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An Original Look at Jewish Festivals and Significant Jewish Dates

Rabbi Pini Dunner

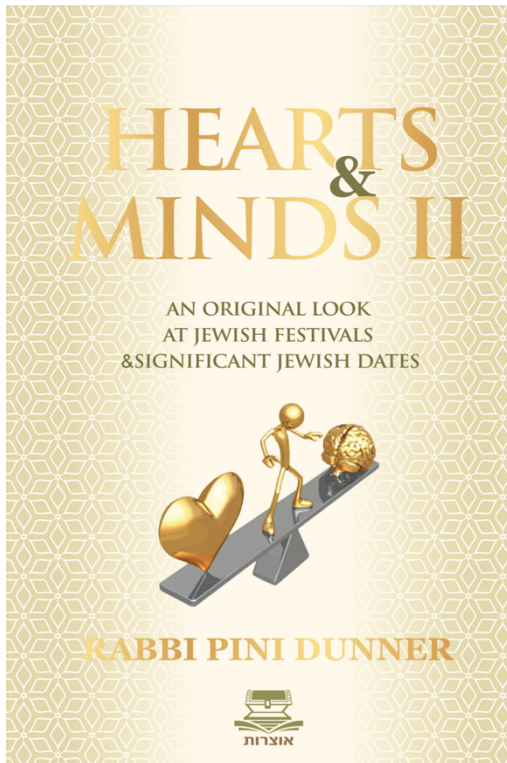
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“Rabbi Dunner has just published *Hearts and Minds II* which is a compilation of essays on the Jewish holidays throughout the year. Torah knowledge is blended with anecdotes and ideas, in a book which must be described as a “page turner.” Rabbi Dunner skillfully gathers the most unusual off the beaten path stories associated with Jewish life worldwide. He crafts each story in a way that you emerge with a sense of history and inspiration.”

Rabbi Heshie Billet

Emeritus Rabbi, Young Israel of Woodmere



In this new collection of articles, Rabbi Pini Dunner looks at Jewish holidays and other important dates in the Jewish calendar. In his introduction, Rabbi Dunner writes about his own memories and personal experiences, which underpin, for him, every special date in the Jewish calendar: “Memories turn each festival and each significant Jewish date into a combination of history, tradition, Jewish laws and customs, memories, nostalgia, and new experiences. And the result is so much greater than any one of those individual components. Every wine stain on the pages of the Haggadah we use. Every forgotten High Holidays schedule that we left tucked into the pages of the machzor. The special yomtov-connected drawings that our kids gave us when they were at pre-school, that suddenly reappear at the relevant time of year. The smell of yomtov food cooking in the kitchen. Each one of these and so many more – too many to mention – are the kaleidoscope of our Jewish experience which add color, context, and meaningfulness to the festival experience, augmenting the practical aspects of the festivals and notable Jewish dates that punctuate our lives.”

RABBI PINI DUNNER hails from a prominent German rabbinic dynasty that miraculously survived the Holocaust and reestablished itself in London, England. He is an acknowledged expert on antiquarian Hebrew books and manuscripts and is frequently consulted by libraries, academics, dealers, and private collectors. Rabbi Dunner currently serves as the Senior Rabbi at Beverly Hills Synagogue and resides in Beverly Hills, California, together with his wife and children.

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Hearts & Minds I & II

Thank you for sharing “Hearts & Minds,” your fresh new look at our ancient, most sacred texts. I found myself fully engrossed in this rich, illuminating book. Your creative reasoning, coupled with your breadth of knowledge and rhetoric, invites discussion and introspection. I so enjoyed your perspective and your voice, always relevant and candid, and I am delighted “Hearts & Minds” will enable an even greater audience to be exposed to them.

Isaac Herzog, President of Israel

Rabbi Dunner challenges us to think along with him, to raise questions as and where necessary, and to go with him along the path of bringing the Torah in all of its glory into the modern world, rather than throwing it overboard or leaving it to the exclusivity of small self-enclosed groups for whom the real world is not part of their daily experience.

Professor David Newman, Ben Gurion University

Rabbi Dunner's writings are marked by a profound level of brilliance, combined with a voluminous, deep knowledge of history and world events. His perspective is fascinating, his ability to contextualize, unique. On top of all that, he's incapable of writing a boring sentence.

Jonathan & Faye Kellerman

Rabbi Pini Dunner is a gifted and charismatic rabbi and teacher. Anyone who has been exposed to his educational efforts in London, Los Angeles, or elsewhere, can testify to the excellence of his teaching.

Rabbi Professor Shnayer Leiman, New York

Rabbi Dunner examines current world events through Talmudic lenses and demonstrates that human hearts and minds have not changed since biblical times. The problems today are different, but many solutions can be found by consulting and interpreting the Torah, which Rabbi Dunner does with charm, wisdom, erudition and humor. Every chapter is a gem, and the collection is a crowning achievement.

Judge Alex Kozinski (Ret.), U.S. Appeals Court Ninth Circuit