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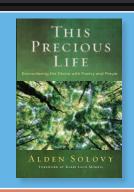
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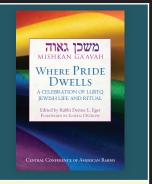


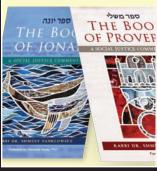




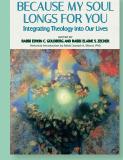


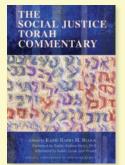




























Dear friends,

We are pleased to share the 2021/5781 CCAR Press catalog, with new and classic titles from CCAR Press and our imprint Reform Judaism Publishing (RJP).

The past year has been one of transitions at CCAR Press. Rafael Chaiken joined the Press in 2020 as our new Director, succeeding Rabbi Hara Person, now Chief Executive of the CCAR. Along with many of you, we experienced a transition to remote work and acted quickly to provide new resources to serve the community during the pandemic emergency.

At the same time, our mission to publish books and digital products with the highest standards for the Reform Movement and the greater Jewish community continues unabated. We are delighted to highlight just a few of our new titles.

We are honored to announce Mishkan HaSeder: A Passover Haggadah, edited by Rabbi Person and Jessica Greenbaum. Designed in the beloved format of Mishkan T'filah and Mishkan HaNefesh, it combines stirring poems and new insights on Passover with full-color works from acclaimed Jewish artist Tobi Kahn.

CCAR Press has long been committed to publishing new interpretations of our sacred texts. This year we present Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz's The Book of Proverbs: A Social Justice Commentary; Prophetic Voices: Renewing and Reimagining Haftarah, edited by Rabbi Barbara AB Symons; and The Social Justice Torah **Commentary**, edited by Rabbi Barry H. Block.

We are also publishing This Precious Life: Encountering the Divine through **Poetry and Prayer**, the final book in Alden Solovy's trilogy of contemporary liturgy. Written from the heart and grounded in tradition, Alden's words provide comfort in our uncertain moment.

We have recently launched the CCAR Press Speaker Series, which features online events with our authors. To stay informed of future events and book announcements, please join our email list on ccarpress.org. Our authors are happy to teach online classes for your community; email bookevents@ccarpress.org for details.

We are grateful for your continued support and hope you enjoy browsing this year's offerings!

Rabbi Hara Person Chief Executive Central Conference of American Rabbis Rafael Chaiken Director CCAR Press

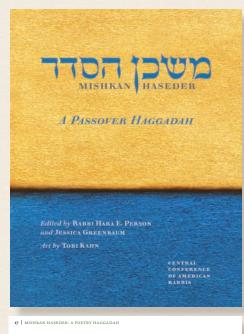
MISHKAN HASEDER

A Passover Haggadah Edited by Rabbi Hara E. Person and Jessica Greenbaum Art by Tobi Kahn

Combining age-old texts, fresh insights, inspiring poetry, new translations, and breathtaking art, Mishkan HaSeder sets a new standard in Passover Haggadot. Using the beloved format of Mishkan T'filah and Mishkan HaNefesh, this Haggadah offers beautiful new translations by Rabbis Janet and Sheldon Marder in conversation with an extraordinary collection of poetry from a diverse array of poets. The running commentary by Rabbis Oren Hayon, Seth Limmer, and Amy Scheinerman draws out the historic background of the seder rituals, builds on the social justice issues of our day, and offers contemporary connections to Passover. The text is complemented by full-color works from acclaimed artist Tobi Kahn that will enhance any seder experience.

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Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

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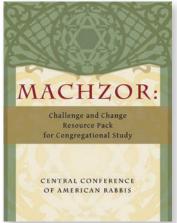
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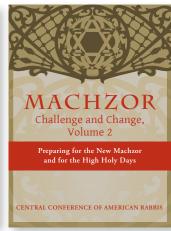
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The Book of Proverbs: A Social Justice Commentary

Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

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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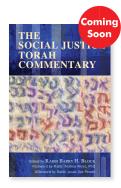


