

Resources for learning how to lead tefila at Shearith Israel (Atlanta)

Siddurim and Mahzorim

The following are available from www.rabbinicalassembly.org and various other vendors:

Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals. ISBN 9780416219130.

Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays. ISBN 9780916219147.

Siddur Sim Shalom Personal Edition. ISBN 9780916219086 (soft cover); ISBN 0916219089 (hard cover). This includes both weekday and Shabbat/festival prayers.

Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat & Festivals. ISBN 978-0-916219-64-2.

Mahzor Lev Shalem: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. ISBN 9780916219468.

The New Mahzor/Mahzor Hadash: For Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. (edited by S. Greenberg and J. Levine; published by The Prayer Book Press, 2002; this is *not* available from the Rabbinical Assembly – it has to be purchased from a book store or an online vendor.) ISBN: 9780876770757.

Websites with audio files intended for self-learning for prayer leaders (sheliachim tzibur; ba'alei tefila) in Conservative/Masorti kehillot:

<https://sidduraudio.com/> Full set of weekday and Shabbat audio files (and others) for service leaders prepared by Atlanta Rabbi Mark Zimmerman, a baritone. Indexed to Sim Shalom, clear and paced well for learning. Can be used online or purchased on CDs or as downloadable files from iTunes, Amazon, and Google Play.

<https://bethemeth.org/audio-services> Erev Shabbat, Shabbat morning, and weekday morning files, plus others, indexed to both Sim Shalom and Lev Shalem. Very well done in the style of our congregation, some by a tenor, some by a soprano.

<https://nuconservices.wordpress.com/audio/> Erev Shabbat, Shabbat morning and afternoon files, indexed to Sim Shalom, and prepared well by a college student at Northwestern University (mezzo-soprano?).

<https://www.hadar.org/tefillah-music> A wonderful, broad collection of audio files by hazzanim and lay prayer leaders, keyed to Sim Shalom and other siddurim, many of which use melodies of our shul and many of which do not.

Your best resource: Our CSI members. The Religious Life Committee and experienced sheliachim tzibur in our shul want to help you learn, and are available for tutoring, answering questions, giving feedback, or teaching classes. Michael Rich (SIDavening@gmail.com) is a great first point of contact.

Books and websites on the practices and meaning of tefila:

Hayim Halevy Donim. *To Pray as a Jew: A guide to the prayerbook and service*. Basic Books, 1980. ISBN 0465086284 (hard cover); 9780465086337 (paper cover).

Ismar Elbogen. *Jewish Liturgy: A Comprehensive History*. Jewish Publication Society and Jewish Theological Seminary. 1993. ISBN: 9780827604452.

Reuven Hammer. *Or Hadash: A commentary on Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals*. Rabbinical Assembly. ISBN 978-0-916219-20-8 (hard cover); ISBN 978-0-916219-20-8 (paper cover).

Reuven Hammer. *Or Hadash: A Commentary on Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays*. Rabbinical Assembly. ISBN 9780916219383 (hard cover).

Reuven Hammer. *Entering Jewish Prayer: A guide to personal devotion and the worship service*. Schocken Press, 1994. ISBN: 0805210229 (paper cover).

Adin Steinsaltz. *A Guide to Jewish Prayer*. Schocken Books, 2000. ISBN 0805211470.

Joey Weisenberg. *Building Singing Communities*. Mechon Hadar. ISBN 9780983325307.

<https://www.hadar.org/tefillah-toolkit> Broad spectrum of written and audio resources about tefila

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