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Dear friends,

We are excited to share the 2027/5787 CCAR Press catalog, featuring new and forthcoming titles along with our complete collection of books, certificates, apps, and Visual T’filah™.

This year is the twentieth anniversary of ***Mishkan T’filah: A Reform Siddur***, published in 2007. This landmark prayer book revitalized Reform worship and has become an integral part of Jewish life. Coinciding with this anniversary, we are publishing ***Mishkan T’filah: Siddur for Shabbat Evening***, a comprehensively revised and updated edition for Friday night. The lightweight hardcover includes new readings and translations, additional songs, gender-neutral language options, and a refreshed layout. As with all of our books, discounts are available for congregations and other organizations; email info@ccarpress.org for more information.

Other new liturgical publications include ***Haggadah Shel Erev Rav: The Mixed Multitude Haggadah***, copublished with Central Synagogue in honor of Rabbi Angela W. Buchdahl’s twenty years at the congregation; Z-fold laminated cards for ***Consecration of a Burial Marker*** and ***Lighting a Memorial Candle***; and ***Mishkan T’filah for the House of Mourning Visual T’filah™***.

We are pleased to present three fascinating new paperbacks: ***Open Letters: On Life, Loss, Faith, and the Human Condition***, Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman’s fiftieth(!) book; ***On the Bread Trail: Jewish Baking Around the World***, featuring history, recipes, and spiritual connections; and ***The Sacred Vessel: Jewish Perspectives on the Body***, which addresses theology, disability, race, gender, and much more.

This past year saw two of our books honored with awards: ***The Sacred Struggle: Jewish Responses to Trauma*** won the bronze medal in the religion category at the Independent Publisher Book Awards, and ***Unfolding: A High Holy Day Companion*** was a finalist in poetry at the Next Generation Indie Book Awards. *Kol hakavod* to the authors, editors, and contributors!

Finally, we were pleased to launch a fully redesigned website, which makes it easier to find and browse our books. Check it out at ccarpress.org.

As always, we are indebted to the CCAR Press team—Rabbi Annie Villarreal-Belford, Deborah Smilow, Raquel Fairweather-Gallie, and Ella Maoz—for their work to usher these books into the world.

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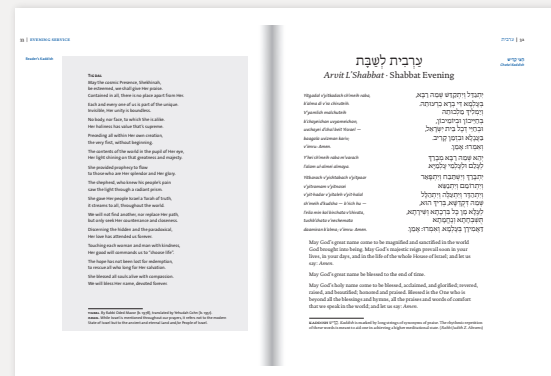


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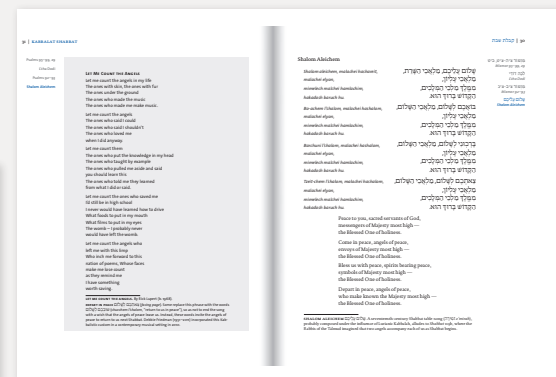
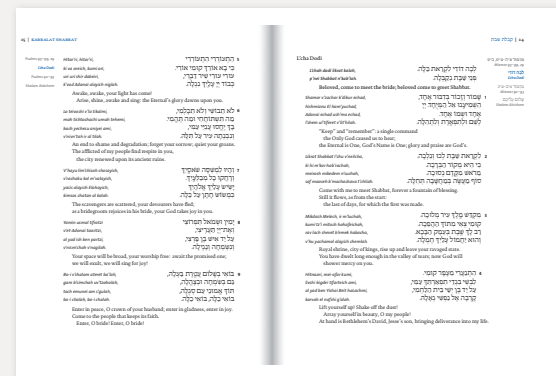
MISHKAN T’FILAH: SIDDUR FOR SHABBAT EVENING, TRANSLITERATED

CCAR Press is pleased to announce the publication of *Mishkan T’filah: Siddur for Shabbat Evening*, a comprehensively revised edition of the prayer book for Friday night. Since its publication in 2007, under the leadership of Rabbi Elyse Frishman, *Mishkan T’filah: A Reform Siddur* has reinvigorated worship and become a beloved part of the Jewish landscape. This new edition includes the complete *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Arvit* services, along with the Torah service for communities that read Torah on Friday nights as well as an appendix of favorite songs. This lightweight yet durable paperback features updated translations, full transliteration, additional liturgical texts, and a refreshed and streamlined layout. A wealth of new readings have been added to the left-hand pages, alongside indispensable classics. Gender-neutral and nonbinary options ensure that all worshipers can feel welcome. Songs that have become integral to Reform services in the past twenty years are conveniently placed next to prayers. *Mishkan T’filah: Siddur for Shabbat Evening* will rejuvenate your Shabbat experience.

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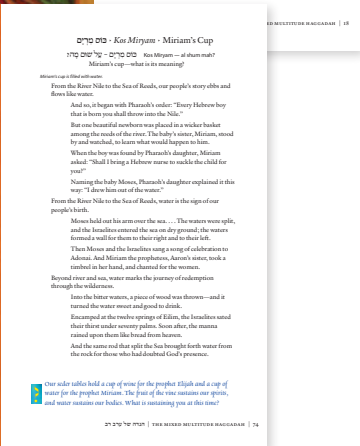
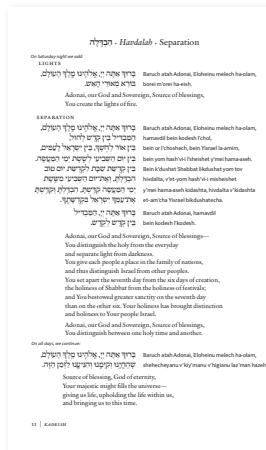
HAGGADAH SHEL EREV RAV: THE MIXED MULTITUDE HAGGADAH

Copublished by CCAR Press and Central Synagogue in celebration of Rabbi Angela W. Buchdahl's twentieth anniversary at the congregation

The Torah tells us that the Exodus from Egypt took place as a “mixed multitude,” a diverse assembly of Israelites and fellow travelers. *Haggadah Shel Erev Rav: The Mixed Multitude Haggadah* celebrates this sacred multivocality of the Jewish people, helping us rediscover the Passover story with fresh eyes and a vibrant imagination. It offers four unique pathways into the story—centering children, women, the call for social justice, and God’s presence in liberation. The lucid, inclusive translation and commentary are enhanced by original illustrations by Indian Jewish artist Siona Benjamin, presenting in gorgeous color. Deeply rooted in tradition yet alive with contemporary meaning, this beautiful Haggadah will transform your seder into a journey of reflection, connection, and renewal.

