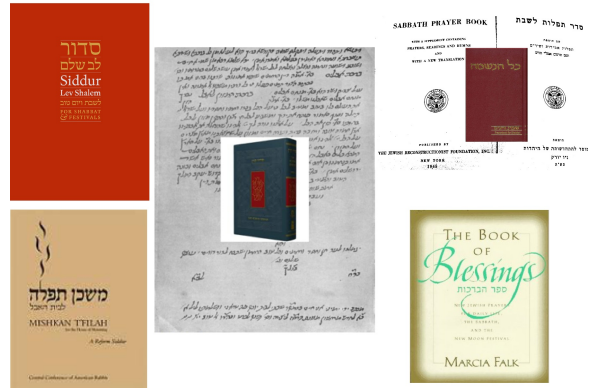


The Mordecai M. Kaplan Center for Jewish Peoplehood and Mechon Hadar invite you to

Imagine the Possibilities: A Conference on the Future of Jewish Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday, May 17, 2015/28 Iyar 5775

At **Congregation Rodeph Sholom**, 7 West 83rd Street
(just west of Central Park). Check-in and light breakfast
at 9:30 a.m.; first session at 10:00 a.m.



The Mordecai M. Kaplan Center for Jewish Peoplehood and Mechon Hadar invite you to attend a conference on the future of Jewish liturgy and prayer (part 1 -- the words, not the music). The conference is designed to appeal both to scholars and other professionals and to interested laypeople.

The conference will consist largely of a series of panel discussions, with substantial time for audience interaction, as well as several text study and other break-out sessions and a keynote talk by Rabbi Dr. Ruth Langer. Among the topics will be poetry and liturgy, prayer as a prod to social justice work, liturgical creativity within *halakhic* boundaries, the impact of new digital media on liturgy, and theology and prayer — and much more. A kosher box lunch will be provided.

Throughout the day we will be engaging in a variety of trans-stream conversations with compilers of liturgy and other experts from the Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Renewal and Humanistic streams, from both North America and Israel. The presenters include Rabbi Dr. Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Rabbi Rolando Matalon, Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Rabbi Dr. Shai Held, Rabbi Dr. Ethan Tucker, Ms. Catherine Madsen, Rabbi Ed Feld, Rabbi Jan Uhrbach, Rabbi Dr. Daniel Sperber, Rabbi Reena Spicehandler, Rabbi Dr. Peter Knobel, Rabbi Michael Strassfeld, Dr. Marcia Falk, Dr. Alicia Ostriker, Mr. Aharon Varady, Rabbi Dr. Tzemah Yoreh and Rabbi Shawn Zevit.

You are also invited to attend a *Shabbaton* that will be trans-denominational but focused on the future of Reconstructionist liturgy, immediately preceding the conference. The *Shabbaton* will begin Friday evening, May 15, at West End Synagogue, 190 Amsterdam Avenue (at 69th Street), and will continue on Saturday, May 16, at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 West 86th Street (just west of Central Park).

Both the conference and the *Shabbaton* are free of charge and open to the public, but registration is required. For complete information, and to register, please go to <https://kaplancenter.org/mayconference>. Or you may contact Dan Cedarbaum at dan@kaplancenter.org or at 847-492-5200.



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