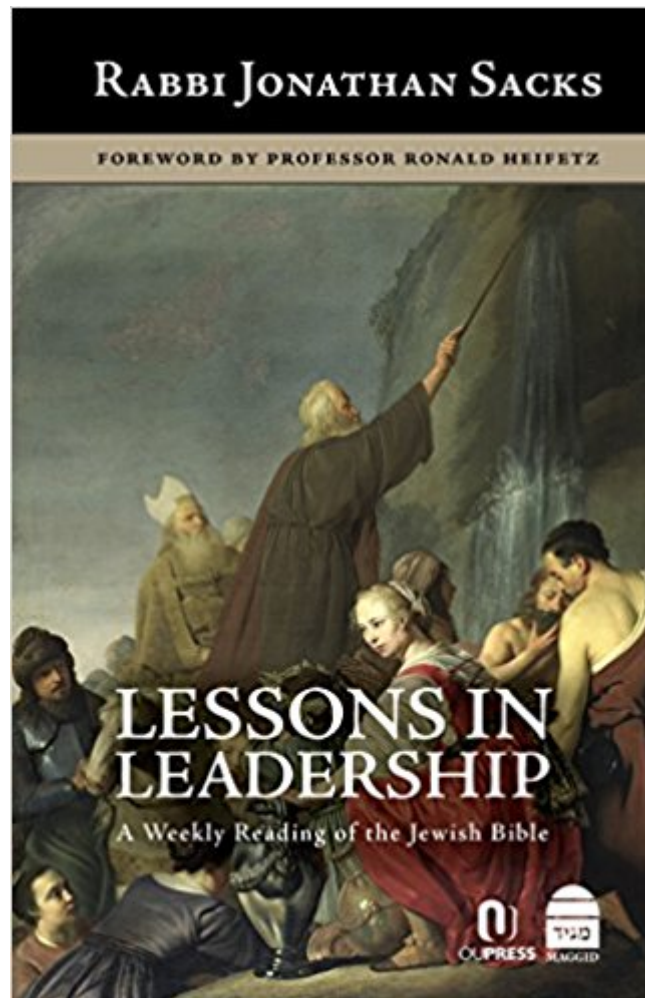




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# Lessons In Leadership: A Weekly Reading Of The Jewish Bible



## Synopsis

In this companion volume to his celebrated series *Covenant & Conversation*, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks mines the weekly Torah portions for insights into the nature of power, authority, and leadership. Based on the understanding that no man is born a leader, the book explores the principles, and perils, of becoming one. Profound, eloquent, and deeply inspiring, *Lessons in Leadership* reveals the biblical secrets of influence, as relevant now as they were three thousand years ago.

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## Customer Reviews

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks is one of the world's leading Jewish thinkers and moral voices of our time. Educated at Cambridge University and Jews College London, he served as chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth from 1991 until 2013. The author of numerous books on Jewish thought, his work has included a new English translation and commentary for the Koren Sacks Siddur, the first new Orthodox siddur in a generation, as well as powerful commentaries for the Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur, and Pesa Ma zorim.

This is a very insightful book. It will reward careful reading and revisiting. Each chapter offers new ideas that have the ring of truth. The only thing wrong is the cover art, which doesn't relate to what the book is about.

Are you a leader? If you are, you might enjoy Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks's *Lessons in Leadership* book

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP: A WEEKLY READING OF THE JEWISH BIBLE (2015). Between September 1991 and September 2013, Rabbi Sacks of the United Kingdom served as chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the Commonwealth. Sacks says, "It was during one of the worst crises of my life that I first discovered the work of Ronald Heifetz and Marty Linsky at the John f. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. One sleepless night, I was surfing the pages of a well-known internet bookshop when I came across a book entitled LEADERSHIP ON THE LINE [2002]. It was the subtitle that caught my eye: 'Staying alive through the dangers of leading.' . . . I ordered the book, read it, and realized immediately that I was reading the insights of people who understood the problems and pressures of leadership better than anyone else I had encountered. Not only did they make sense of what I was feeling at the time, they also helped me understand Torah, and the Hebrew Bible as a whole" (page xxi). Using the conceptual framework he learned from Heifetz and Linsky about leadership, Sacks works out wonderfully creative interpretations of certain widely known passages in the Hebrew Bible. Heifetz has supplied the foreword to Sacks' book.

Rabbi Sacks, a leading intellectual and a powerful voice for Judaism today brings his original insights on leadership moving through the books of Moses (BooM). What a delight! Highly readable and fascinating. After reading this book, I have seen leadership in a fresh perspective among the BooM heroes. Unless God and His Word are at the center of a leader's life coupled with lots of reading, discussion, delegation and sensitivity to history and people and of course character, the leader will dash into the rocks of reality. Read this book to learn how all of this plays out. Must have.

I've pretty well concentrated on Sacks presentation on Deuteronomy since I'm schedule to deliver a class on this in the near future. I like his presentation because it gives a slightly different perspective than many other works. The attributes of a true leader are delineated according to scripture, so it follows my lesson plan for an adult Sunday School class. From a Christian perspective I'll not have the time available to delineate all the significant points that I might have in weekly Parasha readings as at the Jewish Community Center - but Moses lessons on leadership, as recognized by Sacks, will really offer much to those striving to get ahead in whatever endeavors they are engaged .I highly recommend this book for all those striving to get ahead whatever their field of endeavor.

Excellent book by a brilliant, world-renowned scholar. Not just of value for religious Jews, this book should be read by anyone--Jewish or not--who wants to learn valuable lessons about leadership

and how to live one's life. The chapters are short and concise, written in an easy, conversational tone. I have given copies of this book as gifts to Jews and non-Jews alike--they have been appreciated and praised without exception. Highly recommended!

Excellent study text. Easy to digest on a weekly basis because the level of writing is high. These essays will enable you to think more broadly and more deeply about many biblical issues, even on those you have already developed an understanding and opinion.

Fundamental and inspirational book for leader and layman alike. I'm growing tremendously from it.

I have long taken notes of "Leadership Lessons" from the Torah, as I have called them, in the back of my planner pad - to review and remind myself of important Torah lessons. These essays take everything to a whole new level; personal responsibility, moral responsibility, human responsibility, collective responsibility. People often ask why I do what I do, and so far this book is giving me a framework to attempt to explain.

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