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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!

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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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Foreword by Christine Hayes, PhD

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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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