

## Rabbis respond to *Siddur Sha'ar Zahav*:

“**It is breathtaking.** It is beautiful. It's just wonderful and I'm very moved by it. I look forward very much to reading it with care and using it. Thank you for the obviously huge amount of work that went into producing this really gorgeous book.”

-- Rabbi Richard Levy, Director of the School of Rabbinic Studies, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion Los Angeles campus

“**A tour de force.** It is certainly one the biggest works of Jewish liturgy in history. It is also just beautiful to open and pray from.”

-- Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, Scholar-in-Residence, Congregation Emanu-El, and former Rabbi of Congregation Beth El, Sudbury, Mass.

“I've already used it with clients. **Wonderful readings.** I appreciate this layout and the thoughtfulness and inclusiveness of the siddur. Yashir koach! I look forward to sharing and making use of *Siddur Sha'ar Zahav* a lot here at the Healing Center and in my life as well.”

-- Rabbi Natan Fenner, Bay Area Jewish Healing Center.

“The Sha'ar Zahav Siddur is **glorious!** It has taken my breath away. You have created a tome that will **enrich and sustain the Jewish community!**”

-- Rabbi Mimi Weisel, Director, Clinical Pastoral Care, California Pacific Medical Center

“I love your siddur. It is **eloquent and beautiful and beautifully presented**... Students should give attention to the section on *brachot*, which includes the holiness in LGBT identities and experiences along with the holiness in nature and in more traditional Jewish experiences.”

-- Rachel Adler, Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Thought and Judaism and Gender, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion

## Critics respond to *Siddur Sha'ar Zahav*:

“**Thoughtfully constructed**, full of references to the history of the synagogue, unique *minhagim*, and character. It is gorgeous, really beautiful ...clear, airy layout, with some lovely images throughout. ... The choices of readings in this siddur are **better than those in mainstream Reform** siddurim. ...[There are] some **wonderfully unique** pieces in the section 'Festivals and Seasons' .”

-- *The Reform Shuckle*

“Delves further into the gender politics of the liturgy than mainstream Reform siddurim do. [*Siddur Sha'ar Zahav*] is truly unique [and its] value in explaining the history and eccentricities of this community is immeasurable.”

-- *JewSchool*

“I have deep respect for the heart of the project, and a few of the prayers were so moving I almost cried. **The world is better that it exists.** ... I encourage you to track down a copy if you're interested in queer-inclusive liturgy. ... The brachot for sex/gender transitioning are beautiful; I'm really glad the blessings exist, and found them very comforting.”

-- *Dear Diaspora*