

The book was found

Listening To God: Inspirational Stories



Synopsis

See the divine in every human encounter. Be receptive to God's voice. Act out of faith. These are just a few of the life lessons Rabbi Shlomo Riskin imparts in this collection of personal stories. Rabbi Riskin takes us from his grandmother's Brooklyn Shabbat table to the vibrant community of Efrat, Israel, with stops in Russian Jewish communities struggling to maintain their ethnic identities, New York synagogues tackling political controversies and much more. Through these poignant, entertaining, often humorous tales, Rabbi Riskin passes on wisdom for the next generation and, indeed for us all.

Book Information

Hardcover: 500 pages

Publisher: The Toby Press (February 1, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1592642926

ISBN-13: 978-1592642922

Product Dimensions: 5.7 x 1.6 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (15 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #944,010 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #18 inÂ Books > Religion &

Spirituality > Judaism > Sermons #6053 inÂ Books > Religion & Spirituality > Worship & Devotion > Inspirational

Customer Reviews

The very popular and charismatic Rabbi Shlomo Riskin is a well-known speaker and raconteur. He has published highly respected books on the Bible and other subjects. In this volume, he offers one hundred chapters containing one hundred stories about his life. Some, he writes, are totally true. Others are true with some details changed. Others are fiction. But all are inspiring. They are stories the rabbi wants to tell his grandchildren about himself, stories that we will like as well. The rabbi takes an almost mystical approach to life, and this together with his love of Judaism, Jewish people, humanity generally, Torah, and especially God, permeates and spices his tales. His first story, for example, is entirely true. It is about his grandmother who influenced the course of his life. He tells how his grandmother would "gaze intently as she would bentsh licht, bless the candles [on Friday before the Sabbath], for twenty minutes. Her face framed by the flames, her eyes shut tight, I watched Grandma speaking to God, happily mentioning the successes and tearfully mentioning the

problems of each family member in turn." He tells how when his grandfather had a stroke and was in the hospital unconscious, his Grandma went to the store and bought a red dress. His mother was surprised. She told Grandma that she thought it was inappropriate. Grandma, who called Grandpa "Cham," replied: My Cham "always liked me in red. Maybe he'll see me in the dress and he'll wake up from the slumber he is in." Rabbi Riskin was influenced at Yeshiva University by both Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, who taught him Talmud and philosophy and by Professor Louis Feldman from whom he learnt about Greco-Roman civilization and classical languages. He writes about both of them.

This book dedicated to his grandchildren is in effect the spiritual autobiography of Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. In it he tells how he at an early age was drawn to Jewish Religious observance and inspired and helped in this by his beloved grandmother. Throughout the book he will tell of encounters with remarkable individuals who gave him much. And in effect throughout the book Rabbi Riskin exemplifies one of the first principles of Jewish ethics, 'hakarat Tov' gratitude for what one has been given. The book is pervaded by this positive principle and by the sense that throughout his life he has been communicated to, and helped by God. His preface and keyword is after all that famous teaching of the Kotzker that God is wherever we let him in. And all his life Rabbi Riskin has even while meeting countless difficult challenges been allowing what he calls 'emanations' from God in. These messages come too in the form of remarkable human beings. Rabbi Riskin pays tribute in this to the religious and non- religious alike and in one wonderful story he tells how his own non-religious mother says to him that perhaps the reason she was created was to teach him to love non-religious people also. And in fact another element in Rabbi Riskin's long rabbinical career has been his outreach to others, his warm relations with those who do not necessarily share his religious faith or communal or political loyalty. Rabbi Riskin has been a remarkable Jewish leader in a variety of settings, perhaps most notably in his creation of the Lincoln Center Synagogue and religious community on the West Side of New York in the sixties- and even more in his being the major spiritual figure in the building of the community of Efrat in Israel.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Listening to God: Inspirational Stories
Ouija Board Stories: Chilling True Horror Stories Of Ouija Boards Gone Wrong (Ouija Board Stories, Ghost Stories, True Horror Stories, Ouija Board Nightmares, Haunted Places Book 1)
Storytelling: 99 Inspiring Stories for Presentations: Inspire your Audience & Get your Message Through (Storytelling, inspirational stories & presentation zen, mentoring 101, ted talks)
Bible: The +77 Most Powerful Salvation Prayers to Ask God For

Forgiveness - Including Dozens of Inspirational Bible Verses Inside (Christian Prayer Series Book 9)
Bizarre True Stories: Weird And Unusual True Stories Of The Paranormal, Strange Sightings, Eerie
True Ghost Stories And Unexplained Phenomena (True Paranormal ... True Ghost Stories And
Hauntings) Ghost Stories: Petrifying True Ghost Stories Of The Undead And Their Supernatural
Tales (Ghost Stories, True Ghost Stories, Conspiracy Theories, True Ghost ... And Hauntings,
Haunted Asylums, Book 1) True Ghost Stories And Hauntings: Horrifying True Paranormal
Hauntings From The Last 300 Years: Creepy True Ghost Stories And Accounts (True Ghost Stories,
True Paranormal, Bizarre True Stories) Chicken Soup for the Soul: Angels Among Us: 101
Inspirational Stories of Miracles, Faith, and Answered Prayers Dog Love - An Unbreakable Bond:
Inspirational Stories of Devotion, Loyalty and Courage Weight Watchers Start Living, Start Losing:
Inspirational Stories That Will Motivate You Now Giving Life, Inspirational Stories of Hope for Organ
Donors and Recipients A Cup Of Coffee With 12 Leading Dentists In The United States:
Inspirational short stories and valuable insights into a new era of dentistry Kurt Vonnegut: Novels &
Stories 1963-1973: Cat's Cradle / God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater / Slaughterhouse-Five / Breakfast
of Champions / Stories (Library of America, No. 216) Listening & Caring Skills: A Guide for Groups
and Leaders TOEFL® ITP Test: Listening, Grammar & Reading Listening Skills and Emotional
Intelligence Box Set Common Core Language Arts Workouts, Grade 6: Reading, Writing, Speaking,
Listening, and Language Skills Practice Learn to Listen, Listen to Learn, Level 2: Academic
Listening and Note-Taking, 3rd Edition Listening to Killers: Lessons Learned from My Twenty Years
as a Psychological Expert Witness in Murder Cases The Third Ear: On Listening to the World

[Dmca](#)