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On the Bread Trail: Jewish Baking Around the World

Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz | Foreword by Leah Koenig

On the Bread Trail takes readers on a captivating journey to uncover the deep historical, cultural, and spiritual connections embedded in a wide menu of Jewish breads. In this sequel to *On the Chocolate Trail*, Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz explores the values that inform Jewish baking, the cherished seasonal and holiday breads that adorn our tables, and the everyday breads that accompany us throughout our lives. *On the Bread Trail* feeds our souls with global recipes, historical insights, and delicious inspiration. From babka to *berches*, challah to *lachuch*, this book is a celebration of heritage, resilience, and the stories that emerge from Jewish kitchens around the world.

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Open Letters: On Life, Loss, Faith, and the Human Condition

Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, PhD | Foreword by Rabbi Lisa J. Grushcow, DPhil

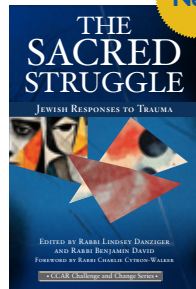
For over fifty years as a professor and author, Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, PhD, has been a beloved mentor, theologian, liturgist, and voice of profound spiritual insight. In *Open Letters*, this prolific scholar affirms that religion’s business is the human condition, the mystery of life itself—especially in times that threaten everything we hold dear. In recent years, the world has seen a global pandemic, democracy beleaguered, the Hamas attack on Israel, wars in Gaza and Ukraine, and rising antisemitism and hate. At the same time, Rabbi Hoffman experienced the loss of his beloved wife from cancer. In response, he penned a series of “open letters” melding Jewish tradition with insights from literature, science, and the humanities, seeking abiding wisdom to comfort and guide us. This book collects the best of these short essays along with new letters, each paired with an original introduction. *Open Letters* invites the reader into a deeply personal dialogue on what it means to be human in our time, exploring how religion generally—and Judaism specifically—offers hope at moments of crisis.

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New

The Sacred Struggle: Jewish Responses to Trauma

Edited by Rabbi Lindsey Danziger and Rabbi Benjamin David
Foreword by Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker

How do we find the strength to continue when dealing with traumatic experiences? *The Sacred Struggle* is a powerful anthology of personal stories, offering a deeply moving exploration of how Jewish wisdom can help us navigate life's most difficult moments. With stories including enduring the loss of a child, losing a loved one to suicide, surviving sexual assault, responding to a diagnosis of cancer, experiencing antisemitism and racism, and many more, this volume is rooted in vulnerability and resilience, revealing the profound ways Judaism offers tools for reflection, connection, and healing.

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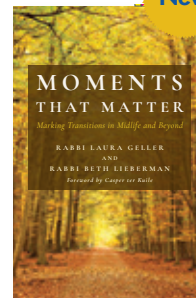
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BRONZE MEDAL: Independent Publisher Book Awards (Religion category)

Study and discussion guide available at sacredstruggle.ccarpress.org



New

Moments That Matter: Marking Transitions in Midlife and Beyond

Rabbi Laurie Geller and Rabbi Beth Lieberman

Moments That Matter offers a fresh perspective on life's later chapters, transforming them into opportunities for personal growth, meaning, and renewal. With warmth and wisdom, Rabbi Laurie Geller and Rabbi Beth Lieberman explore the unique challenges and joys of midlife and beyond, from launching children to launching oneself anew, navigating retirement, downsizing and moving, facing illness and caregiving, and embracing love at any age. The chapters weave Jewish wisdom with practical rituals, interspersed with personal stories and ways to adapt each ceremony for a communal setting. *Moments That Matter* empowers readers to embrace these milestones with creativity and intention, offering tools to craft personalized and deeply moving rituals that honor the complexity of this rich stage of life.

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New

Unfolding: A High Holy Day Companion

Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar

Unfolding: A High Holy Day Companion invites readers into a contemplative spiritual exploration of the holiest months of the Jewish year. With a poet's heart and a seeker's soul, Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar leads us on an introspective journey through sacred moments, from the solemnity of Tishah B'Av to the self-reflection of Yom Kippur. With each chapter, the reader is invited to linger on themes of beauty, memory, repentance, and forgiveness. Woven with Biblical, Rabbinic, and liturgical texts, *Unfolding* is a journey into the inner landscape where our deepest questions reside. Whether you follow the calendar's rhythm or allow passages to find you serendipitously, these pages are a spiritual companion, offering meditations on a voyage of self-reflection, meaning, purpose, and love.

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Striving to Be Human: Jewish Perspectives on Twenty-First-Century Questions

Edited by Rabbi Leah Cohen Tenenbaum and Rabbi Douglas Kohn
Foreword by Rabbinit Sara Tillinger Wolkenfeld

In his clarion call for ethical behavior, Rabbi Hillel tells us, "In a place where there is no humanity, strive to be human." But what exactly does it mean to be human, especially in an age of rapid transformation? *Striving to Be Human* confronts this question with boldness, hope, and a foundation of Jewish wisdom. The volume begins with "Challenges from Within Us," addressing such topics as moral justice, belonging, queer theology, and good and evil. In part two, "Challenges from Beyond Us," the authors delve into artificial intelligence, robotics, reproductive technologies, and the animal-human relationship. The result is a profound conversation about Jewish values and human dignity in our evolving landscape.

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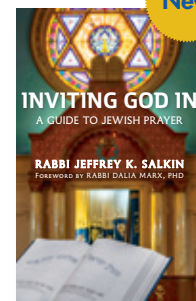
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New

Inviting God In: A Guide to Jewish Prayer

Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin | Foreword by Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD

Inviting God In is an engaging and insightful commentary on the Shabbat evening and morning services by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin, the author of *Putting God on the Guest List*. Designed for students of all ages, from bet mitzvah to adulthood, the book's relatable tone and discussion questions meaningfully engage readers in the worship service they are leading or attending. Rabbi Salkin breaks down each prayer and ritual, helping learners connect to the service with fresh insight and knowledge. With a blend of humor and depth, *Inviting God In* shows how the ancient words of prayer still speak to the challenges and joys of contemporary life.

