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Koren Sacks Yom Kippur Mahzor (Hebrew And English)



Synopsis

The Koren Sacks Yom Kippur Mahzor, nusah Ashkenaz is a prayer book with translation and commentary by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. The Koren Sacks Yom Kippur Mahzor is a companion to the Koren Sacks Rosh Hashana Mahzor, and one volume among a growing body of work produced by the celebrated Koren-Sacks partnership. The Koren Sacks Yom Kippur Mahzor marries the sophisticated graphic approach for which Koren Publishers Jerusalem is renowned with the insight and eloquence of Rabbi Sacks, one of today's leading Jewish thinkers. The Koren Sacks Yom Kippur Mahzor brings out the inner meaning of the Yom Kippur prayers by aligning the Hebrew and English texts, highlighting key words, distinguishing poetry from prose, and using beautiful fonts designed by master typographer Eliyahu Koren. Rabbi Sacks translation brings readers closer than ever before to the authentic meaning of the Hebrew text, while his introduction and commentary provide new ways of understanding and experiencing the Yom Kippur service.

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Customer Reviews

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is one of the world's most important religious figures. He has served as Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth since 1991, and as a Member of the House of Lords since 2009. Rabbi Sacks is the author of numerous books, including The Koren Sacks Siddur and Covenant & Conversation, a multi-volume series on the weekly Torah portion, both available from Koren.

Yom Kippur is sometimes a tough day to get through-- the long fast, saying Yizkor for a loved one,

reciting the Matyology. Yet, it's still a beautiful day, full of the promise of G-d's forgiveness. What made this past Yom Kippur a better one was finally having this new machzor, with a wonderful translation and inspiring commentaries. I was used to the fonts and layout, being that I use the Koren Sacks siddur during the year. Like the companion Rosh haShanah machzor, the Yom Kippur machzor contains the updated liturgy lacking in the Birnbaum machzor I used for 30-odd years. I don't find the paper too thin; I think for a book designed for one day a year it's fine. The binding is nicely done. One thing Koren Publishers might consider is to issue a slip-cased set of these (will make a great bar or bat mitzvah gift); also consider issuing this machzorim in personal sizes, as Koren does for the siddur. I know some people would love these in personal sizes. I wrote for the Rosh haShanah machzor that it should become my shul's machzor; I say the same for this machzor as well.

I am used to Artscroll, but it wasn't with me this year and instead of buying more of the same, I wanted to see what Rabbi Sacks had to say. I've read other things by him and have been very impressed with his sensitivity to those who may not be super religious, as well as his thoughtful insights. His comments induce one to think and reflect and consider. Isn't that one of the purposes of this unique day? I do have a problem with the layout: I am used to using a Hebrew religious text from right to left with Hebrew on the right hand page and it's translation (which I don't often need) on the left hand facing page. But in these mahzorim (see my review for the Koren Sacks Rosh Hashana mahzor) the Hebrew text is on the left hand page and it's English translation is on the facing right hand page. In addition, English commentary is left to right at the bottom of the two pages which face one another, and to proceed, when you turn the left page over, you carry on reading the commentary left to right. I guess you eventually get used to it, but being different from every other text I've ever used which has English translation or commentary with the Hebrew, it takes some adjusting. A bit too much thinking when immersed in the liturgy.

This book is so spiritual and easy to read. I read the introduction 5 times on Yom Kippur because it was so transformational.

Excellent layout and translation. One of the largest problems I had with the Artscroll Machzor was the run on English translations and the italicized fonts which was difficult to read for extended periods. The text in the Koren edition is broken up into segments that are easy to comprehend and provide an enhanced experience in understanding the meaning. As always, Rabbi Sacks provides

thought provoking and insightful commentary. Once you use Koren products, there is no turning back to other publishers.

If you are looking for a very traditional Yom Kippur mahzor, this is a good one. The translations are clear and the liturgy is very comprehensive.

I own the Rosh Hashanah machzor, and was looking forward to the publication of this volume. Once you become accustomed to reading Hebrew on the left and English on the right side of the page, the beauty of the machzor shines through. The print is easy to read, clear and crisp. The lines end with the natural pause, complementing understanding as one reads. The clarity of the commentary enhances the davening. This machzor added to the meaningfulness of the yom tov for me.

This Machzor does not disappoint. It brings out the beauty of even the most complex piyutim with true scholarship, and insightful comments. There is a superb section on the Avodah, following Maseches Yoma, which beautifully summarizes the topic according to different commentaries, and also goes through the development of the different Avodah piyutim over the years. There is also a section in the back on the Vidui with comments, and beautifully arranged "additional piyutim".

I BOUGHT THE YOM KIPPUR AND ROSH HASHANA MACHZORIM BECAUSE I'M ENJOYING THE SIDDUR SO MUCH. JUST BROKE THE FAST AND THOUGHT THAT THE REVIEW OF THE YK MACHZOR IS APPROPRIATE. IT IS GREAT. CLEAR TYPE, EASY INSTRUCTIONS (I DAVEN WITH A NON-ASHKENAZ MINYAN) AND THE NOTES ARE SPECTACULAR. A REAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE. HEBREW IS NOT JAMMED SO THAT READING IS PLEASURABLE. ENGLISH TRANSLATION IS CLEAR AND THE NOTES EXPLAIN WHAT THE READER WANTS TO KNOW. A VALUABLE ASSET TO MY PERSONAL LIBRARY. THIS REVIEW IS APPLICABLE TO THE RH MACHZOR ALSO.

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