for the Amidah that focuses on how we can remind ourselves of God's presence on an everyday basis (page 73)
- A translation of Psalm 23 that focuses on what it means to live in God's house (page 131)
- Translations that attempt to recapture the "Wow!" experience that the authors of sections of the prayerbook tried to capture in their prayers (e.g., page 54, page 61)
- Translation of the Kedushah (page 47 and 60-61) in which we imagine ourselves as the heavenly choir
- A new prayer in the Amidah in which we ask God for assistance in our daily lives (page 65-66)
- Special thanksgiving blessings that can be inserted into the Amidah on various occasions (page 69)
- Discussions of issues such as reward and punishment (page 52), chosenness (page 109), God's existence (page 2), God's reliability and our responsibility (page 31)
- Alternative versions of the opening lines of Aleinu (page 108) and the closing line of Ein Keiloheinu (page 107) that can be sung to the traditional melodies
- Alternative versions of passages in the Siddur that deal with chosenness, resurrection, and redemption, as well as the traditional texts of these passages
- "Mi shebeirach" prayers for various occasions – births, engagements, marriages, birthdays, bar/bat-mitzvahs, anniversaries, and accomplishments (pages 80-81), and a new "Mi shebeirach" prayer for those in need of healing (page 82)
- New prayers for shalom, for Israel, for our leaders, and for the future (page 86)
- Yizkor service that provides for mention of colleagues, teachers, and friends as well as relatives, and for partners as well as spouses, and that does not romanticize our relationships with those we have lost (pages 128-130)
- Special prayers said on festivals (pages 114-144), including Hallel, T'fillat Tal, hakkafot for Simchat Torah (and songs for parading with the Torah scrolls), an egalitarian T'fillat Geshem, and a partial translation of Akdamut that can be sung to the traditional melody
- An "Al Hanissim" prayer for Israel Independence Day and Hatikvah (page 193).
- A guide for the service leader, including a sample traditional service, and a guide for the meditation leader, including a sample meditation service (pages 198-201)
- A glossary of terms used in the Siddur (pages 203-205)
- Indices of "perspectives", "meditations", and "guideposts" that appear in the Siddur (pages 206-207), and a complete list of references to the Bible, Talmud, and other sources (page 202)