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Tashlich Card

The *Tashlich* ritual guides us in the spiritual practice of casting away regrets and renewing intention for the Jewish new year. Rediscover the power of *Tashlich* with the CCAR's service for this beloved High Holy Day tradition. Designed for use by individuals, families, and communities, this beautiful and accessible resource—a Z-fold, laminated companion to *Mishkan HaNefesh*—features lyrics to seasonal melodies, evocative readings, and cherished prayers, with full translation and transliteration. The card also includes a brief history of the ritual as well as thoughtful suggestions for interpreting it for today's world. The CCAR *Tashlich* service brings depth, creativity, and relevance to this annual tradition.

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Consecration of a Burial Marker: Unveiling Service

This Z-fold, laminated pamphlet offers prayers, readings, and songs to comfort the bereaved at an unveiling service to consecrate a burial marker. Designed for use by both clergy and laypeople, it includes traditional and contemporary texts.

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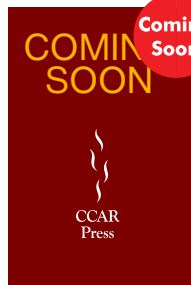
New

Lighting a Memorial Candle: For Yahrzeit and Yizkor

This Z-fold, laminated pamphlet provides a ritual for lighting a memorial candle for deceased loved ones. It is designed for use by both clergy and laypeople, at home or in a synagogue, for yahrzeit or Yizkor. The pamphlet includes biblical and contemporary readings, Mourner's Kaddish, and a guide to customs.

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The Sacred Vessel: Jewish Perspectives on the Body

Edited by Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar and Rabbi April Davis

How does Judaism understand the role of our physical bodies? *The Sacred Vessel* presents a comprehensive look at this question, addressing such topics as embodiment in theology and prayer, disability, queer and trans bodies, body modification, race and the Jewish body, and many more. Drawing on Jewish texts, the authors share personal stories and provide practical guidance on how communities can be inclusive of all bodies.

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Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

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Edited by Rabbi Melissa Buyer, RJE

Art by Mark Podwal

This *machzor* for youth and families is a companion to *Mishkan HaNefesh*. This full color *machzor*, beautifully illustrated by the award-winning artist Mark Podwal, contains both an evening and a morning service. Like *Mishkan HaNefesh*, it is completely transliterated and includes inspiring, age-appropriate alternative readings and poetry, as well as a full song section.

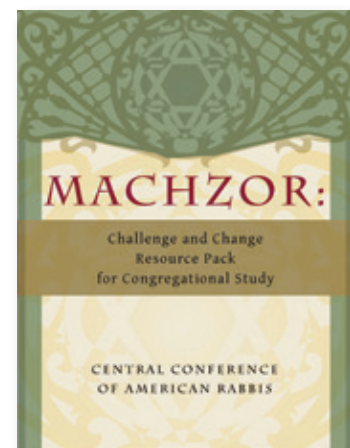
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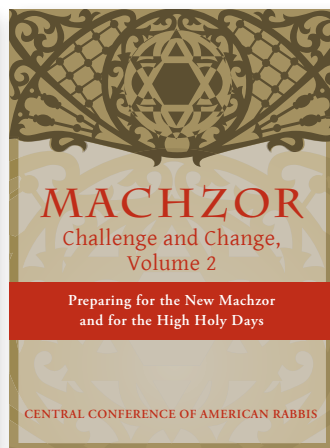
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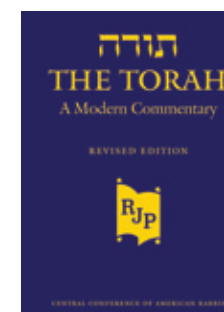
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This groundbreaking publication fills a need for a handy source for Shabbat, weekday, and holiday blessings and songs. Created by NFTY, this attractive, pocket-size volume can be used in the home, the synagogue, camps, youth groups, weddings, and anywhere else that Jews gather.

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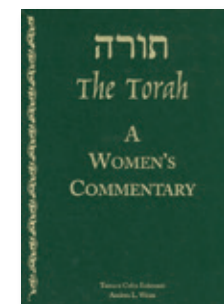
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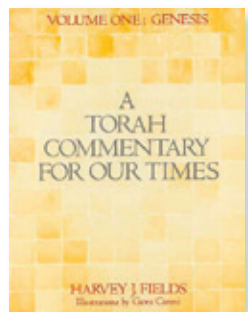
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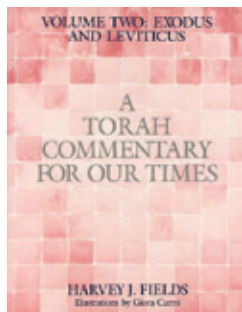


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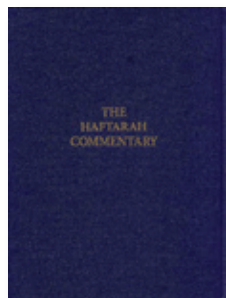
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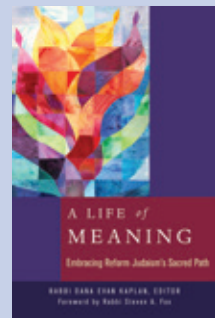
Rabbi S. David Sperling, Consulting Editor

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To You I Call: Psalms Throughout Our Lives

Rabbi Jade Sank Ross | Foreword by Rabbi Elyse D. Frishman

Psalms have been part of Jewish ritual and liturgy for centuries, expressing praise to God, feelings of sorrow and longing, and much more. *To You I Call* is an invitation to make the ancient words of psalms part of our daily lives. The book pairs seventy-two psalms with a range of life moments, from giving birth to retirement to experiencing antisemitism—times of grief and gratitude, anticipation and despair, pain and relief. Rabbi Sank Ross's original, authentic framing and Rabbi Richard N. Levy's beautiful, contemporary translations let readers forge a deep and personal connection with the words of the Psalmist. With sensitivity and vulnerability, *To You I Call* brings the psalms to life for our lives, today.

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The First Fifty Years: A Jubilee in Prose and Poetry Honoring Women Rabbis

Edited by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Jessica Greenbaum, and Rabbi Hara E. Person

The ordination of Rabbi Sally J. Priesand in 1972 was a watershed moment in Jewish history. In *The First Fifty Years*, contributors from across the Jewish and gender spectrums reflect on the meaning of this moment and the ensuing decades, both personally and for the Jewish community. In short pieces of new prose, authors—many of them pioneering rabbis—share stories, insights, analyses, and celebrations of women in the rabbinate. These are intertwined with a wealth of poetry that poignantly captures the spirit of this anniversary. The volume is a deep, heartfelt tribute to women rabbis and their indelible impact on all of us.

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From Time to Time: Journeys in the Jewish Calendar

Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD

Translated by Rabbi Peretz A. Rodman | Foreword by Rabbi David Ellenson, PhD

Time is fundamental to the human experience, and in Judaism it is even more—time is sanctified. Understanding the Jewish calendar is thus essential for fully comprehending Judaism. In *From Time to Time*, Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD, presents a fascinating exploration of the treasures of the Jewish year. The book artfully blends traditional and contemporary perspectives on each Hebrew month and its holidays. Rabbi Marx's insights are paired with striking illustration; each month also features a diverse selection of poetry and prayers. Taking a distinctively Israeli, feminist, and progressive approach, *From Time to Time* is a comprehensive, indispensable companion you will want to return to each season.

