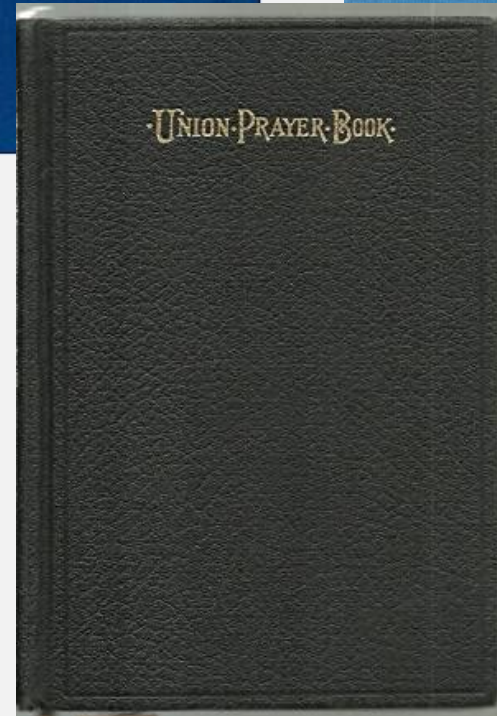
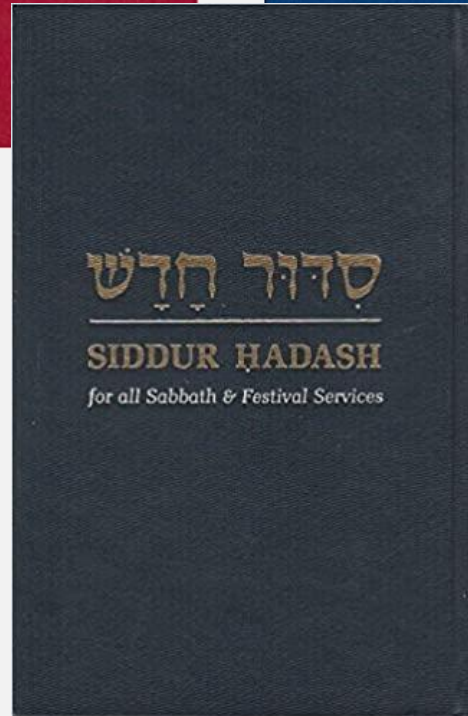
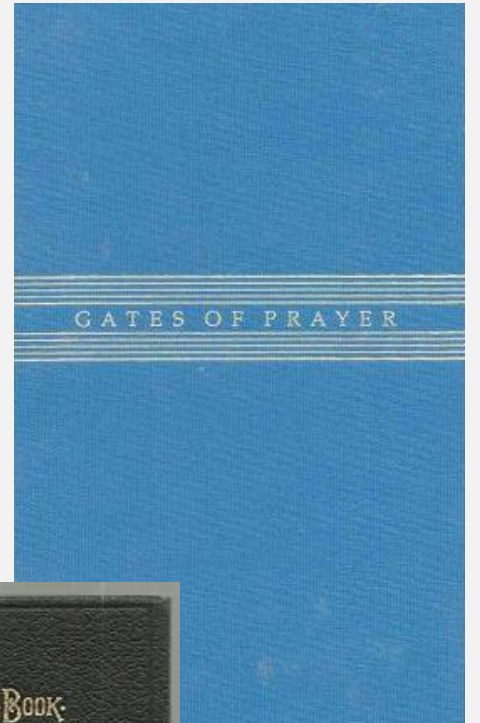
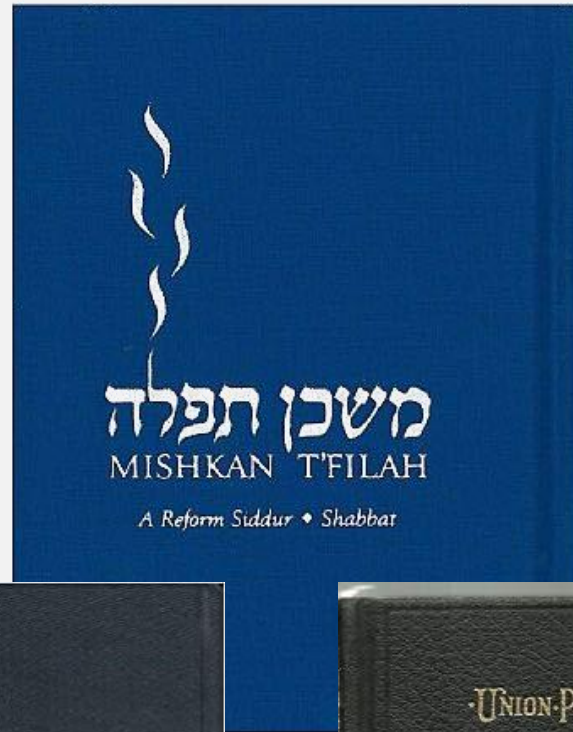
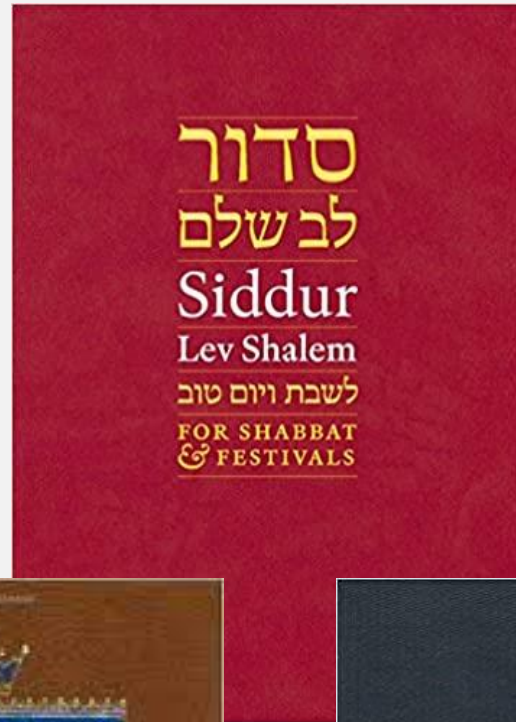


