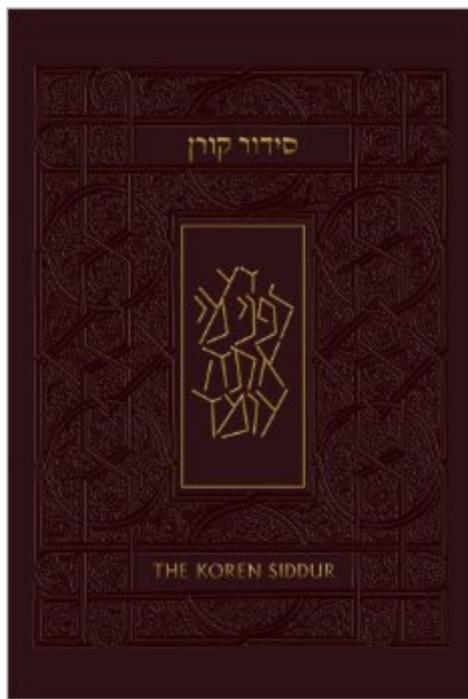


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To be fair, the print is a little small. Though that should be expected, considering this is a travel size edition. The paper is cream colored, thin, but still opaque enough that the other side won't bleed through. It has two ribbon markers (a red one and a blue one). It features all necessary prayers and blessings, and many that I have never even heard of before. The Hebrew text utilizes the standard Koren font, which has its ups and downs. To someone fluent in Hebrew, it shouldn't be a problem. But to someone who is still learning Hebrew (like myself), the Vav and Resh look a bit similar. It includes a number of very helpful appendices, including some textual variants. I also REALLY like the way the vocal schewa is printed. A standard schewa is unvocalized and is printed normally, but a vocal schewa is printed in bold-type. The commentary is not overwhelming, but still very helpful. The translation is amazing. Perhaps one of the most controversial points in it revolves around prayers for Rosh Hashanah, and the reading of Psalm 81:3. In just about any English Bible, it reads,

"full moon" but in the Sacks Siddur, this is translated as "hidden moon." This is from the word *keseh*, which means "covered/concealed." So the New Moon is literally the hidden or concealed moon. Very few translations render it correctly like this. Overall I love it! I only WISH Koren made an interlinear Sephardi *Humash* as well, like the Schottenstein from ArtScroll. This Siddur is definitely the better one between the two publishing houses.

I am very happy with this siddur. The paper is a creamy yellow and the text a crisp black. Both the Hebrew and English text is very easy to read - amazingly I can read the smallest text. For comparison, I compared it's fonts to those on a \$1 bill. The smallest font is slightly larger than the text on the bill that says, "Secretary of the Treasury". The main text font is slightly larger than where on the \$1 bill it says, "This note is legal tender for all debts, public, and private". There are two ribbons (red & blue) for holding your place. So far, I would place the readability of the Koren published products (I also have the Koren *Tanakh*) above those by ArtScroll.

Rabbi Sacks does a fantastic job with his translation and commentary, bringing new light to the traditional Hebrew/ English Jewish prayer book. Thanks.

I love this siddur, I have been searching for a sefard siddur with great design, text layout and awesome commentaries. I think I have found the siddur I have been looking for!

An excellent pray book to help one understand how wonderful it is to praise G_d for all His great divine acts.

Arrived in perfect condition. Leather was very nice. Were gifts and the individuals loved them.

The print is a little too small for me, but I use it daily any way.

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