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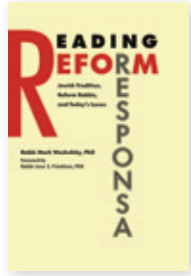
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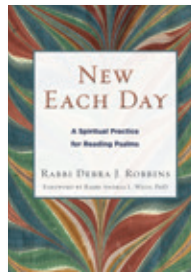
Rabbi Mark Washofsky, PhD | Foreword by Rabbi Joan S. Friedman, PhD

The responsa literature, in which rabbis answer questions about halachah (Jewish law), is a vast treasury reaching back nearly fifteen centuries; Reform rabbis have been writing responsa since the 1800s. In *Reading Reform Responsa*, Rabbi Mark Washofsky, PhD, presents a deep dive into this literature, boldly arguing that Reform Judaism is indeed a movement fundamentally based on halachah. By inviting and guiding readers to understand Reform responsa with a critical eye, he shows that our movement has always been informed by Jewish law as well as Reform history. A teacher and mentor of generations of students at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Washofsky gives us a peek inside his classroom, making Reform responsa—and their history, framing, and context—engaging and accessible for all. **Study and discussion guide available at responsa.ccarpress.org**

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New Each Day: A Spiritual Practice for Reading Psalms

Rabbi Debra J. Robbins | Foreword by Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, PhD

Every day of the year, Jewish liturgy includes the *Shir Shel Yom*, a psalm recited to mark the day of the week. *New Each Day* by Rabbi Debra J. Robbins breathes new life into this ancient practice, inviting us to engage with psalms in a fresh, inspiring way. Daily “Reflections for Focus” offer unique insights on each psalm, with a structure for meditation and writing that encourages the reader to develop their own personal routine. Reflections for each month, based on the psalm for Rosh Chodesh, provide a full year of spiritual practice. Just as Rabbi Robbins did for the High Holy Day season in *Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27*, *New Each Day* guides us along the journey of the year with intention and meaning.

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The Way of Humanity: According to Chasidic Teaching

Translated by Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman, DHL, and Gabriel E. Padawer, ScD

Forewords by Paul Mendes-Flohr, PhD, and Rabbi Joseph A. Skloot, PhD

Martin Buber (1878–1965) was one of the most influential Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century. A philosopher, seeker, and nurturer of dialogue, he responded to the complexities of his times by affirming the fullness of interpersonal encounter and the spiritual everyday. In 1947, Buber delivered lectures interpreting six traditional Chasidic stories to a German-speaking audience, published as *The Way of Humanity*. In the first new English translation in over half a century, Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman, DHL, and

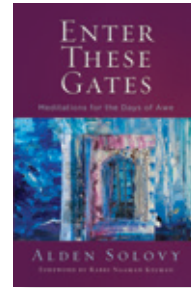
Dr. Gabriel E. Padawer, ScD, z”l, bring the work to contemporary readers in a clear, accessible voice. The teachings within highlight the subversion and innovation of the early Chasidic masters of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, while providing meaningful spiritual guidance and insight for any seeker today.

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Enter These Gates: Meditations for the Days of Awe

Alden Solovy | Foreword by Rabbi Naamah Kelman

Enter These Gates is a High Holy Day companion for our times, with more than one hundred new poems, prayers, and meditations for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Poet-liturgist Alden Solovy draws from his unique spirit to blend today's struggles and joys with classic themes, layering a contemporary voice into beloved motifs. *Enter These Gates* is a vital resource for individual prayer, study, and communal worship. Themes include confession, repentance, forgiveness, and memory, as well as frailty, seeing holiness, and what Solovy calls “the ancient journey.” A companion to the *machzor*, *Enter These Gates* offers a fresh yet deeply rooted approach to heightening our experience of the Days of Awe.

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Re-forming Judaism: Moments of Disruption in Jewish Thought

Edited by Rabbi Stanley M. Davids and Leah Hochman, PhD

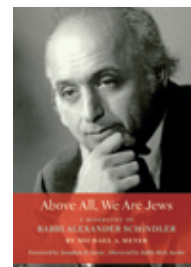
Throughout Jewish history, revolutionary events and subversive ideas have burst onto the scene, transforming everything in their path. *Re-forming Judaism* seeks to explore these ideas—and the individuals behind them—by delving into historical disruptions that led to lasting change in Jewish thought. A distinguished array of scholars take us on a journey from the disruptive prophets of ancient times, through rational, mystical, and extremist medievalists, to the impact of Haskalah and early Reform thought in modernity. Contemporary innovations such as changes in liturgy and music, feminism, and post-Holocaust theology are included, as are insights into the Sephardic experience.

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Above All, We Are Jews: A Biography of Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Michael A. Meyer | Foreword by Jonathan D. Sarna

Afterword by Rabbi Rick Jacobs

Rabbi Alexander Schindler was an extraordinarily influential leader in the history of Reform Judaism. From 1973 to 1996, he served as president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (today's URJ), where his charisma and vision raised the Reform Movement to unprecedented influence. Never afraid to be controversial, he argued for recognizing patrilineal descent, institutionalized outreach to interfaith families and non-Jews, and championed LGBTQ rights and racial equality. In this nuanced biography, historian Michael A. Meyer draws on extensive archival research and interviews to paint a definitive portrait of Schindler's life.

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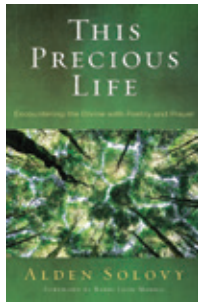
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This Precious Life: Encountering the Divine with Poetry and Prayer

Alden Solovy | Foreword by Rabbi Leon Morris

In *This Precious Life*, liturgist Alden Solovy presents prayers, poetry, and meditations inspired by encounters with God. The first part draws from divine moments in our sacred texts, mostly the Torah but also the Prophets and the Writings. Using a contemporary voice, Solovy imagines these holy moments as experienced by our biblical ancestors so we can reclaim them as our own. The second part focuses on sacred moments in our daily lives, connections with the Divine that occur simply because we are human beings created in God's image. Equally suited to individual reflection and group prayer, the book completes a trilogy with *This Grateful Heart* and *This Joyous Soul*.

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This Joyous Soul: A New Voice for Ancient Yearnings

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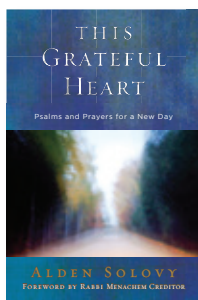
Like its predecessor, *This Grateful Heart*, this volume of creative liturgy opens a door into the transformative power of prayer. Structured to reflect the morning service found within *Mishkan T'filah*, this collection invites a deeply personal prayer experience that will strengthen our connection to Judaism and to the Reform siddur.

