

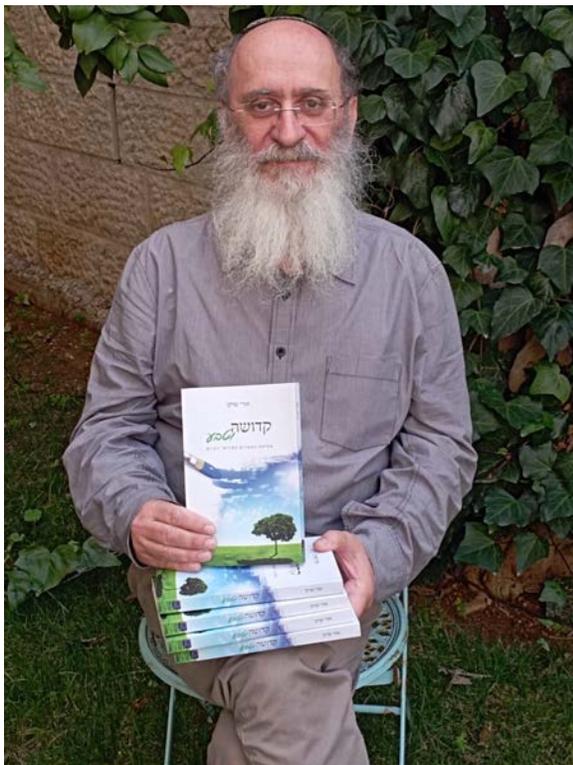
PRESS RELEASE

HOLINESS

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NATURE

ON THE ROOTS OF LIFE



TRANSLATED FROM HEBREW

414 PAGES

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BY RAV OURY CHERKI

« God reveals himself through everything, the holy as well as the profane. »

ENDORSEMENTS

« *Holiness and Nature* is an original and fascinating book that provides a unique perspective on a wide range of issues of concern to each of us ... I highly recommend it! »

Tzipi Hotovely, Israeli Ambassador in the United Kingdom

«...The genius of the book lies in the way Rabbi Cherki unpacks each of these weighty, and often complex, topics with simplicity and clarity, offering his readers access to deep insights that can enrich their life with inspiration and meaning ».

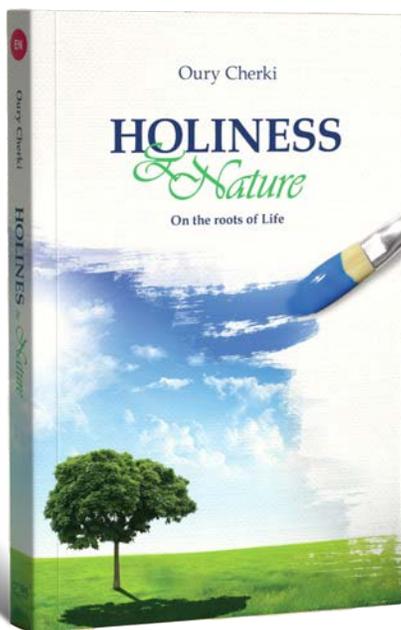
Natan Sharansky, Former Chairman of the Executive for the Jewish Agency

Release of the book

APRIL 2022

NEW

Rav Cherki's first full length English-language book



The book "Holiness and Nature" is a collection of essays covering a wide range of topics.

The Purpose of Life *The Evil Inclination *Free Will *The Religious Experience *The War of Ideas *Torah and Science *The Divine Origin of the Torah *Bible Criticism *How to study the Hebrew Bible *Philosophy and Prophecy *Truth and Beauty *Music *Towards a Theater of Revelation *Technology *Environmentalism *Vegetarianism *The Journey *Secularism and Knowing God *Holiness and Nature *The Pains of the Redemption *The Audacity of Repentance

Theme

Throughout this masterful book, Rav Oury Cherki offers the quintessence of long years of Torah study and a far-reaching reading in human affairs, allowing him to analyze a wide range of topical subjects which today seem to confront our societies.

Extracts

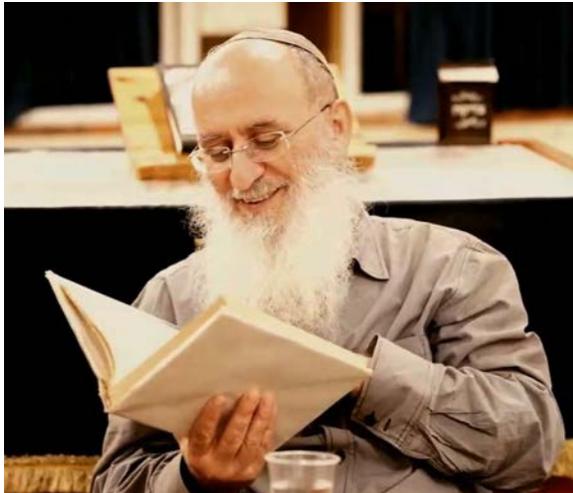
***Prophecy** is a phenomenon that has vanished from the world since the death of the last prophet, Malachi. We are not talking about creative inspiration or poetic flare, and not even the divine spirit which rested on the great Jewish scholars over the generations. Blaise Pascal, the French philosopher, defined prophecy as a state in which man speaks with God out of certainty, but the definition that arises from a straight-forward reading of scripture is precisely the opposite: prophecy is a state of certainty in which **God speaks to man...**

*The role of **philosophy** for the Jewish people is to comprehend intellectually what our forefathers understood through experience. While philosophy for the nations is only what the philosopher says to himself, philosophy for Israel is the attempt to grasp intellectually the content of values whose origin is in the **Infinite One...**

*We can learn two points from above regarding the Torah's attitude toward **technology**. First, that progress is desirable in God's eyes. Second, that God is interested in man's partnership in advancing technology. The God of Israel created the world incomplete, and he wants man to complete it through his actions, as expressed by the phrase "that God created to **do**" (Bereishit, 2:3)...

