

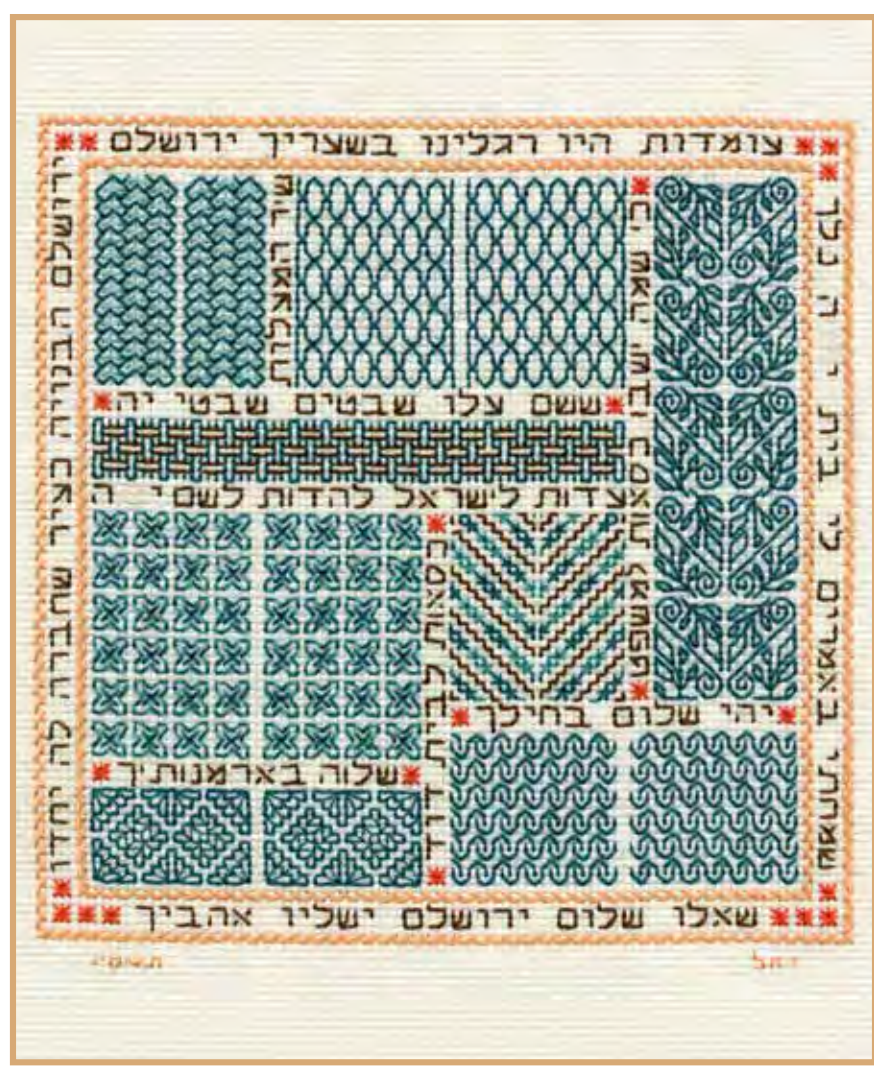


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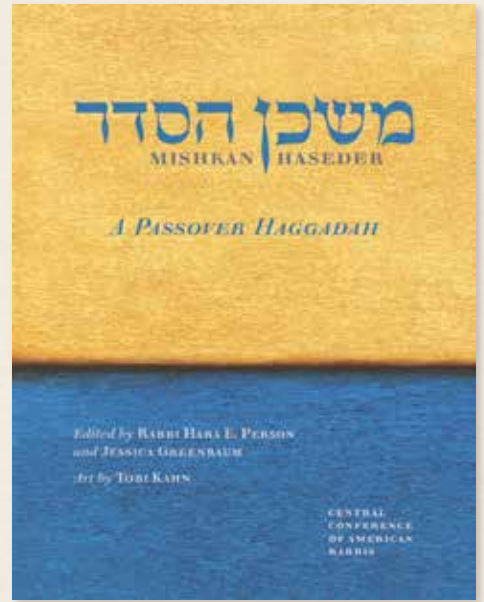
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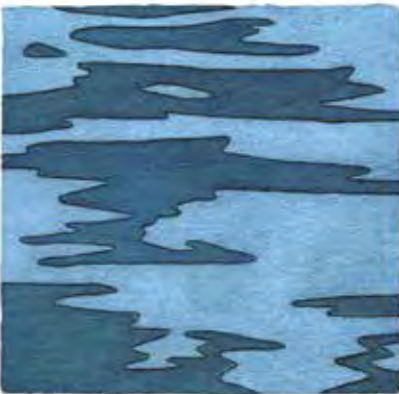
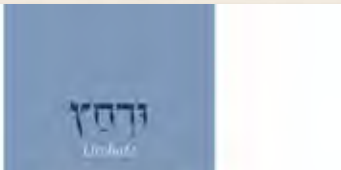
Poems and Songs  
of Praise

Concluding

I was **locked** into a single seed, my future fathoming.  
I was matter underwater and a sheer hoping,  
when I latched to earth, a first withered bloom.  
A sonic wonder, I sang about the future.  
I was master of the oxen pulling me toward dawn,  
an existence first in death, a state of stillness  
before beginning, a middle earth of rain.  
I wore many masks until the right one fit.  
Then the storm passed and I was wakened by water.

**Look**

The moon thumbs through the night's book.  
Finds a lake where nothing is printed.  
Draws a straight line. That's all  
it can. That's enough.  
Think line. Straight toward you.  
—Look.



# NEW!



New

## 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.

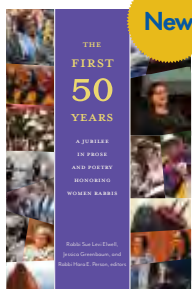
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Edited by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Jessica Greenbaum, and Rabbi Hara E. Person