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This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day

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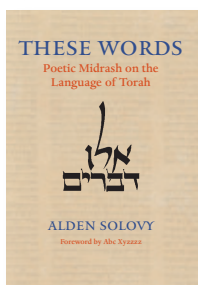
These beautiful readings offer us modern day psalms and new prayers to inspire our days, mark our milestones, and lift up the moments of our lives. For clergy, this collection offers supplementary material to use in services and life cycle rituals; for the individual, this collection can serve as a way to give voice to the joy and sorrows of daily living.

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These Words: Poetic Midrash on the Language of Torah

Alden Solovy | Foreword by Rabba Yaffa Epstein

In *These Words*, liturgist Alden Solovy distills the Torah into its very essence: the individual words it contains. Echoing the midrash that the Torah has seventy faces, Solovy selects seventy of its Hebrew words that are pregnant with meaning. For each word, he delves into its etymology, translation, and usage, providing deeper insights into familiar texts. Then Solovy presents a beautiful poem—what he calls “poetic midrash”—inspired by and interpreting each word. From *b'reishit* (“in the beginning”) to *shamayim* (“heavens”) to *zachor* (“remember”), *These Words* will change the way you look at the language of the Torah.

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Seven Days, Many Voices: Insights into the Biblical Story of Creation

Edited by Rabbi Benjamin David

Few stories are as compelling as the Creation story in the Book of Genesis. Our readings of creation are incredibly diverse. This collection gives us a lens into a wide range of creative and inspirational thinking about Creation. Thinkers such as Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Dr. Alyssa Gray, Rabbi Aaron Panken, PhD, Rabbi Mira Wasserman, PhD, Rabbi Jill Jacobs, and many others examined the Creation story through fields of midrash, biblical criticism, literature, theology, climate justice, human rights, history, and science. This diverse collection of some of today's finest thinkers will challenge assumptions and spark new ideas. Great for individual study or community learning.

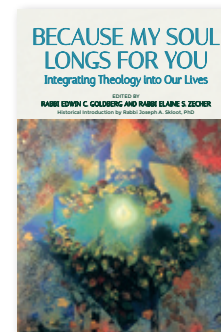
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Because My Soul Longs for You: Integrating Theology into Our Lives

Edited by Rabbi Edwin C. Goldberg and Rabbi Elaine S. Zecher

Because My Soul Longs for You seeks to answer one of the most enduring human questions: Where can we find God in our lives? While Jewish theologians have long pondered the “God question” from ethical and philosophical perspectives, the last century has made space for a more experiential theology: God is present in our lived experiences. Radical amazement, to use Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's phrase, can be found in everyday life. Contributors to this volume share how they welcome God's presence into their lives, as well as the theological language they use to think and speak about this presence. Chapters explore how we experience God through prayer, text study, poetry, food, music, service, movement, meditation, interpersonal connection, and much more.

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Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments

Edited by Rabbi Oren Hayon

This anthology gives voice to the many diverse and contemporary perspectives about each of the Ten Commandments. Written by an impressive collection of rabbis and scholars, the volume allots two chapters for each of the Commandments in order to engage with the ways in which these timeless utterances have inspired contemporary laws, ethics, and moral guidelines.

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The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices of Liberal Zionism

Edited by Rabbi Stanley M. Davids and Rabbi Lawrence A. Englander

This collection of essays, some of which vigorously disagree with each other,

asks the question of how we approach the subject of Zionism without further widening the rifts between us. Meant to be a conversation starter, this book wrestles with and attempts to frame the very fragile dialogue surrounding Zionism and Israel in the 21st century Progressive Jewish community. There is as much listening as there is talking in this important collection as it provides a challenging yet vital basis on which to explore liberal Zionism today.

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Recharging Judaism: How Civic Engagement Is Good for Synagogues, Jews, and America

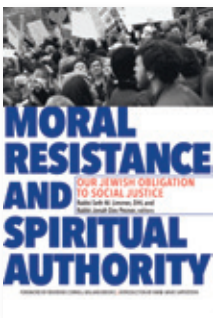
Rabbi Judith Schindler and Judy Seldin-Cohen

This volume is the essential and timely guide for every synagogue and community working for social justice in America. Based on extensive research among synagogues already making an impact, the authors present models for communities to achieve success in making decisions about how and in what areas to get involved. *Recharging Judaism* shows how civic engagement can strengthen communities and unite us on our journey towards lasting change.

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Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice

Edited by Rabbi Seth M. Limmer, DHL and Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner

Foreword by Reverend Cornell William Brooks

Introduction by Rabbi David Saperstein

This foundational new book reminds us of our ancient obligation to bring justice to the world. The essays in this collection explore the spiritual underpinnings of our Jewish commitment to justice, using Jewish text and tradition, as well as contemporary sources and models. Among the topics covered are women's health, LGBTQ rights, healthcare, racial justice, speaking truth to power, and community organizing.

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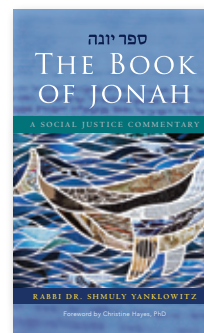
Deepening the Dialogue: Jewish-Americans and Israelis Envisioning the Jewish-Democratic State

Edited by Rabbi Stanley M. Davids and Rabbi John Rosove
Rabbi Judith Schindler and Rabbi Noa Sattath, Consulting Editors
Rabbi Efrat Rotem and Rabbi Yoni Regev, Translators

Using the vision embedded in Israel's Declaration of Independence as a template, this anthology presents a unique and comprehensive dialogue between North American Jews and Israelis about the present and future of the State of Israel. With each essay published in both Hebrew and English, *Deepening the Dialogue* is the first of its kind, outlining cultural barriers as well as the immediate need to come together in conversation around the vision of a democratic solution for our nation state.

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The Book of Jonah: A Social Justice Commentary

Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

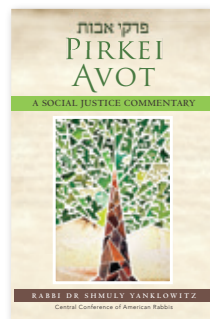
Foreword by Christine Hayes, PhD

The Book of Jonah is a unique text in the Jewish canon. Among the shortest books in the Bible, it is also one of the most mysterious and morally ambiguous. Who is this prophet running from God, hiding at the bottom of the ocean? Why does he struggle with God's mission to save and forgive Israel's enemies? In this volume, Rabbi Dr. Yanklowitz shows that the Book of Jonah delivers a message of human responsibility in a shared world. Illuminating such contemporary ethical issues as animal welfare, incarceration, climate change, weapons of mass destruction, and Jewish-Muslim relations, this social justice commentary urges us to join in repairing a broken world—a call that we, unlike Jonah, must hasten to answer.