Prophetic Voices: Renewing and Reimagining Haftarah

Edited by Rabbi Barbara AB Symons

The traditional haftarah cycle, read on Shabbat and holidays during the Torah service, contains a wealth of prophetic wisdom, yet today it is too often forgotten or ignored. Prophetic Voices gives new life to these ancient texts. A diverse group of contributors—including rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, activists, and poets—provide short commentaries on each haftarah, demonstrating their profound relevance to the present. Moreover, the volume boldly invites us to rethink the haftarah canon. Going beyond the Prophets, it presents alternative readings from Jewish texts biblical to contemporary. New haftarot for each Shabbat and holiday are included, plus haftarot for the Jewish American calendar, from Yom HaShoah to Pride Month to Martin Luther King Day. The readings are enhanced by scholarly essays placing the Prophets in historical context and examining the role of prophecy in Reform Judaism. Prophetic Voices summons us to listen, study, think, and teach—as well as to sing, pray, and march.





The Social Justice Torah Commentary

Edited by Rabbi Barry H. Block

Foreword by Rabbi Andrea Weiss | Afterword by Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner

What does the Torah have to say about social justice? As the contributors to The Social Justice Torah Commentary demonstrate, a great deal. A diverse array of authors delve deeply into each week's parashah, drawing lessons to inspire tikkun olam. Chapters address key contemporary issues such as racism, climate change, mass incarceration, immigration, disability, women's rights, voting rights, and many more. The result is an indispensable resource for weekly Torah study and for anyone committed to repairing the world.

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This supplement to the CCAR clergy manual contains a wealth of prayers, readings, rituals, and ceremonies, expanding the original to encompass many new situations. Designed for the current moment, its prayers and blessings respond to the evolving role of Reform clergy and the changing life experiences of our congregants. Among these liturgical responses are blessings for moving, starting school, and taking a new name; prayers to support community members dealing with infertility, premature birth, abortion, addiction, eating disorders, assault, and suicide; and an extensive collection of readings to guide communities through times of challenge and pain such as natural disasters, shootings, and antisemitic incidents. The loose-leaf-print and digital formats enable clergy to customize the manual with the resources they find most useful.

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NEW!



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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Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments

Edited by Rabbi Oren Hayon

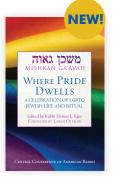
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Mishkan Ga'avah: A Celebration of LGBTQ Jewish Life and Ritual

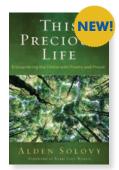
Edited by Rabbi Denise L. Eger

This groundbreaking collection of LGBTQ prayers, poems, liturgy, and rituals is both a spiritual resource and a celebratory affirmation of Jewish diversity. Giving voice to the private and public sectors of queer Jewish experience, Mishkan Ga'avah is also a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of both the Stonewall Riots and the first pride march, reflecting the longtime advocacy of the Reform Movement for full LGBTQ inclusion.

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Alden Solovy Foreword by Rabbi Leon Morris

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Understanding Covenants and Communities: Jews and Latter-day Saints in Dialogue

Edited by Mark S. Diamond and Andrew C. Reed

Interfaith dialogues of understanding are valuable both for challenging individuals to articulate their beliefs and practices in a careful way and for deepening connections between people of different faiths. The Jewish and Latter-day Saint communities have at times been at odds, yet they share a number of significant historical and communal bonds. Understanding Covenants and Communities comes out of the Jewish—Latterday Saint Academic Dialogue Project, a groundbreaking interfaith encounter between these two religious communities. The fruit of five conferences held semiannually since 2016, the volume addresses such themes as theological foundations, sacred scriptures, lived experience and worship, and culture and politics. Readers will emerge with a deeper understanding of the Jewish and Latter-day Saint traditions and how the two faith communities can engage in a meaningful dialogue.

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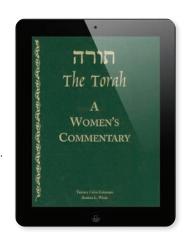
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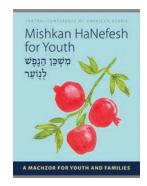


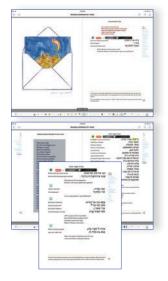




Mishkan HaNefesh for Youth Audio eBook

This digital book includes audio files to enhance learning and familiarity with the High Holy Day prayers. Comes with both "read" and "sung" options, and for some prayers there is read-along highlighting to further deepen the learning experience. The custom designed audio interface ensures no accidental audio playing during prayer services. Audio ebook is available for iOS and Mac only, while a non-audio ebook version is available for Kindle.