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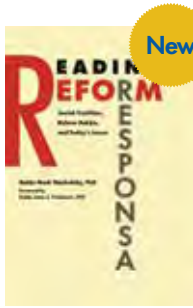
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Rabbi Mark Washofsky, PhD | Foreword by Rabbi Joan S. Friedman, PhD

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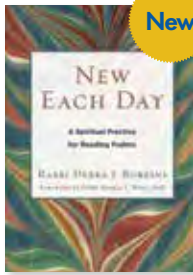
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Rabbi Debra J. Robbins | Foreword by Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, PhD

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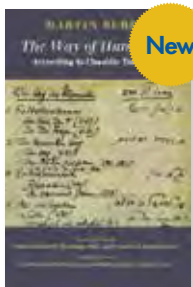
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Translated by Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman, DHL, and Gabriel E. Padawer, ScD  
Forewords by Paul Mendes-Flohr, PhD, and Rabbi Joseph A. Skloot, PhD

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. Forewords by Paul Mendes-Flohr, PhD, and Rabbi Joseph A. Skloot, PhD, as well as an introduction, epilogue, and notes from the translators place Buber’s work in historical context. Timeless and enlightening, *The Way of Humanity* guides us to inner meaning and highlights our human wholeness.

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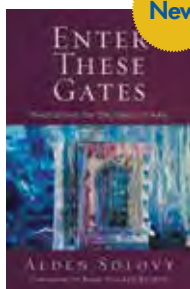
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Alden Solovy | Foreword by Rabbi Naamah Kelman