WHO IS?

Rav Oury Cherki



Professional career

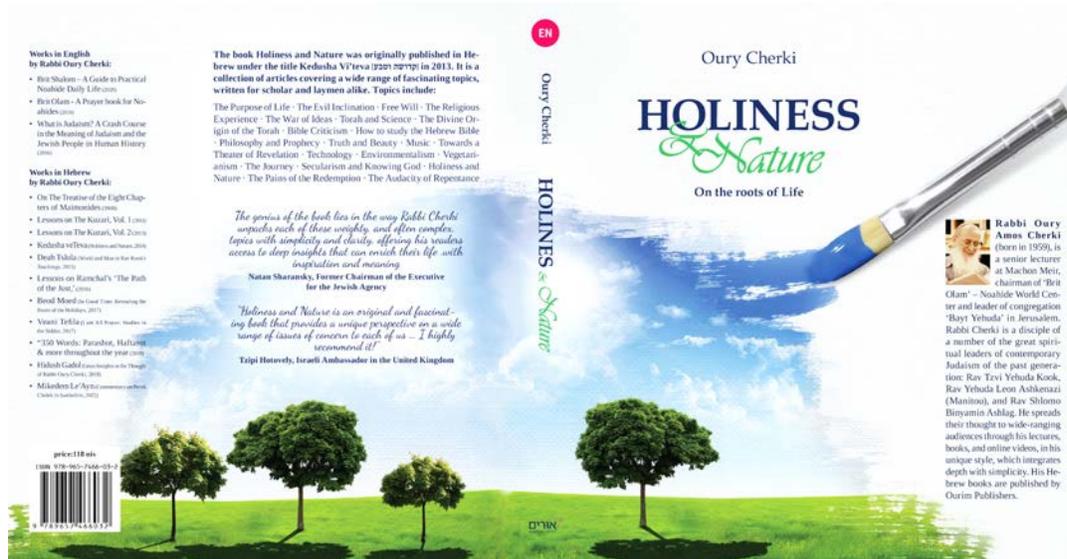
Rav Oury Cherki (b. 1959) is chairman of Brit Olam – Noahide World Center and has been a senior lecturer at Machon Meir for decades and lectured widely in Israel in Hebrew and French. He has published over 12 books and other essays with the Ourim Association founded for this purpose in 2005. He also established the School for Wisdom and Faith and leads the congregation Bayt Yehuda in Jerusalem.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oury_Amos_Cherki

Why this book, now?

“The collection of articles that I produced in Hebrew for the Israeli public is now presented to the English-speaking public. When it was published in Hebrew as Kedusha ve-Teva, I was primarily addressing an Israeli audience and, in particular, people with a relatively well-stocked background in Jewish tradition. Since then, my concerns have changed and I am now focusing more toward the general public of varied training whose identity and sensitivities may differ from that of the public for which these texts were originally intended. Even so, I am certain that these articles will arouse the interest of a wide-audience, Jewish and Non-Jewish, people with a stronger background in Jewish study and those with none at all. This is because they address questions of universal import, relevant to anyone wondering about the meaning of life and the answers that the tradition of Israel may have to offer.”

Oury Cherki, Jerusalem 5782 (2022)



More books

Works in English:

- * Brit Shalom – A Guide to Practical Noahide Daily Life (2020)
- * Brit Olam - A Prayer book for Noahides (2016)
- * What is Judaism? A Crash Course in the Meaning of Judaism and the Jewish People in Human History (2016)

Works in Hebrew:

- * On The Treatise of the Eight Chapters of Maimonides (2008)
- * Lessons on The Kuzari, Vol. 1 (2011)
- * Lessons on The Kuzari, Vol. 2 (2013)
- * Kedusha veTeva (Holiness and Nature, 2014)
- * Deah Tslula (World and Man in Rav Kook's Teachings, 2015)

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- * Lessons on Ramchal's 'The Path of the Just,' (2016)
- * Beod Moed (In Good Time: Revealing the Roots of the Holidays, 2017)
- * Veani Tefila (I am All Prayer: Studies in the Siddur, 2017)
- * "350 Words: Parashot, Haftarat & more throughout the year (2018)
- * Hidush Gadol (Great Insights in the Thought of Rabbi Oury Cherki, 2018)
- * Mikedem Le'Ayn (Commentary on Perek Chelek in Sanhedrin, 2021)
- * Siddour Beit Meluha for Yom Haatsmaout and Yom Yerushalayim (1998)

