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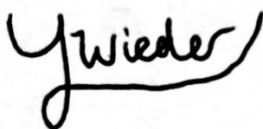
I enjoyed reading several entries from *From Bible to Buzzword*, a work that combines wisdom and wit in tracing the subtle and often surprising ways the weekly *parashot* have left their mark on the English language.

Dr. Avraham Roos takes the reader on an engaging and imaginative journey through Torah and translation, highlighting how sacred texts have shaped idioms, metaphors, and expressions across centuries of culture, far beyond the Jewish world.

The Torah begins not with action, but with speech. Creation itself is spoken into being, reminding us that words do not merely describe reality, they help shape it. In that spirit, this book shows that the words of Torah are not confined to the *beit midrash*. They are a living force, echoing through everyday dialogue, literature and politics.

While drawing on a wide range of sources, the author approaches his material with discernment. This book does not adopt the claim that Hebrew is the root of all languages, nor does it present speculative etymologies as settled fact. Not every linguistic link suggested in the book is beyond question, and some are clearly meant to be playful, but each is presented in a spirit of thoughtful and inquisitive exploration. The result is a rich tapestry of cultural resonances and historical intersections, with space for the reader to consider the plausibility of each insight.

*From Bible to Buzzword* offers readers a rich array of springboards for discussion and reflection. In a time when many seek fresh ways to connect with Torah texts and Jewish tradition, this book adds a lively and original voice to the conversation.



Chief Rabbi Yoni Wieder