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

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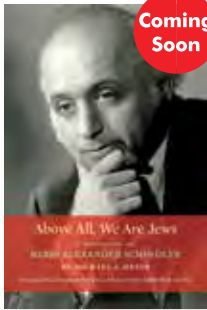
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Michael A. Meyer | Foreword by Jonathan D. Sarna  
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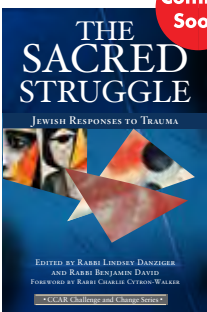
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*Covenant of Justice* is a dynamic collection of prayers, poems, and reflections on the most pressing social justice issues of our time, viewed through the lens of Jewish tradition and covenant. Written by a diverse group of female, nonbinary, and genderfluid contributors, the pieces address key topics including racial equity, climate justice, gender equality, and reproductive rights. With a focus on action rooted in the Jewish value of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), this book serves as both an educational resource and a call to action. Practical insights, historical context, and modern interpretations of Jewish texts make this an essential guide for individuals and communities striving to effect positive change. *Covenant of Justice* is an accessible, inspiring resource and call to action for readers from all walks of life seeking to build a more just world.

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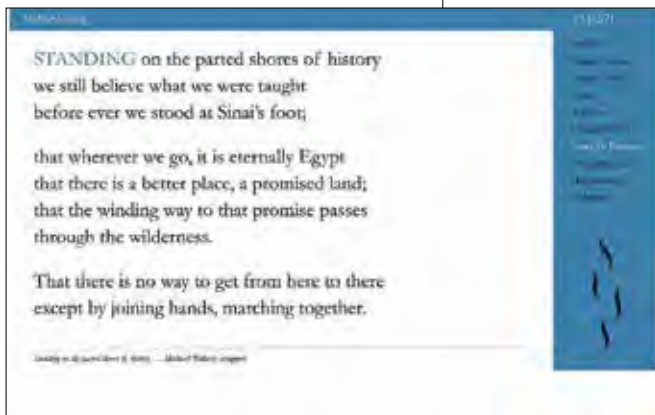
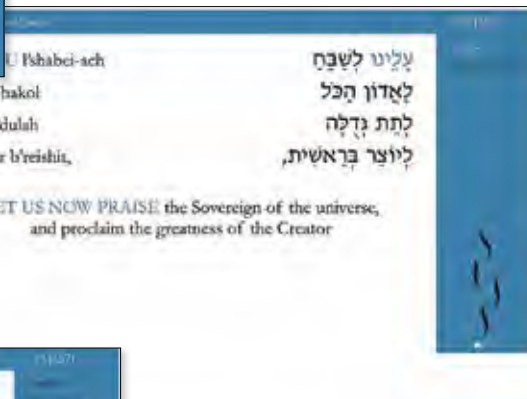
