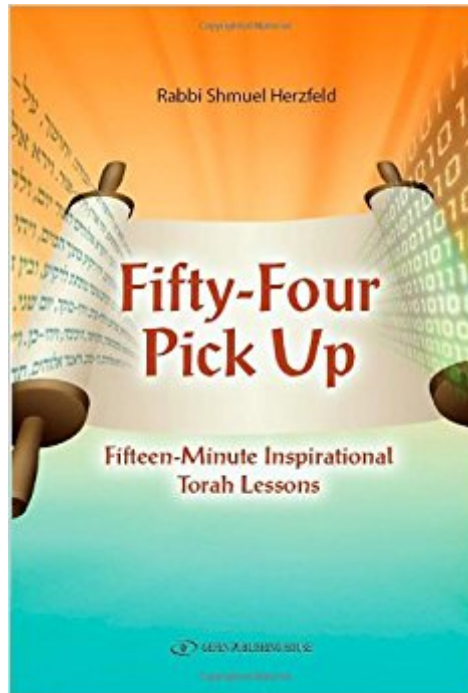




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# Fifty-Four Pick Up: Fifteen Minute Inspirational Torah Lessons



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There is no issue too controversial for Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld as he seamlessly connects ideas and themes of the Torah to the major issues of our times. What does the Torah say about homosexuality? What is the agunah crisis, and what can we do about it? How do we effectively combat intermarriage? Is our justice system truly just? In this collection of thoughts about the fifty-four weekly Torah portions, Rabbi Herzfeld shows us how the Torah can guide us and inspire us in our daily lives. Why is giving away your pillow the best way to get a good night's sleep? Should the Internet be used for bar mitzvah lessons? How can you be a good parent? What would you do if you had only five minutes to live? Rabbi Herzfeld is confident and proud of his Jewishness. His enthusiasm and unabashed love for the Torah is contagious, and his Jewish pride shouts out from every page. Warning: If you read this book you will be infected by Rabbi Herzfeld's love of Torah!

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Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld is the Rabbi of Ohev Sholom The National Synagogue, the oldest Orthodox synagogue in Washington, DC. He received rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and a Masters in Jewish History from Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University. Rabbi Herzfeld served as Assistant Rabbi to Rabbi Avi Weiss at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale from 1999-2004. Since arriving in Washington, DC, in September, 2004, Rabbi Herzfeld's synagogue has grown from less than twenty families to over

three hundred families. In addition to the daily classes that he teaches in his synagogue, he teaches Torah classes at think tanks in Washington, DC, on Capitol Hill at the invitation of the Congressional Jewish Staffers Association and the Senate Chaplain's office, and a rotating Torah class in the District's finest law firms. Rabbi Herzfeld has written for the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN and, Fox News. He now shares his Torah thoughts regularly with readers of the Huffington Post and Washington Post.

I found this book interesting and exciting and love the title. Although it does not stint on content it is not difficult to read which makes it very useful indeed. I have given it as gifts, particularly as bar and bat mitzvah presents, and it has been very well received. Kol hakavod to the author.

Amazing words of wisdom from one of America's top spiritual leaders. This collection of Torah lessons will keep you and the family engaged for hours. I bought copies for my children and extra ones to give out as gifts (great for Bar and Bat Mitzvah gifts). I can't wait for the sequel.

I like most of what Rabbi Herzfeld has to say and appreciate his insights, but the delivery makes it difficult to get through. Writing is very weak.

Finally, an opportunity to have preserved in a book wonderful and enlightening thoughts from one of the most vibrant, thoughtful, active, motivating, and inspiring members of the clergy in America today! For those of us who have had a chance to hear Rabbi Herzfeld speak through his weekly sermons and classes, a compendium of just some of them in a book is a fabulous way for us to re-live them and preserve them to share with others. His thoughts are filled with love and reflect his work in building bridges among Jews of all varieties and between Jews and all others. They provide a guide for living and for thinking about some of the bigger and more important issues. This book should be read by all and should be given as a present to anyone who does not yet have it. The only question is: When will Volume 2 be available? Keep it coming.

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