Reform Jewish emunah. The short essay answers you will read in this collection surely represent the thought and experience of the respondents, but they also reflect the influence of those who taught them, whether in the classroom, in their own reading of Jewish thinkers, or through the questions of congregants and students. While statements of emunah differ one from the other, the common feature among them is intelligent and intelligible presentation as well as passionate commitment to this teaching endeavor.

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The title of this book, Lights in the Forest, points to the rabbinic respondents as those who carry light, who guide those groping for answers, who lead them to further thought and study so that they may carry their own light of emunah. May the readers of Lights in the Forest, seekers of emunah, make their way with growing confidence and trust.

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Section One

ON GOD

1. What is your concept of God, and how has your view changed through your life?

2. What is God’s relationship to suffering and evil?

3. What is the connection between God and ethical values?

4. In our science-oriented society, how do you speak of God’s role in nature and in history?