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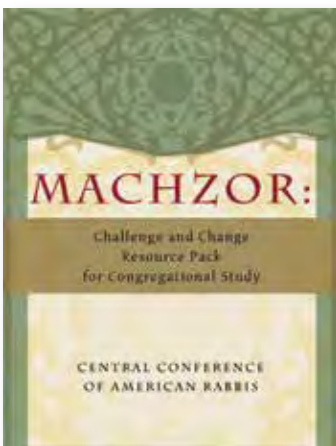
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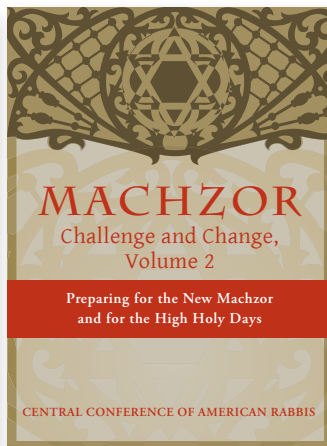
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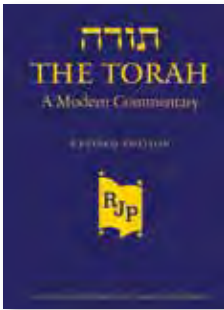
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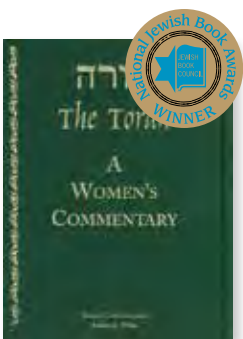
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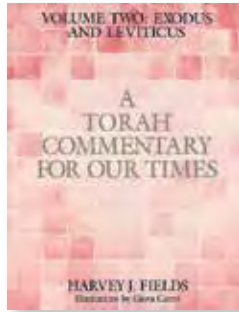
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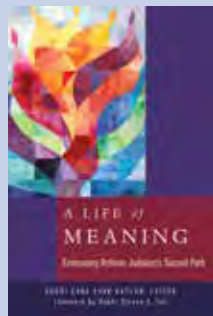
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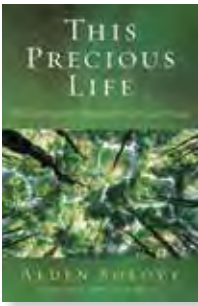
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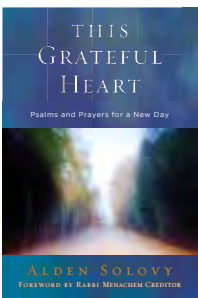
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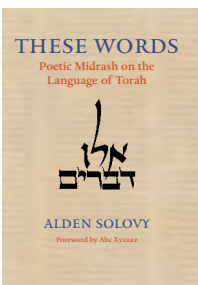
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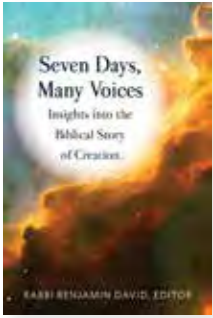
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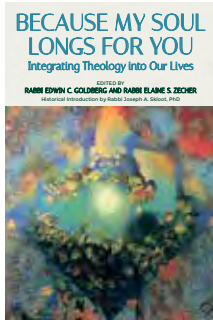
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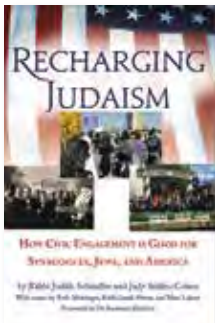
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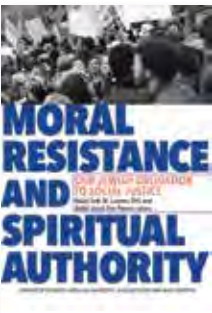
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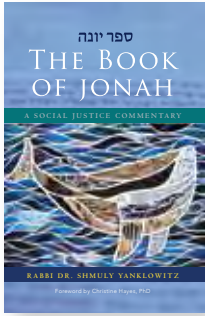
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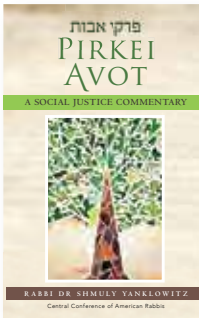
