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Enveloped In Light: A Tallit Sourcebook



Synopsis

A teaching anthology, including all important information about the tallit (tallis, Jewish prayer shawl), including personal stories, academic articles, and halakhic norms. Essays, sermons, poems, and stories from authors including S.Y. Agnon, Yehuda Amichai, Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, Rabbi Reuven Hammer, Rabbi Jack Riemer, Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, and many others. Ideal for bar and bat mitzvah students, high schoolers, and adult education.

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From the Introduction:

“As far as we can tell, this book is the first attempt to bring together a wide variety of sources available in English on the subject of the tallit. In the pages that follow, you can find contributions by a Nobel Prize winner along with everyday people, rabbis and professors along with poets and Internet journalists. By design, we’ve included such different voices in hopes of producing a composite picture; just as the

tallit is a very democratic garment, making the audacious statement that each one of us has within us the mark of royalty – while at the same time, enveloping us in a coziness that marks our relationship with God. The tallit has been around for a few thousand years (as you will learn in some of the historically-oriented contributions herein), but there have also been some exciting developments in just the last few decades as the recipe for tekhelet – the blue dye for tzitzit – has apparently been rediscovered and women have begun (or begun again, as you will read!) to wear tallitot in some communities. We hope that this sourcebook will help more people learn about the beauty of the tallit and its rich potential as a ritual item in adding a spiritual and ethical dimension to Jewish prayer and life.

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written so that your understanding can grasp the real intention behind the subject of, "ha tahillit". I LOVE THIS BOOK... it was very enlightening for me on a personal note and its enriched my soul."Where there is love, "there is healing", that sets the human spirit, mind, will and soul, free." I say that because you can feel the relationship of something much greater than our mere existing here on earth, just from reading this book.

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