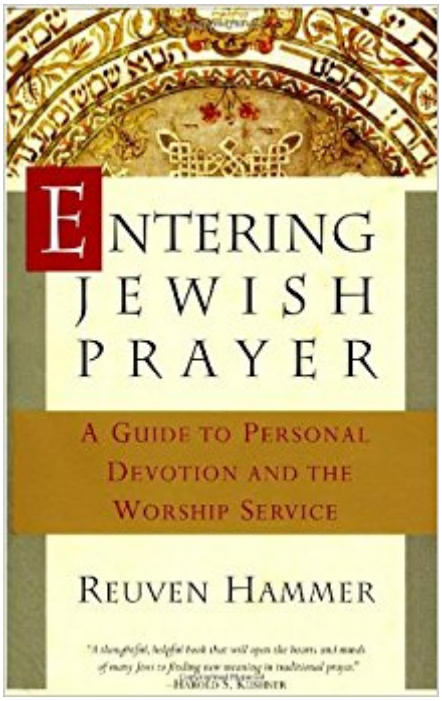
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Synopsis

This engaging and informative book provides an introduction to the liturgy of the Siddur--the Jewish prayerbook. More than a "how-to" guide, this resource deals with basic issues for the modern worshiper, the historial compilation of the Siddur, and much more.

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Hammer, a rabbi who now lives and teaches in Jerusalem, clearly discusses various aspects of Jewish prayer: its forms, history, prayerbooks, and daily order. He covers both Sabbath and holiday prayers, as well as prayers of mourning. Presenting Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform options, he offers practical advice about private prayer and about choosing a synagogue and prayerbook. He addresses issues of sexist language and the exclusion of women from many traditional formulas. Throughout, he encourages the development of deep spirituality. Highly recommended both for Jews and non-Jews.Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This is a useful book, which discusses many interesting concepts, but is far from comprehensive.I have done extensive study previously concerning both Shabbat and High Holy Day services, and this book did add to my knowledge, however, why the discussion in the book was interesting, there was a real limit to what the book brought to the discussion, compared to what a person well versed in Jewish Prayer would have already known and discussed previously.I would recommend the book more for those who haven’t done much prior study of the subject.

For those interested in the development and significance of the central prayers in the Jewish liturgy there is no better place to start than Entering Jewish Prayer. Rabbi Hammer’s presentation is consistently lucid. Embracing his insights has deepened the act of prayer for me. The historic context he shares, provides resonance to the myriad inflections of meaning embedded in the siddur - particularly the Sh’ma, the Amida, and Tachanun.

This book is an incredible resource for those looking to derive meaning from the Jewish prayer tradition. It has helped me in my own personal practice of prayer by giving me historical context for the prayers I am saying, and by elucidating the structure of the service. This is definitely worth the read for anyone interested in Jewish prayer, or even prayer in general!

Excellent book on the Jewish liturgy. It takes you step by step in the process of getting acquainted with the prayers and their development. Easy to read.

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