Siddur Eit Ratzon is a traditional Siddur designed for those who seek spirituality and meaning beyond what they have found in conventional prayerbooks

• it presents the morning prayers as a spiritual journey, and guides you through that journey
• it discusses directly your philosophical concerns with traditional prayers, and offers alternative theological perspectives on these prayers
• it provides a translation that speaks to the modern reader and that can readily be used for "davening" (that is, praying, aloud or silently) in English as well as Hebrew
• it refers to God using contemporary English terms that are relevant to our experience, and addresses God primarily in the second person, so that the prayers are more personal as well as gender-neutral
• it includes guideposts for beginners and for those seeking to broaden their prayer experience
• it provides a line-by-line transliteration of the entire Hebrew text to help you participate more fully in the service
• it provides new prayers and meditations that can be used for personal or communal prayer

Siddur Eit Ratzon is ideal for:

**Prayer services**
- havurah services
- synagogue services
- learners' services
- enrichment of standard prayerbook
- companion to prayerbook currently in use

*Suggestion: purchase a number of copies for general synagogue use.

You may borrow multiple copies of the previous version of the Siddur to try out at your services.

**Individual prayer**
- use for traditional service
- follow a spiritual journey
- inspirational readings

**Study**
- learn about Jewish prayer
- prepare for standard services
- for discussion groups
- as reference material

**Spiritual seekers**
- bringing God into your life
- providing a spiritual perspective on prayer
- making prayers meaningful

**Gifts**
- for bar- and bat-mitzvah
- for spiritual seekers
- for all occasions

Siddur Eit Ratzon is a prayerbook for Shabbat, festival, and daily services

The pages have four columns:
1. complete transliteration
2. Hebrew text
3. new translation
4. supplementary notes: explanations, commentaries, "kavvanot", guideposts to the different components of the prayer service, and perspectives on how we can understand individual prayers

The expanded version* of Siddur Eit Ratzon includes:
- a User's Guide to the Siddur
- traditional prayers of the Shabbat, festival, and daily services (except for some portions of P'sukei d'Zimrah and the festival Musaf Amidah)
- new prayers and meditations that enhance the morning service
- traditional portions of the Torah service
- prayers traditionally recited on festivals (including Hallel, Yizkor, versions of T'fillat Geshem and Tal, Attah Hareita and Hakkafof, and a portion of Akdamut)
- guides for service leaders and for meditation leaders
- glossary and Biblical references

*The original version of the Siddur focuses on Shabbat and festival morning services.
From the commentary in Siddur Eit Ratzon on Psalm 23:4-6 that ends: “… and I shall dwell in the house of Adonai forever.”

Living in God’s house

Living in God’s house means …
… trusting that God is with us at all times, so that we need not live in fear.
… rejoicing in God’s blessings even when our enemies are all around us.
… seeing the cup neither as half-empty nor as half-full, but rather as overflowing.
… looking over our shoulder and being surrounded by blessings, not curses.

Wow! Can you imagine a more amazing gift than being able to live in God’s house.

The choice to do so is up to us.

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Following are some comments about Siddur Eit Ratzon; more complete statements, as well as comments by others who have used the Siddur, may be found at www.newsiddur.org:

- **Mitchell Chefitz**, author of *The Seventh Telling* and *The Thirty-third Hour*: “Every page is complete, taking you … toward the Presence of the Divine.”

- **Dr. Ellen Frankel**, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Publication Society and author of *The Five Books of Miriam*: “… a wonderful new resource for all those who want the Jewish prayerbook to speak to them as well as to God.”

- **Daniel Matt**, author of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*: “This Siddur is in a class by itself. It is serious and deep, yet highly usable, uplifting, and richly personal. He has a wonderfully light touch, conveying much without burdening the davener.”

- **Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi**: “Not every siddur enables us to enter a true prayer-space. Siddur Eit Ratzon does.”

- **Sharon Strassfeld**, co-author of *The (First, Second, and Third) Jewish Catalog*: “It allows us to reclaim davening for the open-heart experience it was meant to be.”

This Siddur is …

- a traditional prayerbook for Shabbat, festival, and daily services
- for those seeking spirituality and meaning in prayer
- with new translations, prayers, commentaries, and meditations
- for use in regular services, learners’ services, and educational programs in synagogues and havurot
- for use as a home study guide and as a service companion

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