



Sefer HaShiva

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This publication is not just a prayer book. It contains all the prayers we say in a shiva house, but it is much, much more. It also contains ideas and explanations about the prayers, stories, insights and frequently asked questions as well as a guide to the shiva house itself. It includes over 30 thought-provoking essays by a wide variety of US Rabbis and Rebbetzins as well as other learned men and women from our communities. Subjects include Why Do We Pray?, Kaddish: Sanctifying Life, The Memorial Prayer: Powerful Words, The Soul in Judaism, Life After Death and The Power of Community. The book contains messages from both Lord Sacks, Emeritus Chief Rabbi and Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis.

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