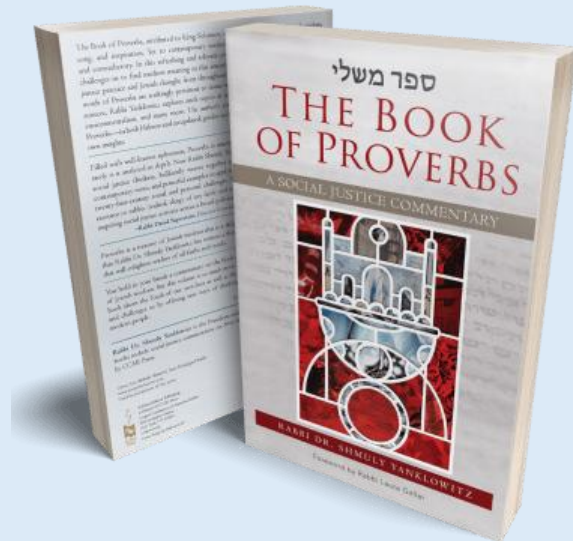


Proverbs

Jewish Wisdom for an Anxious Age



The **Book of Proverbs** stands as a cornerstone of Jewish wisdom because it distills centuries of ethical teaching into vivid, memorable sayings that guide people toward living a life rooted in integrity, humility, and reverence for God. As one of the classic *hokhmah* (wisdom) texts, Proverbs serves as a foundational manual for moral and religious instruction. Its central theme — “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*” — frames wisdom not as

abstract philosophy but as a lived, disciplined relationship with the Divine, expressed through everyday choices. Drawing on diverse voices and traditions, Proverbs blends spiritual insight with practical guidance, offering a vision of Jewish wisdom that is both timeless and deeply grounded in the ethical fabric of Jewish life.

Schedule of Classes and Proverbs. Attend as many as you can. Classes will be held on Zoom on Wednesdays from 12pm – 1pm. The Book of Proverbs can be found at sefaria.org/proverbs.

Date	Text	Focus
Oct 7	Proverbs 1:1-19	What is wisdom? Why this book?
Oct 21	Proverbs 1:20-2:22	Wisdom calls; the moral stakes of listening
Oct 28	Proverbs 3	Trust, humility, discipline, and hesed
Nov 18	Proverbs 4	Formation: parents, teachers, paths, habits
Dec 2	Proverbs 5	Desire, fidelity, and self-mastery
Dec 16	Proverbs 6	Debt, laziness, conflict, and moral disorder
Jan 6	Proverbs 7	Temptation, vulnerability, and the drama of folly
Jan 20	Proverbs 8	Wisdom before creation
Jan 27	Proverbs 9	Wisdom’s table and Folly’s table
Feb 3	Proverbs 10-11	Righteousness, speech, wealth, and integrity

Feb 17	Proverbs 12-13	Truthfulness, discipline, work, and consequences
Feb 24	Proverbs 14-15	Anger, patience, humility, and fear of God
Mar 17	Proverbs 16	Planning, providence, pride, and power
Mar 24	Proverbs 17-18	Friendship, family, conflict, and listening
Mar 31	Proverbs 19-20	Character, poverty, justice, and kingship
Apr 7	Proverbs 21-22:16	Social ethics: wealth, oppression, humility
May 5	Proverbs 22:17-24:22	“Words of the Wise”: instruction and moral responsibility
May 19	Proverbs 24:23-34 + 25	Partiality, enemies, self-control, and public life
May 26	Proverbs 26-27	Fools, gossip, friendship, and honest rebuke
Jun 2	Proverbs 28-29	Justice, leadership, corruption, and the poor
Jun 16	Proverbs 30-31	Human limits, moral order, leadership, and eshet hayil

**To receive a Zoom link to attend any or all classes
in the series, [please register here](#).**

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