

# NEW BOOKS FROM



## ***Festivals of Faith: Reflections on the Jewish Holidays***

**By Norman Lamm**

*OU Press, Yeshiva University Press, Ktav*



The publication of a book by one of the leading Jewish thinkers of our time, a man whose mastery of Torah texts is matched by profound insight and remarkable eloquence, is a cause for celebration. Last year's pre-Pesach buzz revolved around Rabbi Norman Lamm's newly published Haggadah, *The Royal Table*. This year we celebrate his insights on the cycle of festivals throughout the year, which have been collected into a single volume titled *Festivals of Faith: Reflections on the Jewish Holidays*. For decades, Rabbi Lamm has been mesmerizing audiences with his captivating language and compelling messages. He is a preacher par excellence, conveying a Torah message in a format that is enjoyable, edifying and uplifting.

Around the year, from holiday to holiday, Rabbi Lamm offers timeless messages of unsurpassed substance and style.

## ***Hilchot Tefilla: A Comprehensive Guide to the Laws of Daily Prayer***

**By David Brofsky**

*OU Press, Ktav, Yeshivat Har Etzion*



Prayer is an intimate conversation of the heart. It is a personal discussion with the Almighty, a laying bare of one's innermost insecurities and needs. Nevertheless, Jewish prayer follows a standardized structure accompanied with universal detailed rules that seem dizzying to the uninitiated.

Many synagogue attendees are content knowing how to pray—when to sit or stand, when to speak or remain silent, et cetera. For them, a digest of laws, the type found in *siddur* instructions, is sufficient because it allows them to participate fully in Jewish prayer. Others, however, want to know where the rules come from. They want to understand the underlying logic and know about the different opinions.

Rabbi David Brofsky's new book, *Hilchot Tefilla: A Comprehensive Guide to the Laws of Daily Prayer*, amply satisfies the needs of such individuals. Weaving together halachic, philosophical and historical analyses, this book follows the development of the laws of prayer from the earliest sources in the

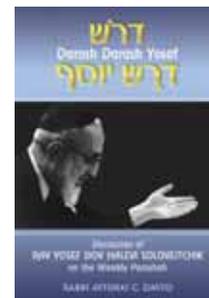
Talmud, through the Rishonim and Acharonim, to the modern-day halachic decisors, always reaching a practical conclusion.

Rabbi Brofsky's clear prose allows any reader, regardless of background, to benefit from comprehensive discussions of the laws of prayer.

## ***Darosh Darash Yosef: Discourses of Rav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik on the Weekly Parashah***

**By Avishai David**

*OU Press, Urim, Yeshivat Torat Shraga*



## ***Covenant and Conversation***

**By Jonathan Sacks**

*OU Press, Maggid*

## ***Unlocking the Torah Text: An In-Depth Journey into the Weekly Parsha***

**By Rabbi Shmuel Goldin**

*OU Press, Gefen*

Week after week, month after month, year after year, as the global Jewish community continues the unceasing cycle of Torah reading, we have the ability to study the weekly *parashah* in greater depth and with a new perspective. But which commentaries to use? What will offer one both depth and ease so that he can keep up with the weekly readings? To help answer this question, OU Press has produced three excellent collections of essays on the Torah.

The first is a newly published volume by Rabbi Avishai David, *Darosh Darash Yosef: Discourses of Rav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik on the Weekly Parashah*. Rabbi David, a longtime student of Rabbi Soloveitchik, encapsulates his mentor's legendary lectures on all Five Books of the Torah. Join this master scholar and teacher as he explores human psychology, religious philosophy, ethical ideals and halachic concepts as they emerge from the Torah's text.

The second collection is *Covenant and Conversation*, a popular series by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth. Rabbi Sacks is one of the most original thinkers and articulate writers in the Jewish world today. *Covenant and Conversation* allows readers to experience Rabbi Sacks' sophisticated approach to life lived in an ongoing dialogue with the Torah.

Finally, we offer the highly regarded *Unlocking the Torah Text: An In-Depth Journey into the Weekly Parsha* by Rabbi Shmuel Goldin. A longtime pulpit rabbi and popular teacher at Yeshiva University, Rabbi Goldin is also a prominent national leader. His insights on the weekly *parashah* and classical commentaries are original, thoughtful and provocative, easily understood by beginners yet equally meaningful to advanced students.

Festivals of Faith: Refle has been added to your Cart. Add gift options. Buy usedÂ Torah Beloved: Reflections on the Love of Torah and the Celebration of the Holiday of Matan Torah. Norman Lamm. Hardcover. \$8.95. Torah Lishmah: Study of Torah for Torah's Sake in the Work of Rabbi Hayyim Volozhin and his Contemporaries (Studies and Sources in Kabbalah, Hasidism and Jewish Thought, Vol 1). Norman Lamm. 4.3 out of 5 stars 4. Jewish holidays and festivals are a commemoration of Jews' religious history and background. Explore the Jewish festival calendar 2019.Â The traditional faith of the Jewish nation is Judaism. There are 13.2 million Jews worldwide, according to the Jewish agency for Israel. While 5.4 million Jews are based in their homeland Israel, a thumping 5.3 million Jews are situated in the U.S. and their remaining population is distributed around the world in different sizes of communities. According to the Hebrew Bible, The Land of Israel is the promised homeland to Jews by God. Festive holidays are an integral part of the Jewish life, just as in the case of any other community across the world. Festive rituals and traditions have kept th... The Jewish festivals are the "landmarks" by which Israelis mark the passing of the year and the holidays are very much a part of daily life: on the street, in the school system and in synagogues and homes around the country. Shabbat The weekly day of rest, on Saturday, is marked in Israel with most spending the day together with family and friends.Â Passover In the spring, beginning on 15 Nisan, is the festival of the Exodus and liberation from bondage. Freedom is, indeed, the dominant note of Passover. The rites of Passover begin long before the festival, as families and businesses cleanse their premises of hametz-leaven and anything containing it-as prescribed in the Torah (Ex. 12:1520). Jewish holidays, also known as Jewish festivals or Yamim Tovim, are holidays observed in Judaism and by Jews throughout the Hebrew calendar. They include religious, cultural and national elements, derived from three sources: biblical mitzvot ("commandments"); rabbinic mandates; Jewish history and the history of the State of Israel. Jewish holidays occur on the same dates every year in the Hebrew calendar, but the dates vary in the Gregorian. This is because the Hebrew calendar is a lunisolar calendar