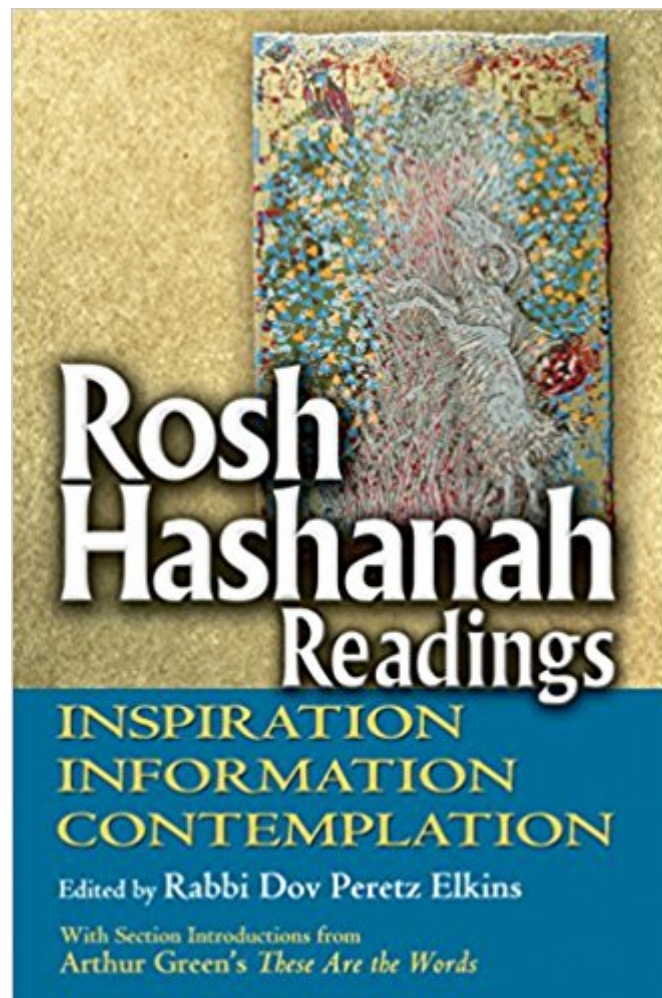




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# Rosh Hashanah Readings: Inspiration, Information And Contemplation



## Synopsis

A powerful collection of writings about Rosh Hashanah that will add depth and holiness to your experience of the spiritual New Year. This compelling companion to Yom Kippur Readings helps create a bridge between the words of our ancestors and the meanings, themes and ideas that are the central spiritual agenda of the life of the modern Jew. Drawn from a variety of sources—ancient, medieval, modern, Jewish and non-Jewish—this selection of readings, prayers and insights explores the opportunities for inspiration and reflection inherent in the subjects addressed on the Jewish New Year: sin, repentance, personal and social change, societal justice, forgiveness, spiritual growth, living with joy and hope, commitment to high ideals, becoming our truest and most authentic selves, deepening our capacity to love and savoring the divine gift of life. These readings enable you to enter into the spirit of Rosh Hashanah and the Days of Awe in a personal and powerful way while they uplift and inform. They will add to the benefits of your High Holy Day experience year after year.

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personal reflection. Highly recommended." — Dr. David Ellenson, president, Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion  
“Filled with inspirational readings that are profound, and that will challenge and ignite the mind and heart alike.... Will deepen the High Holy Day experience for every reader.” — Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, author of Jewish Literacy and The Book of Jewish Values

This comprehensive anthology connects your heart and soul to the ancient and medieval prayers of Rosh Hashanah through contemporary and ancient commentaries on the day's central themes: Preparing for the New Year Prayer and Faith Roots and Themes from the Torah Inspiration from the Prophets The Blowing of the Shofar Remembrance Repentance Rituals and Customs And much more --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As a convert to Judaism, I find this book invaluable. Becoming accustomed to the ins and outs of a religion I have felt so intrinsically linked is wonderful. While I have my own feelings associated with both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, this book brings me to another level.

I was looking for "nuggets" of insight to share with others for Rosh Hashanah and found a few. Rabbi Elkins culls thoughts and ideas from many sources (including his own mind). I could embrace about a third of them - pretty good for a curmudgeon like me.

An excellent source of inspiration, prayers, supplemental readings, and guidance during the High Holy Days. Modern, as well as traditional. A good meditation.

Rosh Hashanah Readings is a very typical Jewish Lights production, presenting a variety of short passages on different topics relating to Rosh Hashanah and the High Holidays culled from a decidedly liberal side. The volume mainly contains quotes from contemporary figures in the Jewish scene. There are very few entries from Chasidic or more antiquated sources. The volume has a charm all its own. Start reading it during the penitential month of Elul, and gradually bring yourself to Rosh Hashanah. The book is arranged that way, the passages are easier to digest in bits, and it will make the reading experience more enjoyable and meaningful than rushing through it a few days before Rosh Hashanah.

Edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, Rosh Hashanah Readings: Inspiration Information

Contemplation is an anthology of writings by esteemed Jewish religious leaders and scholars, meant to be experienced and shared during the High Holy Days that mark the Jewish New Year, and the accompanying challenge of faith to undertake spiritual and moral self-examination. Most individual passages are brief, only a few paragraphs long, and therefore suitable to be read aloud at gatherings and celebrations, or with family and friends. Enthusiastically recommended reading to enrich the mind and spirit, and a superb companion volume to Elkins' previous title, "Yom Kippur Readings".

This is an excellent book particularly when you are preparing for the High Holy days but can be read at any time. It is full of readings from a wide variety of sources and includes poetry. Some readings are thought provoking others are informative and yet others are moving. There is something for everyone. I strongly recommend this book and its companion "Yom Kippur Readings". Both are excellent resources.

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