

Tefillah with Cantor Levine
Shabbat Morning Services
Session I – An Introduction

- I. The Siddur
 - a. 3000 years of Jewish living
 - b. Bible, Talmud, Poetry, Blessing
 - c. Theological Tel
 - d. Open Ended

- II. Prayer
 - a. Relationship with G-d – removal of barriers
 - b. Prep Work

- III. Merits of Communal Worship
 - a. Stepping out of the self
 - b. Life Cycle moments
 - c. Inclusion of the unknowledgable

- IV. Hebrew
 - a. Cross cultural and temporal connection
 - b. Connection to the language
 - c. Survival

- V. Why Sing?
 - a. Hiddur Mitzvah
 - b. Adding affect to an intellectual endeavor
 - c. Setting the mood through nusach

- VI. Sheliach Tzibbur
 - a. Part of the community
 - b. Original role vs. role today
 - c. Attributes of a Good sheliach tzibbur

- VII. Keva vs. Kavannah – Why can't I just pray with my own words?
 - a. Benefits of Fixed Prayers
 - b. Benefits of Spontaneous Prayer

- VIII. Structure

Attributes of a Good Sheliach Tzibbur

1. Pronounces all Hebrew words correctly, with proper accents
2. Knows the correct nusach of the particular service and is familiar with special melody and word changes which occur within the service.
3. Is thoroughly familiar with the order of the service so as not to hesitate or seem confused.
4. Introduces and concludes each prayer with a strong voice to keep everyone together.
5. Leads congregations singing with a dominant voice, setting the key and the pace.
6. Takes the role of Sheliach Tzibbur seriously and seeks to pray with full intent.

Kavannah

Imagine you are Don Larsen, the pitcher for the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series. It is the ninth inning, and you have already struck two batters out. If you strike this next batter out, you will win the game and pitch the first-ever perfect game in the World Series. As you peer in at Yogi Berra, your catcher, you do not hear the crowd or even the rapid beating of your own heart. You are concentrating intensely. Your entire being is focused on getting that ball into Yogi's mitt. The ability to direct one's whole being intensely, like this, is called kavannah.

Rabbi Judith Abrams

Shabbat Morning Service 1

Preliminary Service – Warm Up

Shacharit – Morning Service

Torah Service

Musaf – Additional Service

Shabbat Morning Service 2

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Birchot HaShachar – Morning Blessings

P'sukei D'zimrah – Psalms and Songs

Shacharit – Morning Service

Barchu

Shema & Its Blessings

Amidah

Torah Service

Removal of Torah - Coronation

Torah Reading

Haftarah – Prophetic Reading

Replacing the Torah

Musaf – Additional Service

Amidah – Sacrifices

Closing Prayers

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Opening 15 Brachot

Shema

Text Study

Psalm for the Day

P'sukei D'zimrah – Psalms and Songs

Baruch Shea'mar

Psalms of Praise

Ashrei

Last 5 psalms of the Book of Psalms

Shirat Hayam

Yishtabach

Shacharit – Morning Service

Barchu

Shema & Its Blessings

Blessing of Creation

Blessing of Revelation

Blessing of Redemption

Amidah

Three blessings of Praise

One blessing for Shabbat

Three blessings of Thanks

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Torah Reading - Dialogue

Aliyot

Mi Shebeirach's

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Birkat Hachodesh

Ashrei

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Musaf – Additional Service

Amidah

Three blessings of Praise

One blessing for the additional Shabbat sacrifice

Three blessings of Thanks

Closing Prayers

Ein Keiloheinu

Aleinu

Adon Olam

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Blessing of Creation

Rejection of Dualism & Idolatry

Kedusha D'Yotzeir

Shift from Literal to Symbolic

Blessing of Revelation

God's Love expressed through Torah

Blessing of Redemption

Past and Future

Amidah

Three blessings of Praise

God of History
God of Nature
Ephemeral God

One blessing for Shabbat

Three blessings of Thanks

Peace and Completeness

Kaddish Shaleim

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