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What's your app?

The last article I wrote about smartphone apps was back in November of 2012. It's about time I updated what I originally wrote.

If you have a smartphone, no matter what phone it is, you already have, by default, an app that will take you to the store where you can download apps. It might be called different things (depending on what phone you have) but they're functionally the same. You can either search for apps by name or browse by category. Note: be careful when downloading an app. Always read the permissions and double check what it's asking for access to. Think carefully about those permissions before installing an app.

This update, includes iOS and Android apps, plus some Windows Phone apps.

iOS - see iTunes store on phone

Shabbat Shalom is a great way to check Shabbos times around the world (and to know whether it's too late to call someone 5 time zones away). Available for FREE this app will work on your iPhone or iPod touch.

<u>Jewish Days</u> is a great little calendar app that will give you the date and meaning for each Jewish holiday. It will also export those dates for multiple years so that you can't lose track. It costs 99¢.

Android

<u>Daily Torah Study App</u> is a daily Torah portion from Chabad.org. The app has the Hebrew and the English for the portion itself and the Rashi commentary. This app is available for FREE.

<u>JStream – Jewish Music Streams</u> is a music app. Multiple Jewish radio stations are available to listen to on your phone. This app is available for FREE.



iOS and Android

<u>Siddur & Zmanim</u> is by Rusty Brick. It has weekly prayer texts in Hebrew and English along with minyan times, a Hebrew calendar, and blessings for the major holidays. It costs \$9.99.

<u>Tikun Korim</u> is also by Rusty Brick. This app may appeal to Bar/Bat Mitzvah students (or their parents) because it gives you the ability to study your parsha on the go. It costs \$19.99.

Windows

<u>Jewish Holidays</u> is a good calendar app. Available for FREE, it provides the secular dates for the holidays, a basic explanation and it even adjusts the times listed to your location using GPS.

<u>Auto Siddur Ari</u> provides the basic weekday afternoon and evening prayers, as well as grace after meals and other assorted blessings in Hebrew (with English titles and navigation) in Nusach Ari (Chabad Lubavich). The app automatically inserts seasonal additions and changes to the daily services.

Zmanim Shows zmanim (times of the day that are relevant to Jewish prayer and other rituals) for your exact location. Uses your GPS coordinates to give you the most accurate zmanim for where you are. It cost 99¢.

So, are you ready to pick your apps?