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Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary

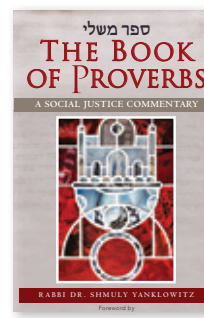
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Pirkei Avot is the urtext of Jewish practical wisdom. In many ways, *Pirkei Avot* was the first recorded manifesto of social justice in Western civilization. This commentary explores the text through a lens of contemporary social justice and moral philosophy, engaging both classical commentators and modern thinkers.

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The Book of Proverbs: A Social Justice Commentary

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Foreword by Rabbi Laura Geller

The Book of Proverbs, attributed to King Solomon, is a profound collection of Jewish wisdom, song, and inspiration. Yet to contemporary readers, the text can appear vague, ambiguous, and contradictory. In this refreshing and relevant commentary, Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz challenges us to find modern meaning in this ancient text. Using his signature blend of social justice practice and Jewish thought from throughout history, Rabbi Yanklowitz shows how the words of Proverbs are strikingly pertinent to issues we face today. Drawing on a wide range of sources, Rabbi Yanklowitz explores such topics as income inequality, feminism, animal rights, environmentalism, and many more. The author's commentary is paired with the full text of Proverbs so readers can glean their own insights.

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Edited by Rabbi Barry H. Block

Foreword by Alan Morinis, DPhil | Introductory Essay by Rabbi Lisa L. Goldstein

This mussar-based commentary is a vital resource for Torah study, offering a thoughtful analysis of each of the 54 weekly *parashiyot*. Each essay in this anthology juxtaposes a *parashah* with one of the mussar *middot* (character traits as described within the Jewish school of ethics called mussar), thereby providing an applied lens of mussar teachings that helps us to delve deeper into our tradition with increased mindfulness and intention.

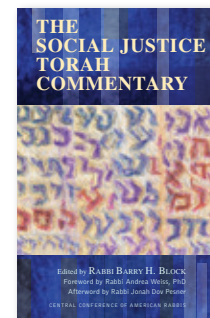
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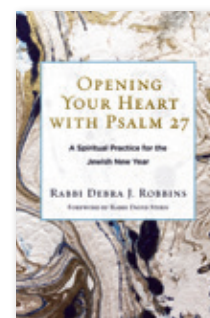
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Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27: A Spiritual Practice for the Jewish New Year

Rabbi Debra J. Robbins | Foreword by Rabbi David Stern

This volume is a compelling invitation to meditate on the deeper meaning of the fourteen verses of Psalm 27. During the month of Elul and season of the Fall Festivals, we reflect upon our relationships, choices, beliefs, and practices, considering where to repair, adjust, and atone. *Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27* provides gentle guidance through this journey of reflection, offering heartfelt insight, profound translation, and an invaluable framework for meaningfully participation in this annual spiritual practice.

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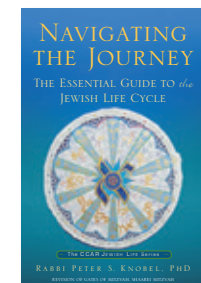
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Mishkan Moeid: A Guide to the Jewish Seasons (Revised Edition of *Gates of the Seasons*)

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Foreword by Rabbi Michael Marmur, PhD

Mishkan Moeid, newly revised and updated from the CCAR classic, *Gates of the Seasons*, is a survey of the sacred days of the Jewish yearly cycle that provides detailed guidance on observing Shabbat and the Jewish holidays, including historical background, essays, and extensive notes.

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The Book of Blessings: New Jewish Prayers for Daily Life, the Sabbath, and the New Moon Festival

By Marcia Falk, with new essays by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Rabbi Naamah Kelman, Rabbi Dalia Marx, and Rabbi David Ellenson.

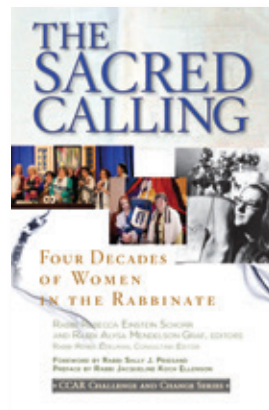
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The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate

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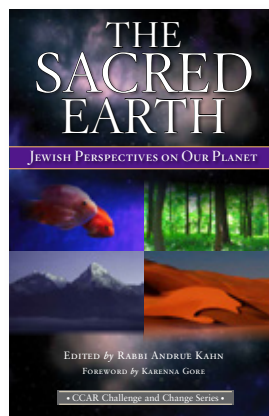
Women have been rabbis for over forty years. No longer are women rabbis a unique phenomenon; rather, they are part of the fabric of Jewish life. In this anthology, rabbis and scholars from across the Jewish world reflect back on the historic significance of women in the rabbinate and explore issues related to both the professional and personal lives of women rabbis. This collection examines the ways in which the reality of women in the rabbinate has impacted all aspects of Jewish life, including congregational culture, liturgical development, life cycle ritual, the Jewish healing movement, spirituality, theology, and more.

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The Sacred Earth: Jewish Perspectives on Our Planet

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The Torah begins by setting forth the heavens and the Earth as God's creation, impelling humanity to steward our planet for its own sake and for its ability to nurture our lives. Yet the human-Divine-environment relationship seems to be in perpetual crisis. *The Sacred Earth* is a contemporary Jewish response to the looming threat of climate change, the widespread desire for experiential spirituality rooted in nature, and the continually changing relationship between humanity, nature, technology, and the Divine. The leading thinkers in this collection reflect on human vulnerability in the face of forces of nature, examine conceptions of our place in cosmology, and grapple with environmental destruction. Ultimately, with hope, they creatively explore ways to redeem this sacred Earth.

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The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic

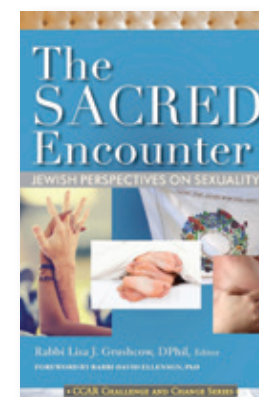
Edited by Rabbi Mary L. Zamore

The Sacred Exchange creates a rich and varied discussion about the ethics of money. Our use of and relationship with money must reflect our religious values—this book aims to start a comprehensive conversation about how Judaism can guide us in this multi-faceted relationship.

