

# Coming this Spring New Siddur, Siddur Lev Shalem

Congregation Anshei Israel will be transitioning to and ordering new prayer books for Shabbat & Festivals, *Siddur Lev Shalem*.

Keep your ears peeled during services as Rabbi Metz incorporates aspects of *Siddur Lev Shalem* into her sermons and teachings over the next few weeks.

We will also be sharing a virtual video "Tour through the *Siddur*" to ensure that all of our community has the opportunity to explore our new *siddur* together.

Join us during for the first 10 minutes of Kiddush as Rabbi Metz and Nichole Chorny help us explore the *Siddur Lev Shalem Siddur* as we make the transition to these new prayer books. These special Kiddush discussions will be *in-person only* in the outdoor sukkah area on April 2, April 30 and May 14.

Please note that we are unable to lend out the new *Siddur* to use at home. You can, however, order a copy for home use for \$40 per copy. You can place your secure online order at [caiaz.org](https://caiaz.org) or contact Amber at [ExecAssist@caiaz.org](mailto:ExecAssist@caiaz.org). We will also be sharing a free digital pdf copy for our members.

Please be sure to purchase your own copy if you would like one at home. Please contact Rabbi Metz at [RabbiMetz@caiaz.org](mailto:RabbiMetz@caiaz.org) for scholarship opportunities.



## Save the Date for

## Rabbi Metz's Rabbinic Installation Weekend of May 21, 2022

When we will also begin our journey with the *Siddur Lev Shalem* during our services.

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# **A Message from Rabbi Sara Metz**

## **Siddur Lev Shalem**

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## **Retiring Prayer Books *and* Ritual Objects**

It is with a full heart that we announce an exciting new change to Congregation Anshei Israel. Due to the incredible generosity of Marilyn Einstein and Steve Sim and the Einstein-Sim Family Donor Advised Fund, we will be switching *siddurim* on Shabbat and holidays to *Siddur Lev Shalem* starting May 21st.

*Siddur Lev Shalem* is the Shabbat and holiday version of our beloved High Holy Days prayer book, *Machzor Lev Shalem*. There are many reasons to love this siddur.

- Its layout is crisp and clear to those of us who use a siddur every day, and for those of us who have never held a Jewish prayer book.
- Each page contains much more transliteration (Hebrew words written in English letters) to help more people feel comfortable in our services.
- In the margins of each page, there are explanations, poems and beautiful interpretations to help direct our hearts in prayer.

### **What do we do with our older prayer books?**

In Judaism, when an object has God's name written in Hebrew, it cannot just be thrown out. In respect to God, we treat these papers, books, scrolls from a *mezuzah*, *teffilin* and Torah scrolls like a person. At the end of their life, we return them to the earth. We bury them with love and respect. Therefore, we will have a community event before the High Holy Days for you to bring any older prayer books or ritual objects you may have, and we will lovingly honor and bury them.

We will be switching prayer books on May 21. Please keep your eye out for more information. For our members who join us via Zoom, there is a free pdf version online. Or if you would like to purchase your own copy to use at home, copies will be available for \$40. You can place a secure online order on our website, **[caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org)**

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