

Women of the Wall
Morning Service for Rosh Chodesh

Morning Prayers – Optional (May choose 1 or more or none to start the service.)

Page	Prayer	Notes
2	Prayer for Tallit	
4-35	P'sukei D'zimra	Choose a selection of these readings, songs, and Psalms
36	Chatzi Kaddish	This prayer serves as a divider between the introductory section and the core of the service.

Sh'ma and its Blessings

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38	Bar'chu – Call to worship and response	Official start to the service
38	Yotzer – Prayer for Creation	Optional
42	Ahavah Rabbah – Prayer about God's love	Optional
44	Sh'ma and V'ahavta– Watchword of our Faith	Central prayer; should be included
46-48	Birkat Geulah – Prayer about redemption	Optional
48	Mi Chamocha	Celebrating the moment of salvation at the Red Sea, Miriam and the Israelites sang this song. For a Rosh Hodesh service celebrating women's role, this may be especially meaningful and cause for celebration

Amidah - “*Standing Prayer*” - May read aloud or silently

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50	Adonai S'fatai Tiftach	Opening meditation to set the tone for the series of prayers comprising the Amidah section
50	Avot v'Imahot-God of our Ancestors	Generally read or chanted together out loud
50	G'vurot-God's power	Generally read or chanted together
52	K'dushah-God's holiness	Generally chanted together
52-62	Intermediate Prayers- Petitions requesting wisdom, repentance, forgiveness,	These prayers are generally read silently and

	redemption, health, abundance, freedom, justice, freedom from evil, righteousness, Jerusalem, deliverance, and the acceptance of our prayers	individually, though the leader may choose to read or sing some of the intermediate prayers.
62	Sim Shalom-prayer for peace	Either this prayer or another prayer for peace is often sung together at this point.
62	Silent Prayer	Generally followed by singing <i>y'hiyu l'ratzon</i> or <i>oseh shalom</i> .

Hallel

Page	Prayer	Notes
64-76	Psalms	Selection of Psalms you may choose to read or sing
76-77	Prayer for Women of the Wall	Optional – Even if you do not do a full service you may want to use this prayer with your group.

Torah Service – The following prayers are for use if you are doing a full Torah service. If not, you may want to have someone lead Torah study using *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*.

Prayers for Taking Out the Torah

Page	Prayer	Notes
80	Ki Mitziyon/Gadlu L'Adonai	Traditional prayers to open the Torah service while removing the scroll from the ark. Note that <i>Baruch Shenatan</i> is on p. 82 and in a typical Reform service may be done here, followed by the Sh'ma.
80	L'cha Adonai/Romemu	Traditional songs for the Hakafah (carrying the Torah scroll through the congregation); these or other familiar songs may be sung.
82	Vetigaleh/Baruch Shenatan	The prayers on this page are a bit different and in a different order than is typical in a Reform service. They include the 'call' to the Torah readers to come forward.

Prayers for Reading the Torah

Page	Prayer	Notes
84	Blessings before and after the Torah reading	
86-89	Torah Reading for Rosh Hodesh	
88	Chatzi Kaddish	
90-93	Mi Shebeirach-Special blessings for Torah readers and others; including for those who are ill	Many Reform congregations sing Debbie Friedman's <i>Mi Shebeirah</i> or <i>Sow in Tears</i> , or other meaningful offering for those who are in need of healing.
94	V'Zot HaTorah - Hagbah	Prayer said or sung while lifting the Torah scroll for all to see.
94	Special prayers for the State of Israel and for those in captivity	Leader may choose from these prayers or offer other contemporary readings here.

Prayers for Returning the Torah to the Ark – Optional except Eitz Chayim

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96	Y'hal'lu/ Hodo al Eretz	Traditionally read or sung while returning scroll to the ark.
98	Eitz Chayim Hi	Typically sung to conclude the Torah service in Reform congregations.
98-105	Ashrei and other prayers	
106-120	Musaf Amidah -additional repetition of the Amidah prayer.	Repetition of the Amidah prayer is not typically done in Reform congregations

Closing Prayers

Page	Prayer	Notes
122	Aleinu	
124	Mourner's Kaddish	
126-131	Concluding Psalms	These or a commonly known song may conclude the service.

Sample Rosh Chodesh Service

If you do not have a Rabbi or Cantor, you may choose melodies for prayers and songs that are familiar to your community.

Opening Song

Examples: Page 10 – Romemu
Page 14 – Hariu L'Adonai
Page 14 – Ivdu Et Adonai
Page 16 – Ashrei
Page 26 – Halleluyah

Page 38 – Barchu
Page 44 – Shema
V'ahavta

Page 48 – Mi Chamocha

Page 50 – Amidah

Pages 51-62 – Read silently or choose a few prayers to read aloud in English or sing.

Page 65 – Hallel prayer - English

Page 71 Psalm 118:1-4 English

Pages 80-89 – Torah Service (Hebrew and/or English)

Page 93 – Mi Shebeirach (bottom paragraph)

Page 98 – Eitz Chayim

Page 122 – Aleinu (1st paragraph)

Page 122 – Bayom Hahu (bottom line)

Page 124 – Mourner's Kaddish

Closing song/announcements/final reading