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Book Review: Lessons in Leadership

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Book Review: Lessons in Leadership, by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

I'm not a big fan of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's writing, former Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom. Not because I don't like him, God forbid, but because he is normally a bit highbrow for my taste in books. There are things about his style that I do like, but overall I normally have a difficult time reading his works.

Lessons in Leadership by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is a bit different, and I am enjoying it. Lessons in Leadership explores the weekly reading, the parshat hashavua, of the Torah in a short essay discussing a lesson in leadership gleaned for the weekly portion.

So far, in the few weeks of portions that I have read, the discussion is not overly philosophical, as much of his works are, but are focused on a single point - learning a leadership lesson from a central figure in the portion of the week.

For example, in the past weeks, Rabbi Sacks essays have discussed such leadership skills as knowing yourself rather than trying to be generic and popular, recovering from a difficult time and experience and setback, conformity or to not conform, and more. The table of contents has promising essays and topics coming up, and I look forward to reading those as well.

And besides for just his lesson in leadership, the book can be read as an interesting dvar torah on the weekly portion.

In his normal style, and this is something I like about all of Rabbi Sacks works (at least in the ones I have read), Rabbi Sacks uses real world examples with anecdotes from world leaders to drive home his point,

I like **Lessons in Leadership** so much, and think the idea is so important, that I have begun reading the essay on the weekly portion at my Shabbos table, as I think my kids, and myself, could benefit from the weekly lesson in leadership and discussion about it.

