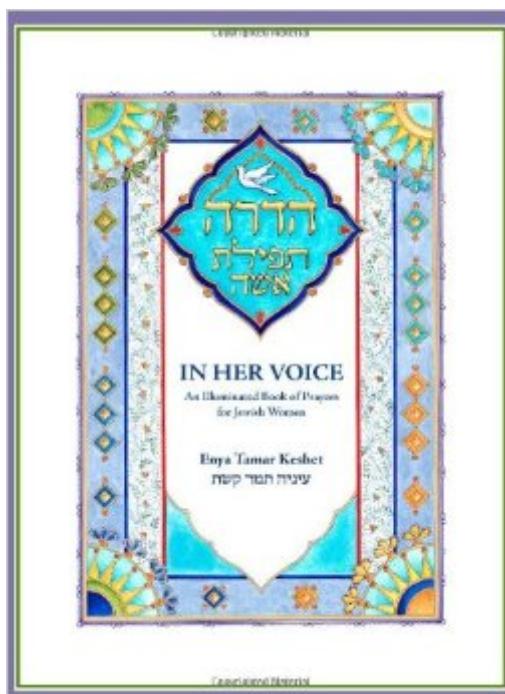


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In Her Voice: An Illuminated Book Of Prayers For Jewish Women



Synopsis

28 prayers corresponding to a woman's complete life cycle are here illuminated by contemporary Israeli artist Enya Tamar Keshet. Traditional prayers like Eshet Chayil are included, but so too is a prayer stated before Toray study, and a rendering of the 115 names of women in the Torah in the order in which they appear. In Her Voice is a special gift book that beautifully marries text and artistry, tradition and interpretation.

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lighting at the outset of Shabbat and the women's havdalah at its conclusion, there are others that readers will find very interesting and even thought provoking, as a prayer for women whose husbands leave them without giving them a Jewish divorce, a bride's prayer, and prayers for her mother, pregnancy, raising children, while giving birth, and for her husband "May you merit a long life and may I merit to live with you forever, together united in love from now until the end of days."

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