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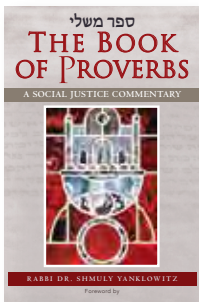
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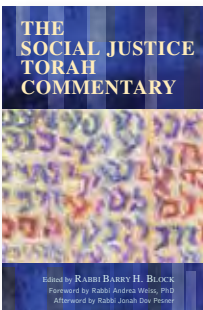
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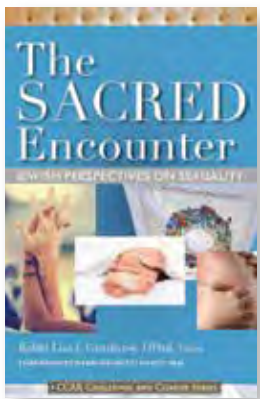
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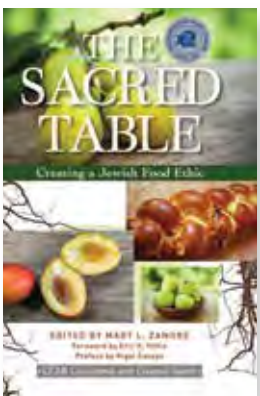
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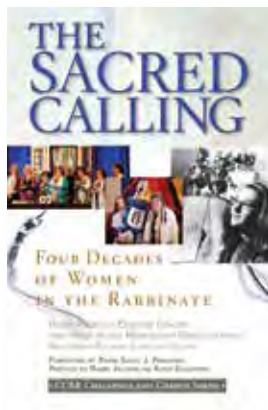
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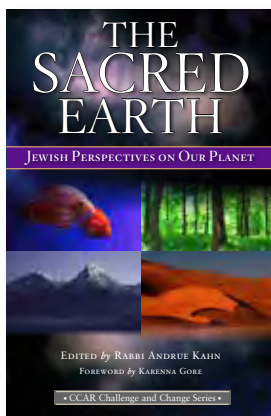
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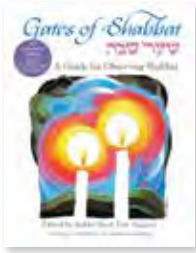
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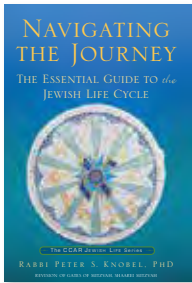
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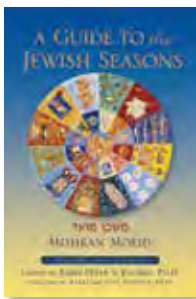
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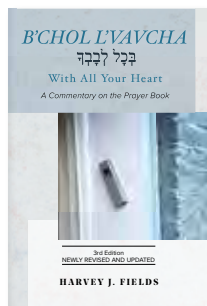
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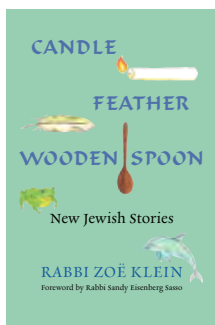
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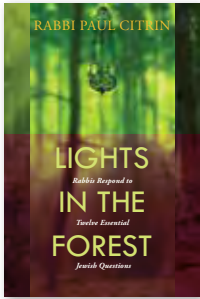
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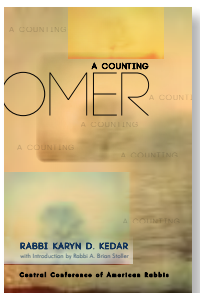
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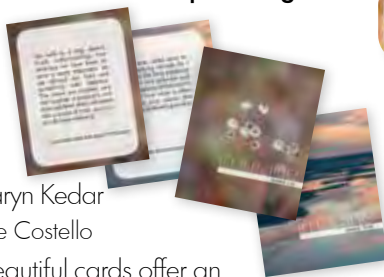
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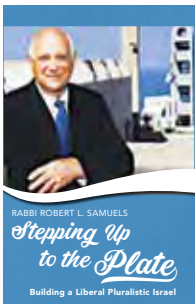