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The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality

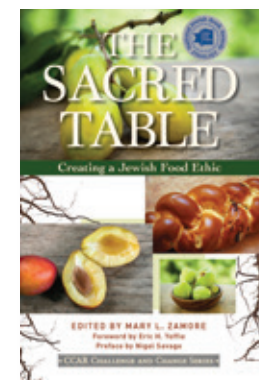
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This wide-ranging anthology takes a close look at the breadth of human sexuality from a Jewish perspective. The essays begin with a look at biblical and rabbinic views on sexuality, and then proceed to explorations of sexuality at different moments in the life cycle, sexuality and the marital model, diverse expressions of sexuality, examples of sexuality education, the nexus of sexuality and theology, and the challenges of contemporary sexual ethics. *The Sacred Encounter* is a thought-provoking and important Jewish resource. Perfect for personal study, or for high school or adult classes.

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The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic

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Foreword by Eric H. Yoffie | Preface by Nigel Savage

This timely anthology explores many aspects of the Jewish ethics related to food and eating. Includes historical essays, personal reflections, contemporary challenges, and widely differing views. Great for personal or group study.

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Songs Ascending: The Book of Psalms in a New Translation with Textual and Spiritual Commentary

By Rabbi Richard N. Levy

This beautiful, poetic translation by Rabbi Levy of the Book of Psalms, with textual commentary that will take you inside the translation process, will help you to understand the choices each psalm's author seems to have made, and the choices facing us in the 21st century as we try to make each psalm our own. The spiritual commentary asks: To what events, struggles or triumphs in our own lives might this psalm speak? How might this psalm articulate an aspect of our spiritual lives, and how might it help us celebrate a holiday or another special day? How might it accompany us when we are ill or visiting someone who is ill? How might it provide comfort when we have lost someone dear to us?

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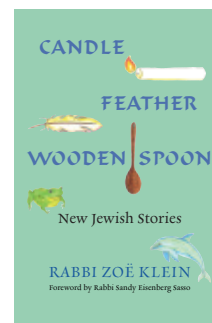
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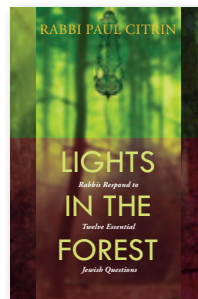
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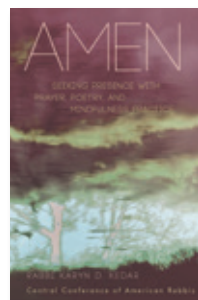
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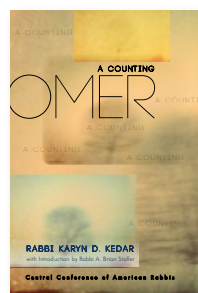
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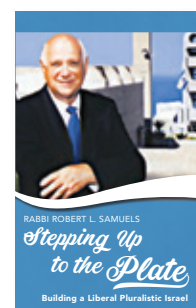


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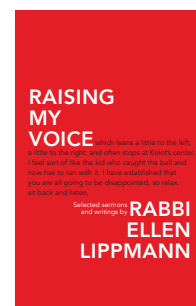
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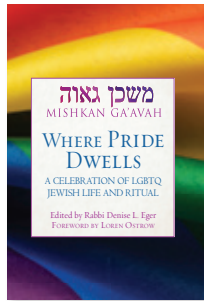
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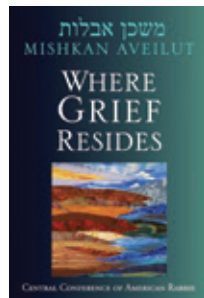
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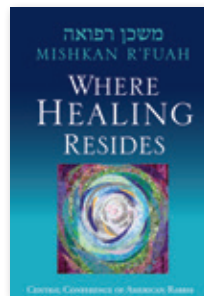
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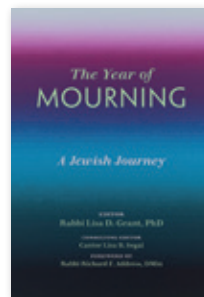
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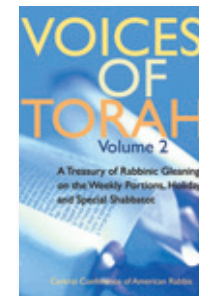
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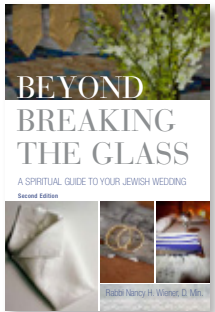
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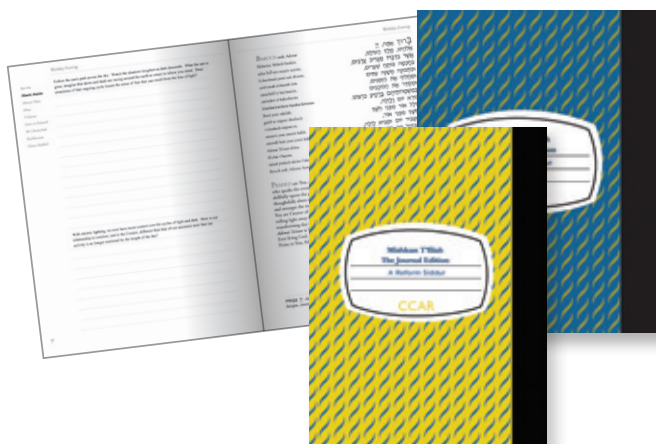
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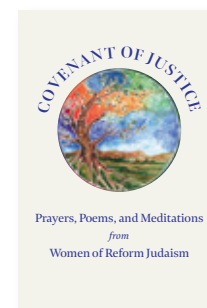
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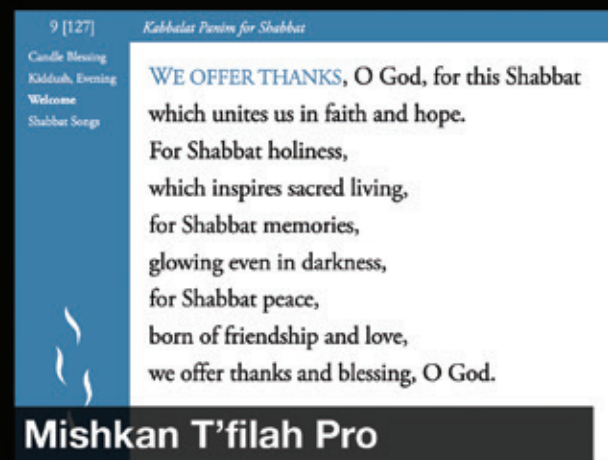
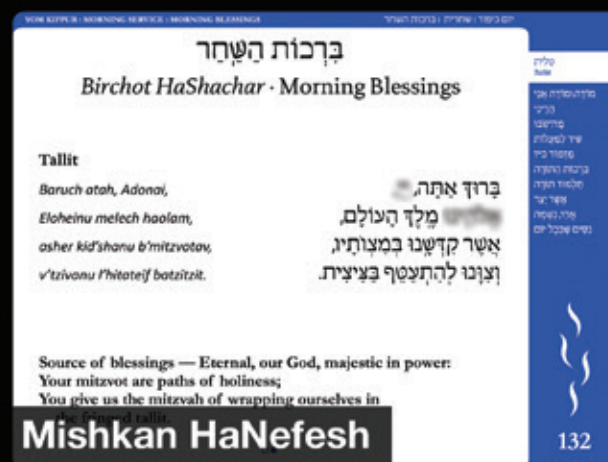
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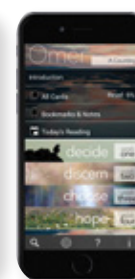
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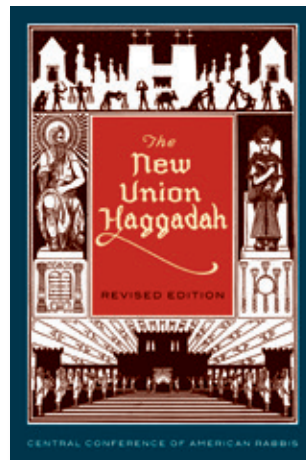
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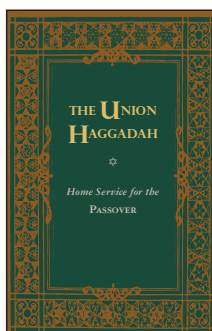


