

How to use this book

- ☞ Choose a section based on the week's Torah portion or an upcoming holiday. Generally speaking, during the week one studies the Torah portion that will be read the following Shabbat morning.
- ☞ The texts have no particular order other than that of the Jewish calendar, so feel free to jump in anywhere at anytime. Each week stands alone. We make no assumption that you've read the previous week's texts.
- ☞ Read through the texts. See what they have in common.
- ☞ All translations are my own. They are much more free-flowing than is my usual style. I do this expecting that this book will be used without any additional commentaries or reference volumes.
- ☞ Some of the texts may seem hopelessly technical. Don't be discouraged if their meaning isn't immediately obvious. You'll find explanations in the corresponding question section.
- ☞ After a once over, read through each text again and its corresponding discussion questions. If you're studying around the table or in a group, feel free to discuss the questions that interest you and to ignore the rest.
- ☞ If you want to join in the chain of Torah study, then write in some of your own thoughts where space permits.