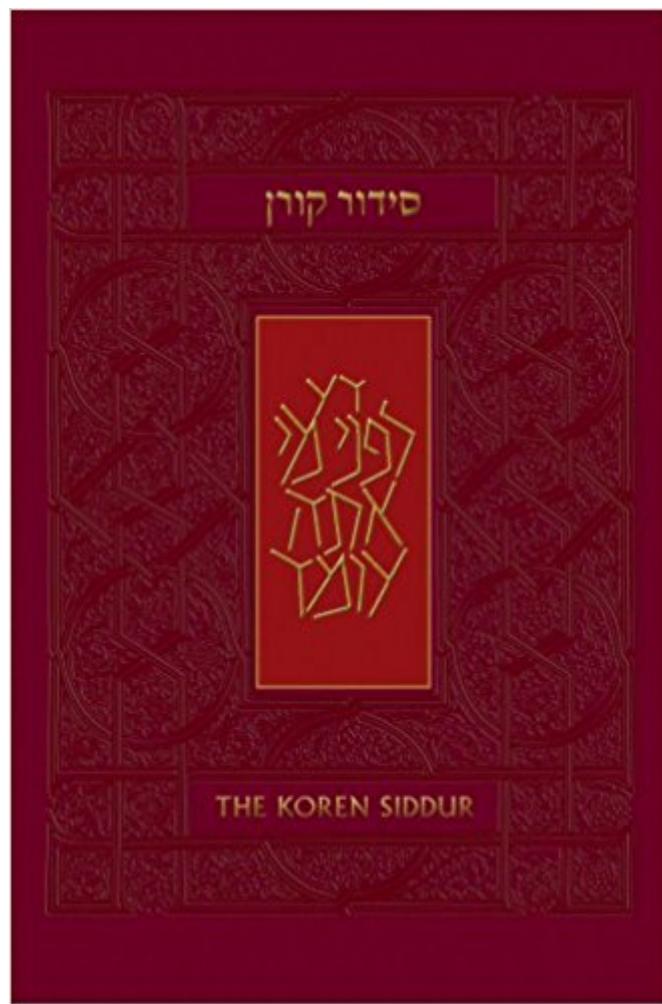


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# Koren Sacks Siddur, Hebrew/English, Sepharad Prayerbook



## **Synopsis**

The Koren Sacks Siddur is the first new Orthodox Hebrew/English siddur in a generation. The Siddur marks the culmination of years of rabbinic scholarship, exemplifies Koren's tradition of textual accuracy and intuitive graphic design, and offers an illuminating translation, introduction and commentary by one of the world's leading Jewish thinkers, Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks. Halakhic guides to daily, Shabbat, and holiday prayers supplement the traditional text. Prayers for the State of Israel, its soldiers, and national holidays, for the American government, upon the birth of a daughter and more reinforce the Siddur's contemporary relevance. A special Canadian Edition is the first to include prayers for the Canadian government within the body of the text.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

First, why did I get this Siddur? Not a native, but I read and speak Hebrew and will understand Biblical Hebrew at a rate of 90%. So, I got it because it is a newer edition with a very flowing contemporary translation; this is what I needed when I wanted to refresh my prayer reading and fully understand what I am reading. Unlike the older Siddurim, the prayers are in a more "understandable" order so that the reader can continue one after the other and finish a group of prayers, weekday Shaharit for example, without flipping through pages. Further, there are lots of teachings, explanations, footnotes, references... You'll find Shulchan Aruch commentaries; they are concise and event specific (i.e Shabbat, Hanukkah or Purim). I also like the fact that it is an Orthodox Siddur. I am not a very practicing individual but, in my opinion, Judaism should still be practiced in the Israelite way and its prayers recited properly. Let me not forget to mention the quality

of the Siddur; I love Koren quality. The color of the pages, the print are very attractive. I have the standard edition thus I can say that the size of the Siddur and the print are good for home use. I bring a smaller, Hebrew only, Siddur to the Synagogue as this size may be a little too heavy! I highly recommend this publication!

Compact but the print is extremely small -- fine for someone young but not for someone past the age of 40. I would really like to find a good Nusach Sefard Mincha/Maariv bencher that has Mincha and Maariv separate, not top and bottom the way that Art Scroll now has it. I find the Art Scroll benchers very user unfriendly. I am gabbai for a Mincha minyan, so I am always looking for good benchers. The best is probably the Nusach Ari bencher, but few who come to our Minyan want that Nusach. Alan Fisher P.S. I don't know how it happened, but my review above is not for the Koren Sacks Siddur shown in the photo. The complete Koren Sacks Siddur does not have the problem of the small print (which is a problem for the paperback Mincha/Maariv bencher). However, the Nusach Sefard Siddur from Koren Sacks has some unconventional choices. For example, it has Shalom Ra'av rather than Seem Shalom for Maariv during the week. I have never seen a Nusach Sefard shul make this choice, and my Rabbinic authority (whose dissertation was on the Siddur) says that it is wrong.

I am converting to Judaism and early on I used the ArtScroll Mesorah Siddur, which was indispensable due to the amount of commentary and instructions on Halachic prayer, however the English translation of the prayers was often stiff. In fact, ArtScroll has actually stated that the English translation was never given with the intention that it be used for prayer. So, after exhaustive research I came to the Koren Sacks, which is amazing. The translation of the text just flows and it really serves to enhance my Kavanah and elevate my experience. Additionally, the Siddur has a guide to the year in the back that describes the halacha for prayer throughout the year (which days what prayers are said, etc.) There are only a few things that I dislike. I have found quite a few misspellings and grammatical errors, but they are usually far and in between so they don't hurt much. I am also finding that while Chief Rabbi Sacks' commentary is brilliant, I am missing the more exhaustive commentary found in the ArtScroll.

I am a collector of siddurim, a fan of Rabbi Sacks and a beginning student of Hebrew so this book appeals to me on several levels! The type setting is easy on older eyes, the spacing of lines is helpful, the format is easy to get used to, the commentary is concise and to the point and

interesting. I use it alternately with ArtScroll, Sim Shalom and Mishkan tefillah and it is quickly becoming my preferred Siddur for ease of reading, both the Hebrew and the English translation.

This is the BEST Siddur! I love Rabbi Sack's translation. The wording is so clear and makes the prayers very meaningful. Also Rabbi Sacks has done a wonderful job with his commentary. The size is nice, readable font but yet not too heavy.

Beautiful translation and excellent binding with easy to read type face and wonderful quality paper.

This is well organized and easily accessed. It is nice to finally have a copy of my own with the beautiful prayers.

Very nice

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