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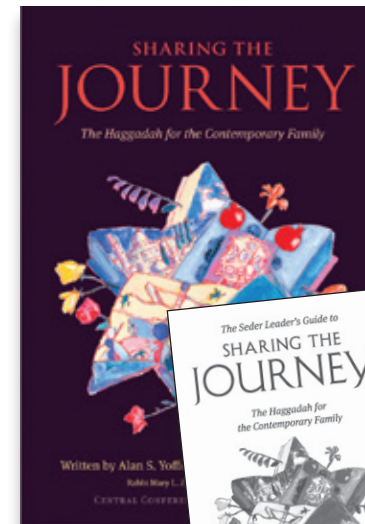
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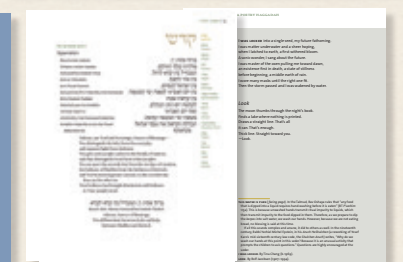
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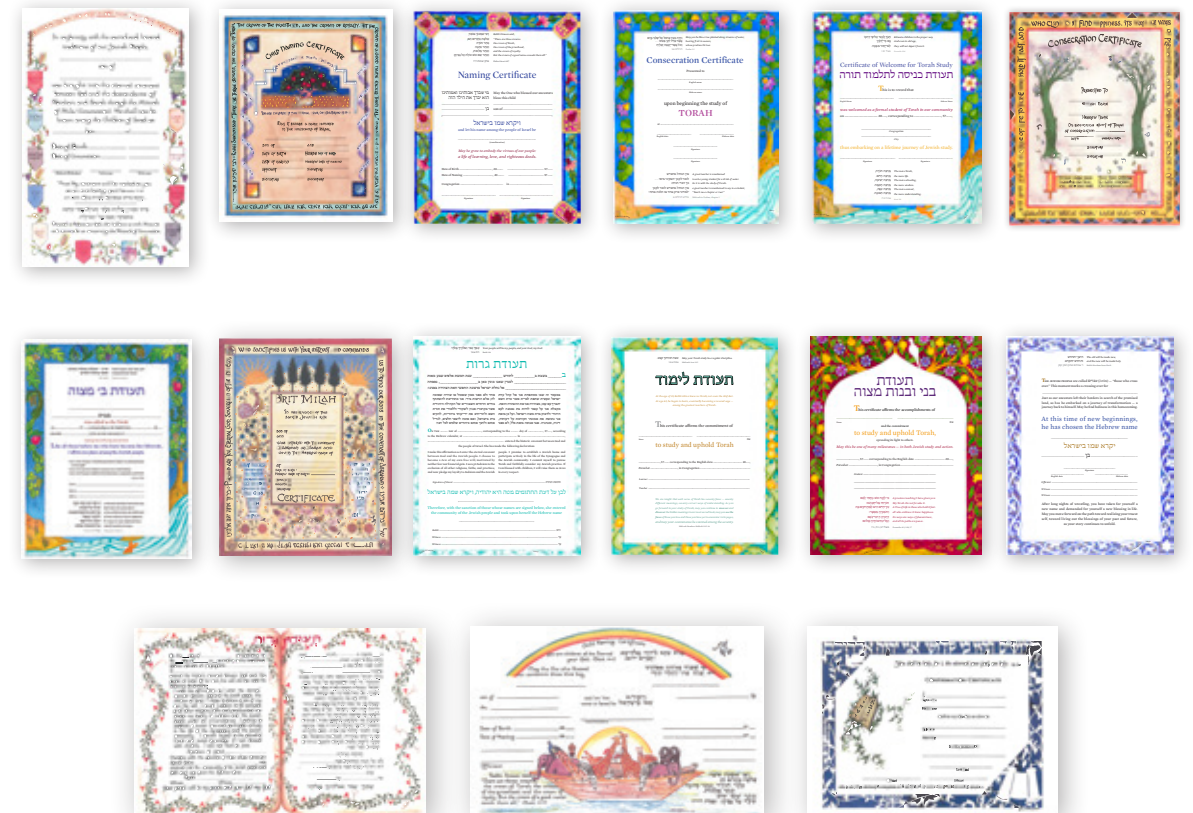
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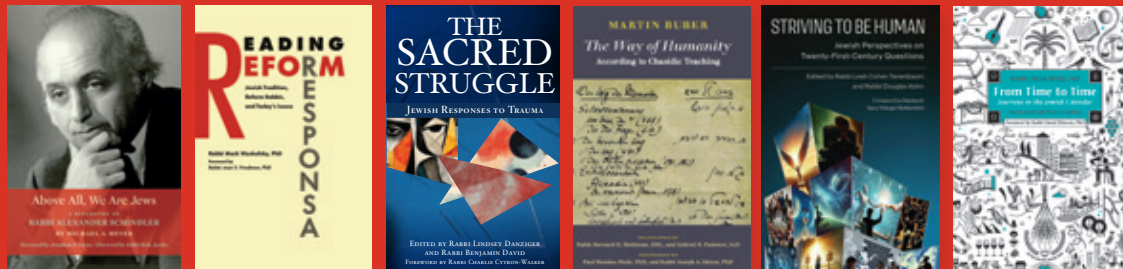
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