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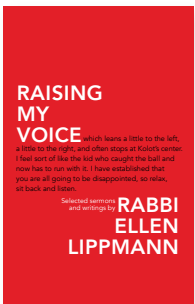
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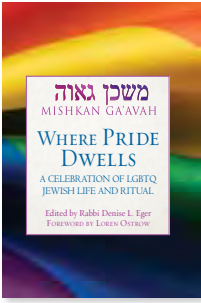
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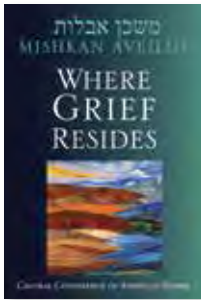
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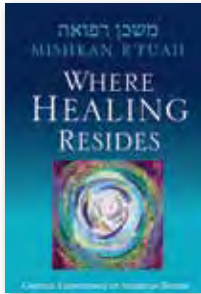
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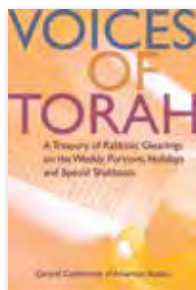
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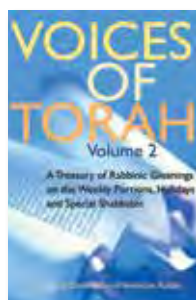
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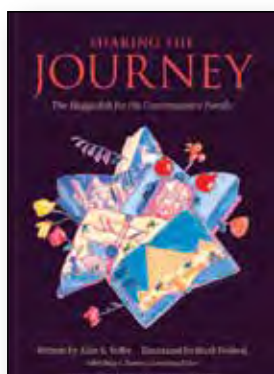
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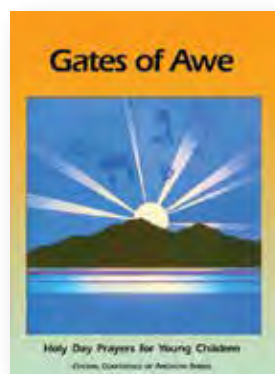
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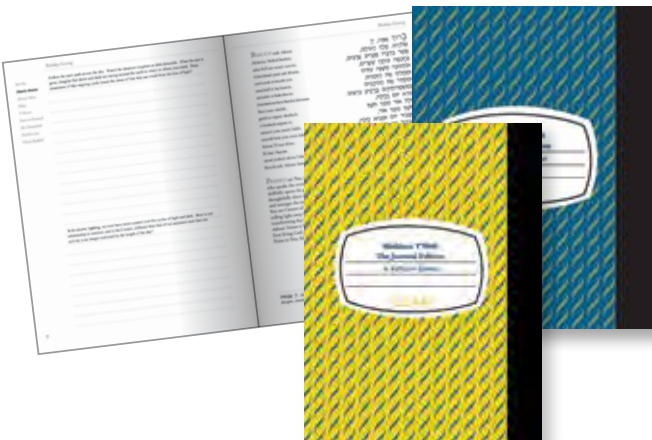
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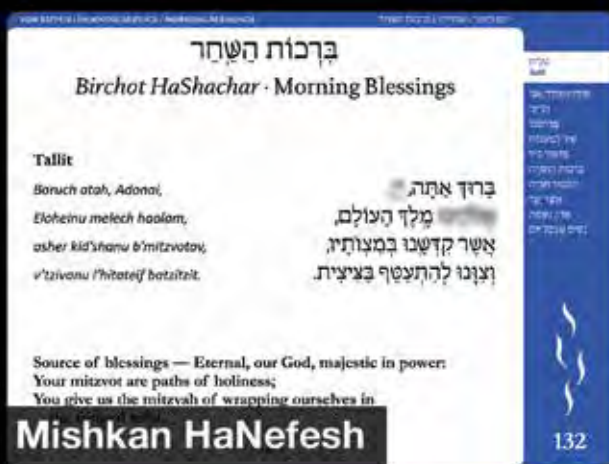
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Hineih Mah Tov  
הנה מה־טוב ומה־נעים  
שבת אחים גְּסִיִּיחָד.  
*Hineih mah tov u' mah nis-tov  
sweet sabbat gam yachad.*  
How good and how pleasant it is  
that brothers and sisters dwell together.