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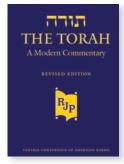
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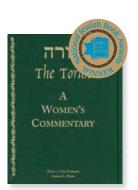
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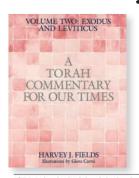
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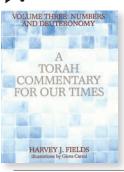






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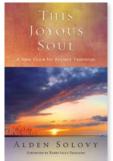
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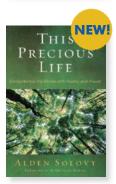
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Preface by Rabbi Menachem Creditor

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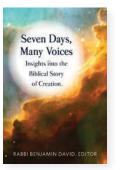


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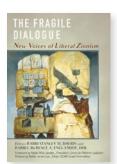
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The Fragile Dialogue **New Voices of** Liberal Zionism

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

This collection of essays, some of which vigorously

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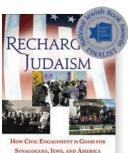


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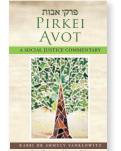
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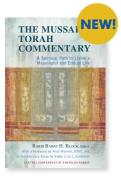
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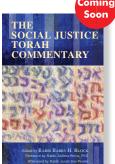
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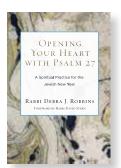
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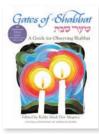
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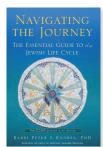
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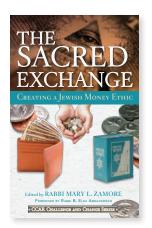
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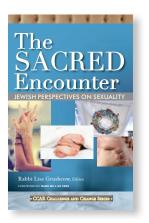
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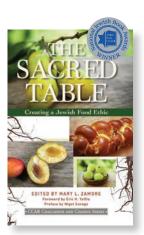
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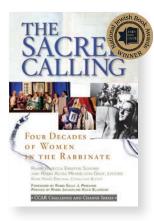
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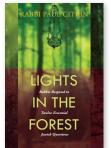


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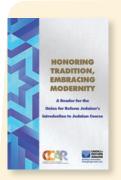
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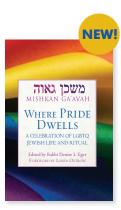
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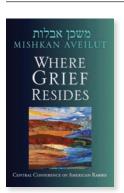
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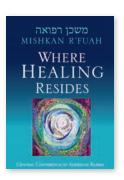
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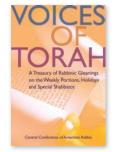


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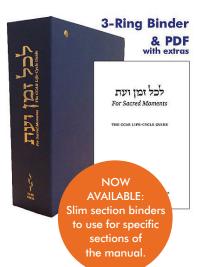
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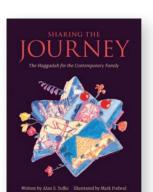
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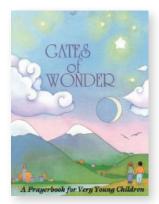
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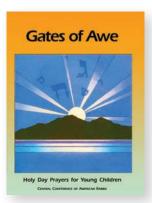
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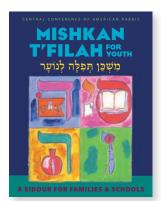
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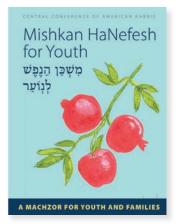


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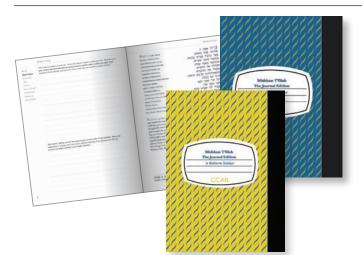


