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Birkon Mikdash M'At: The Nfty Bencher



Synopsis

This pocket-sized volume of blessings and songs was compiled by a Reform Jewish teenager, making it one of the most unique benchers on the market today. *Birkon Mikdash Mâ'at* promises to inspire a new generation of Reform Jews. Perfect prayer and song selections are sure to make this wonderful resource a popular addition to weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, and many other celebrations. Throughout the Reform Movement, prayers such as *Birkat H* and *Shabbat* blessings are recited and then followed by communal singing. *Birkon Mikdash Mâ'at* is designed to facilitate the joy of singing in groups, the ritual moments of holiday observance, and enhance the spiritual experience of *Shabbat*.

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Customer Reviews

Birkon Mikdash M'at has everything my family needs to celebrate *Shabbat*, but my children are not used to reading such small type. I wish the book came in a slightly larger format.

This is one of the very few Kindle books that is brave enough to use the Hebrew alphabet with pointing (vowels) (niqqud). I.e. the Hebrew is real Unicode text, not images. So you can actually do all the things you should be able to do with an ebook: search, copy & paste, magnify without jaggies, have text wrap to fit your device's screen, etc. Unfortunately, it doesn't display correctly on all platforms. At least not yet. For me at least, on Kindle for PC the Hebrew is a mess. But on all other platforms I've tried, it looks okay. Hopefully those few platforms (only Kindle for PC?) that don't display correctly will get their act together. The book is correct. 's crappy software is wrong. You'd

think could afford a few software engineers to look at right-to-left issues. If not for Hebrew, then at least for Arabic (I'm assuming the problems also exist for Arabic, but have not tested that assumption). For full disclosure, I helped make this book by writing the software that converted (to HTML) the source files used to make the paper book. I looked at 's guidelines for reviews and I don't think I'm in violation since this is not "my product," i.e. I stand nothing to gain, at least nothing directly, from sales of this product.

My thoughts:
*Gimbel's passion for this project is contagious as you flip through the volume.
*No home, community, or synagogue should be without this valuable resource.
*Beautifully designed.
*Beautifully executed.
*Inspiring purpose.
*Translations and transliterations make this volume user friendly for people of any background.
*Well selected material.
*Excellent design - easy to flip through, transport, and store.
*Unbelievable, groundbreaking, and observance-changing.
MAZAL TOV to NFTY for (once again) leading the way of observance and tradition in the Reform movement.

Jeremy Gimbel, and the staff at the Youth Division of the Union for Reform Judaism were right on the ball with their editing skills. This Bencher should be used by all Reform Jewish college groups, it is progressive and modern, while remaining liturgically the same (minus the gender neutrality and the progressive changes.) Buy this Bencher.

Jeremy Gimbel has created an excellent Bencher, which strikes an excellent balance between text and interpretation. He has drawn on the Reform ethic of "Choice Through Knowledge" to effectively create a guide that should be on the tables of every Reform camp in the country.

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