# The Structure of the Jewish Prayerbook

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# Sources of Jewish Worship

- First Century CE
  - Sh'ma twice-a-day
  - Amidah (18 blessings)
  - Public reading of Torah
- Post-Talmudic Sages (after Sixth Century CE)
  - Seder Rav Amram Gaon (d. 875 CE) – complete liturgy for synagogue
  - Ethnic variations (Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Mizrachi, etc.)
  - Piyutim – liturgical poetry
  - Mystical inclusions
  - Chasidic variations

# Worship Three Times-a-Day

- Worship vs. Prayer
- Temple service
- Ma'ariv
- Shacharit (plus Musaf)
- Mincha

# Foundational Prayers

- Sh'ma
- Amidah (Shmoneh Esrei)
  - Praising God (3)
  - Requests (13)
  - Gratitude (3)
- Torah Reading

# Evening Service – Ma'ariv

- Sh'ma and Its Blessings
- Amidah (minus petitions on Shabbat)
- Aleinu

# Morning Service – Shacharit

- Morning Blessings
- P'sukei D'zimra (verses of praise)
- Sh'ma and Its Blessings
- Amidah (minus petitions on Shabbat)
- Hallel (Psalms 113-118)
- Torah Reading (Monday, Thursday, Saturday, Holidays)
- Aleinu
- Ashrei (Psalm 145)

# **Additional Service – Musaf**

- Amidah (minus petitions on Shabbat)
- Aleinu and Closing Prayers



# Afternoon Service - Mincha

- Ashrei (Psalm 145)
- Amidah
- Aleinu

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**Zion**

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Chim

Psalms

Hebrew Texts

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**WHERE WERE YOU** when I laid the earth's foundations?

Speak if you have understanding:  
Do you know who fixed its dimensions,  
Or who measured it with a line?  
Or who was wise in her mind?  
Or who set its compasses  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the divine beings danced for joy?

**כִּי־יָסַדְתָּ יְיָ יְהוָה אֱמֹתָ יְיָ יְהוָה**

*Baruch* 6:26, *Adama*, *Yonah* 3:10.

**THE SUN** will not be your light by day,

nor the moon by night,  
but Adama will be  
an everlasting light for you,  
and your God will be your glory.  
And on that day,  
there will be neither bright light nor deep darkness.  
It will be one day, known as Adama's,  
whether day or night.  
But in evening, there will be light.