**Mishkan T'filah for Children**

SHALOM RAV



שְׁלוֹם רַב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ  
תְּשִׂים לְעוֹלָם, כִּי אַתָּה הוּא  
מֶלֶךְ אֲדוֹן לְכָל הַשְּׁלוֹם.  
*Shalom rav al Yisrael amcha  
tasim l'olam, ki atah hu  
Melech Adon l'chol hashalom.*  
Grant abundant peace to Israel Your people forever, for  
You are the Sovereign God of all peace.

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Challah Blessing  
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Wine  
Shabbat Songs

WE OFFER THANKS, O God, for this Shabbat  
which unites us in faith and hope.  
For Shabbat holiness,  
which inspires sacred living,  
for Shabbat memories,  
glowing even in darkness,  
for Shabbat peace,  
born of friendship and love,  
we offer thanks and blessing, O God.

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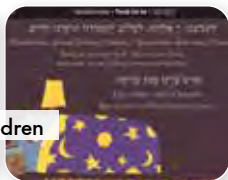
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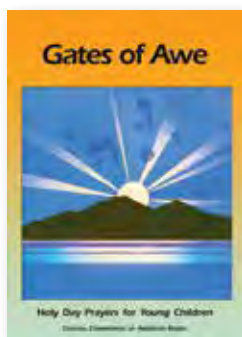
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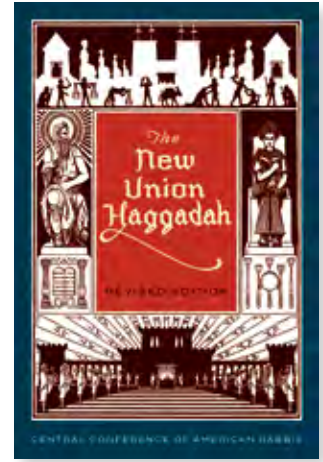
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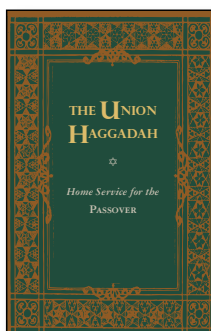


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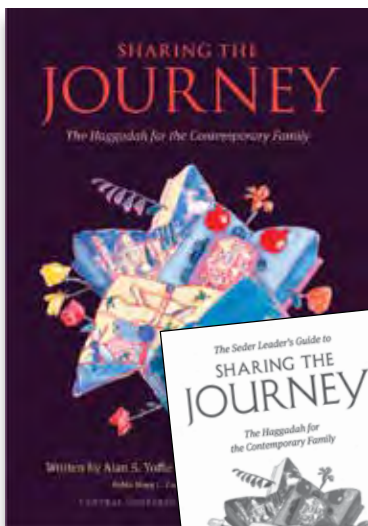
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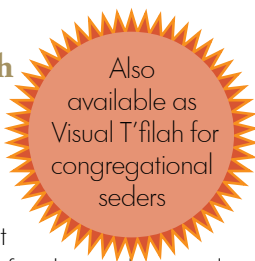


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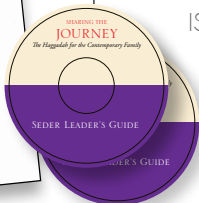
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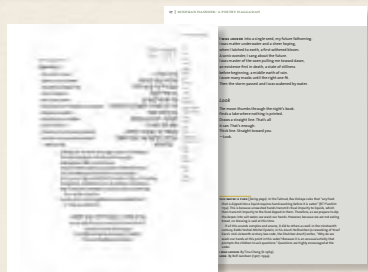
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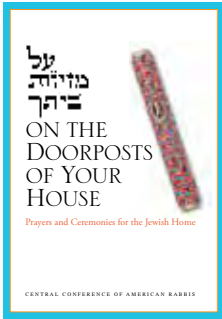
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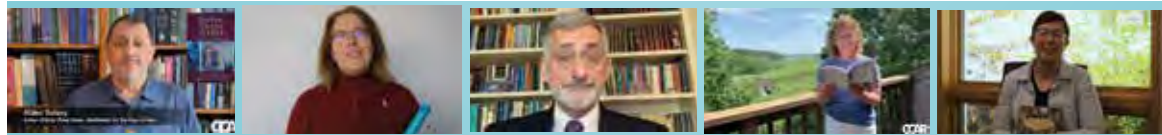


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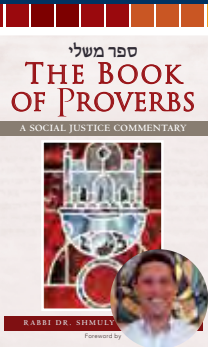
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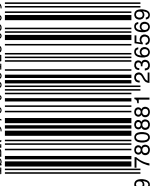


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