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Intimacy,” originally written with and for the Rabbinical Assembly’s Commission on Human Intimacy, is now a chapter of his book *Love Your Neighbor and Yourself: A Jewish Approach to Modern Personal Ethics*, which also contains chapters on parent/child relations and family violence, and his book *Matters of Life and Death: A Jewish Approach to Modern Medical Ethics* contains chapters on contraception, abortion, and infertility treatments.

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