Shine a new light upon Zion, that we all might joyfully merit its radiance.

**אִם תִּשָּׂא עַל צִיּוֹן אֱמֹתָ יְיָ יְהוָה**

*Or chadash al Zion veim v'chadash chadash al Yehuda* 1:1.

**Blamed** are You, Adama, Creator of light,

**כִּי־יָסַדְתָּ יְיָ יְהוָה אֱמֹתָ יְיָ יְהוָה**

*Baruch* 6:26, *Adama*, *Yonah* 3:10.

As it is with the organic and the inorganic — namely, that they provide one of the other with an *sharp line of division* — so it is with matter and energy, with the unconscious and the conscious, with light and dark, with the physical and the spiritual. They are aspects of each other, where one happened to precede the other in time, the ultimate coexistence was potentially present from the inception. As God is one, so the universe is one. We is one, humanity is one? *Richard B. Givoli*

When was you ... *Job* 38:7

The sun will not be your light ... *Isaiah* 60:19

And on that day ... *Isaiah* or *Zachariah* 14:6-7

**BARUCH** 6:26, *Adama*

*Elchaim*, *Mikha* 3:10.

*Yonah* 3:10 or *chadash*.

*veim chadash* or *chadash*.

*Elchaim* is *honor*.

*v'chadash chadash chadash*.

*or veim v'chadash chadash chadash*

*veim chadash*.

*Mikha* 3:10 or *chadash*, *Adama*.

*Isaiah* 60:19 or *chadash*.

*veim chadash chadash chadash*.

*Elchaim*, *Adama* *Elchaim*.

*or chadash chadash chadash*.

*or chadash* or *chadash*.

*veim chadash*.

*Or chadash* or *chadash*.

*v'chadash chadash v'chadash*.

*Baruch* 6:26, *Adama*, *Yonah* 3:10.

**PRASED ARE YOU**, Adama our God, Sovereign of the universe.

Creator of light and darkness, who makes peace and fashions all things.

In mercy, You illumine the world and those who live upon it.

In Your goodness You daily renew creation. How numerous are Your works, Adama!

In windows, You formed them all, filling the earth with Your creatures.

Be praised, Adama our God, for the multitude work of Your hands,

and for the lights You created, may they glorify You.

Shine a new light upon Zion, that we all may joyfully merit its radiance.

Praised are You, Adama, Creator of all heavenly lights.

**כִּי־יָסַדְתָּ יְיָ יְהוָה אֱמֹתָ יְיָ יְהוָה**

*Baruch* 6:26, *Adama*, *Yonah* 3:10.

*Or chadash al Zion veim v'chadash chadash chadash* ... *Shine a new light upon Zion* ...

*Classical* *Baruch* *paraphrase* authors in the Diaspora consistently omitted this line with its mention of Zion from the liturgy because of their opposition to Jewish nationalism. With the restoration of this passage in *Mishkan Tzion*, we ourselves consciously affirm its devotion to the modern State of Israel and signal its recognition of the religious significance of the return Jewish commonwealth. *David Ellner*

*Baruch* 6:26, *Adama* ... *Yonah* 3:10 ... *veim chadash* ...

*Praised are You, Adama* ... *We form light and create darkness* ... *Isaiah* 60:19

*Mikha* 3:10 ... *How numerous* ... *Psalms* 136:23

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# Friday Night Service Pattern

<b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	Candles & Kiddush L'cha Dodi & Opening Psalms
<b>Chatsi Kaddish</b>	Separates sections of the service
<b>Sh'ma and Its Blessings</b>	Bar'chu (Call to Prayer) Ma'ariv Aravim (Nature) Ahavat Olam (God's Love for Israel) Sh'ma V'ahavta (Israel's Love for God) Mi Chamocha (Exodus) Hashkivenu (Lie Down in Peace) V'shamru (Keeping the Shabbat)
<b>Amidah</b>	Avot v'Imahot (Ancestors) G'vurot (God's Strength) Kedushat Hashem (God's Holiness) Kedushat Hayom (Shabbat's Holiness) Avodah (God's Acceptance of our Worship) Hoda'ah (Our Giving Thanks to God) Birkat Shalom (Prayer for Peace)
<b>Closing Prayers</b>	Aleinu Mourner's Kaddish