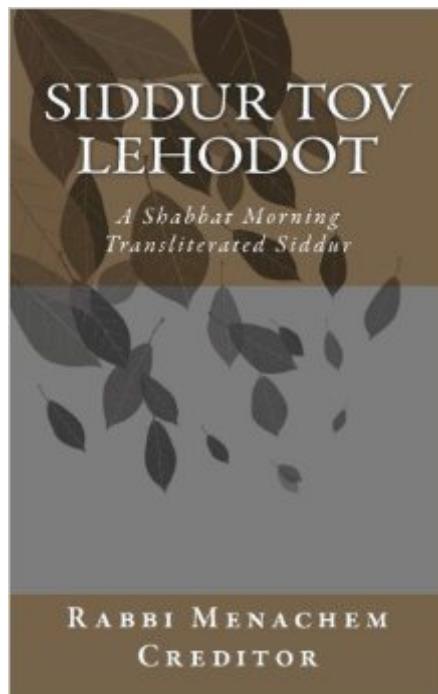


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Shabbat Morning Transliterated Siddur (Hebrew Edition)



Synopsis

This Prayerbook is the first edition of an ongoing transliteration project designed to support those making their ways into Jewish Prayer. This siddur (prayerbook) is fully transliterated and partially translated, with comments and interpretations by Rabbi Menachem Creditor and others.

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Customer Reviews

This book is amazing. For people who don't read Hebrew, the standard Conservative siddur, Sim Shalom, can be intimidating because most of it is not transliterated. Most of it is translated into English but if you actually want to say the prayers, blessings, and readings in Hebrew, you can't do that for most of the service unless you can read the Hebrew itself. Siddur Tov Lehodot solves this problem. Note that this siddur is not a fully transliterated version of Sim Shalom - it only translates the parts that are generally read in services and a truly great feature is that it references the pages in Sim Shalom so when the service leader announces what page to turn to in the siddur, if you're using Tov Lehodot, you can easily find the corresponding page. Also note that Tov Lehodot is not translated in English. It is meant to serve the need of providing a transliteration of the Hebrew and it serves that need perfectly. The book arrived last Wednesday, and at services on this Saturday, I was expecting to try it out and expected that I would use both Tov Lehodot and Sim Shalom as needed. I found to my great surprise and joy that I basically only had to use Tov Lehodot and could participate in the entire service. One thing that is missing is that there are certain words, usually in praise of G-d, that are added by custom in certain prayers and are only known to those who daven regularly and Tov Lehodot does not include those, which would be useful since those of using Tov Lehodot obviously need that type of information as well. I am learning to read Hebrew and will be

learning to use Sim Shalom, but my son's bar mitzvah is less than a month away so I wanted something that would help me get through services for his bar mitzvah since I won't learn to do the service in Hebrew by the bar mitzvah celebration date. It's a great siddur for those who attend Conservative congregations that use Sim Shalom and are either new to praying or can't read the Hebrew but want to say the words in Hebrew and not in the English translation.

For quite a while now, I have been using inserts with the transliterations of the major sections of the Shabbat morning services in my Siddur Sim Shalom. You see, the Hebrew I can read, but not nearly fast enough to keep up with the rest of the congregation. My method, while it has worked, was a bit impractical: the siddur bulged as I added new inserts, and they would fall out at the most inopportune moments. Then came Siddur Tov LeHodot. It covers 99% of the morning services that we follow in my synagogue on a typical Shabbat morning, and is very easy to use. Thank you, and kol hakavod, Rabbi! What is your next transliteration project? If I had one suggestion to make, it would be to increase the size of the type to make Siddur Tov LeHodot more useable by older congregants.

The idea behind this siddur is a good one -- to provide a bridge to being able to recite the Hebrew prayers for folks not yet able to read the Hebrew text. And the transliterations are central to that. But the Hebrew text in the Kindle version is not functional, and the gibberish that appears instead is terribly distracting. This siddur is not ready for prime time in the Kindle version.

This will be very useful for handing out to congregants who don't read Hebrew - it includes transliterations of all the prayers we use on Saturday except for Hallel. But the only transliterations it includes are one or two-line summaries, so people will still have to be referring back and forth between the Sim Shalom siddur and this transliteration.

If u are new and need help with the conservative siddur this is your book!!!! Helps u learn the Hebrew , but u will have to still do your work finding the prayer service as this book is based on the 2 smaller Sim shalom siddurs and not the one large siddur

This siddur goes with the Conservative synagogue's Artsroll siddur. I go mostly to a Modern Orthodox shul, so I haven't yet used it in shul. It is a huge relief to have all the lovely songs transliterated so that I can learn to sing them.

The author of this book, Rabbi Menachem Creditor, is one of the most sensitive and compassionate human beings I've ever met. As you can see from his recent article in the Huffington Post, he is ready to weep over the sounds made by infants in the sanctuary, knowing they represent the future. I have the good fortune to be part of his congregation, Netivot Shalom, in Berkeley.

I would have liked this siddur if the hebrew hadn't gotten distorted in the translation to Kindle process. It needs to be taken out of the catalog until the book is revised to fix the hebrew.

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