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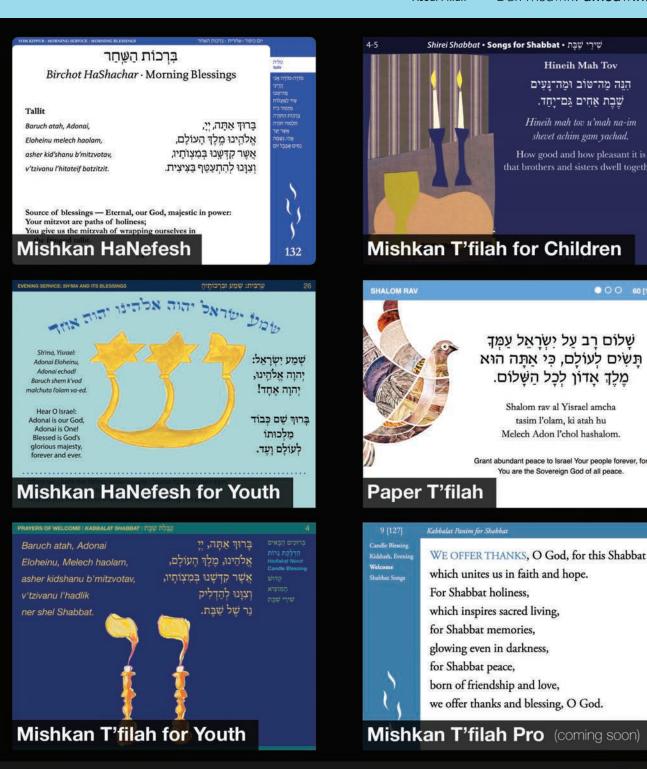
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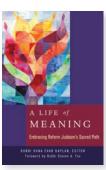
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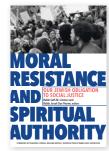


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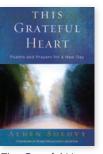




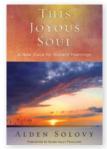
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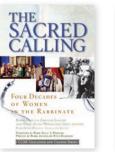
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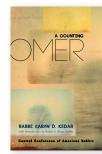
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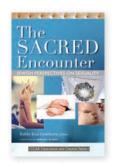
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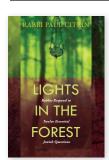
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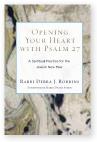




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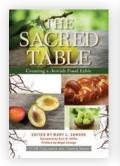


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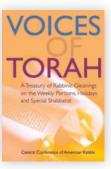


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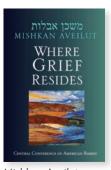
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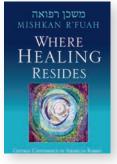
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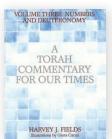




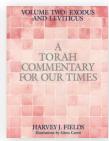
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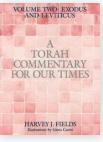




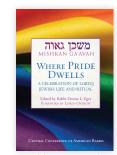


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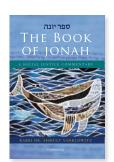




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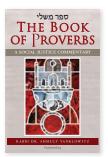
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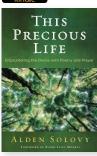
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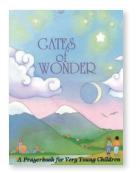
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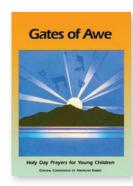
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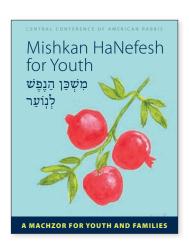
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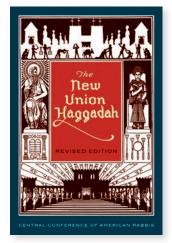
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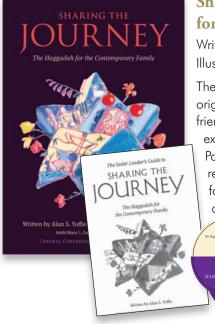


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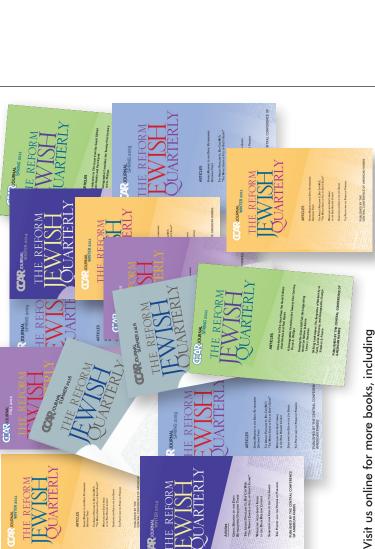
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