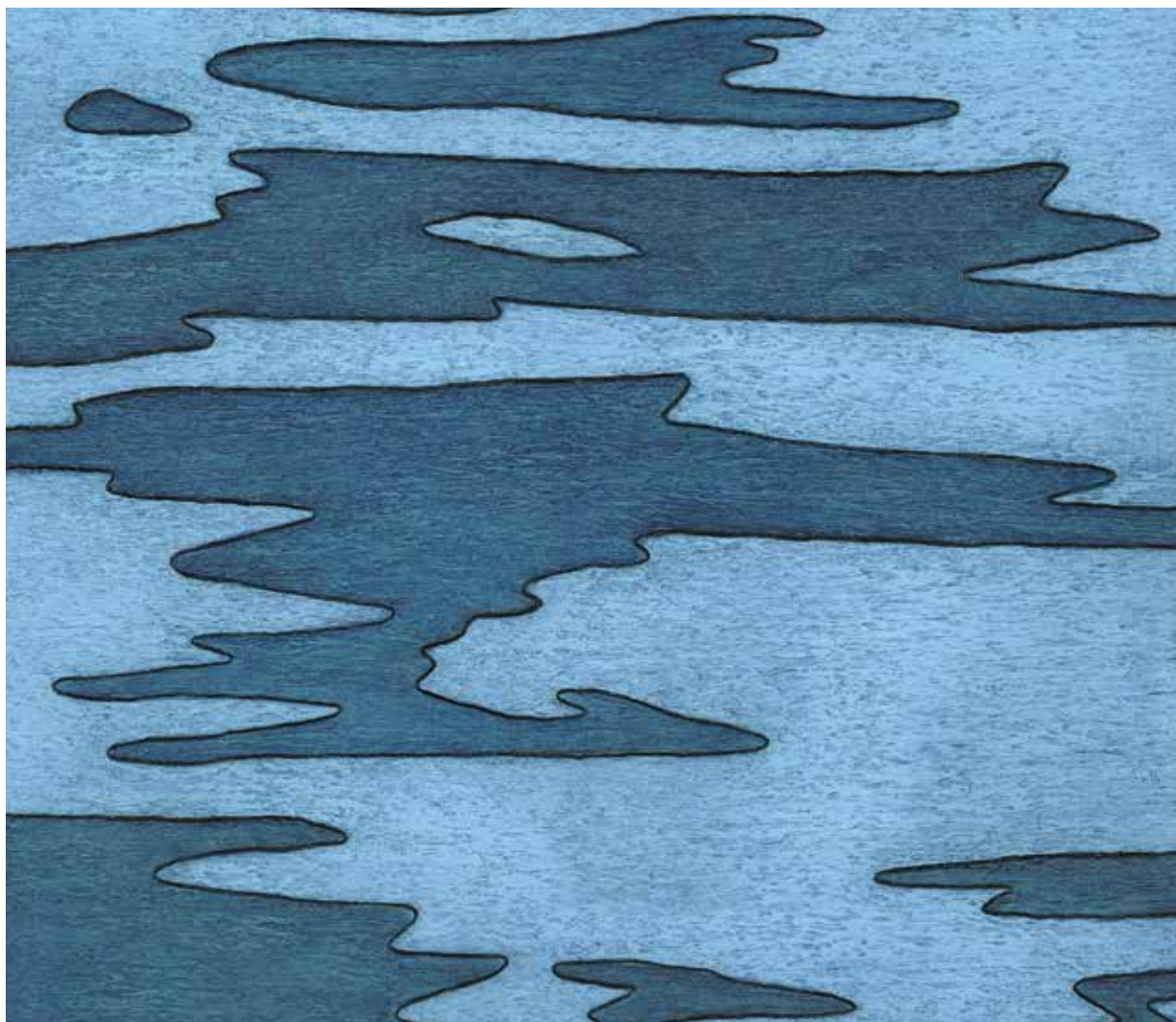




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This past year saw our transition to our new warehouse, the University of Chicago Press's Chicago Distribution Center. Thousands of our books took a road trip halfway across the country. This partnership is enabling us to reach new markets and better serve readers.

As the COVID pandemic continued, we placed a special emphasis on Visual T'filah™—digital liturgy to support both online and in-person worship. We released a brand-new version of **Mishkan T'filah Visual T'filah™**, redesigned in a contemporary widescreen format with typography preserving the look and feel of the print siddur. Shabbat services are now available and others are coming soon.

Another exciting digital release was **Psalm 27: Opening Your Heart**, a smartphone app based on the book by Rabbi Debra J. Robbins. The app guides you through a spiritual practice in preparation for the High Holy Days, featuring beautiful music and images, writing prompts, and meditations. Special thanks to our former Director of Digital Media, Rabbi Dan Medwin, for envisioning and overseeing these projects.

Two of our titles were recognized with awards last year. **Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments** won silver medal (religion category) at the Independent Publisher Book Awards, and **The Mussar Torah Commentary** was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award (contemporary Jewish life and practice category).

To highlight just a few forthcoming titles: Rabbi Vanessa Harper's **Loaves of Torah: Exploring the Jewish Year through Challah** is a contemporary Torah commentary illustrated with inventive challot. **The Year of Mourning: A Jewish Journey**, edited by Rabbi Lisa D. Grant, PhD, guides bereaved individuals with weekly poems, songs, study texts, and prayers. And **The Sacred Earth: Jewish Perspectives on Our Planet**, edited by Rabbi Andrue Kahn, is the latest entry in our Challenge and Change series, providing wide-ranging viewpoints on contemporary issues.

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A Passover Haggadah

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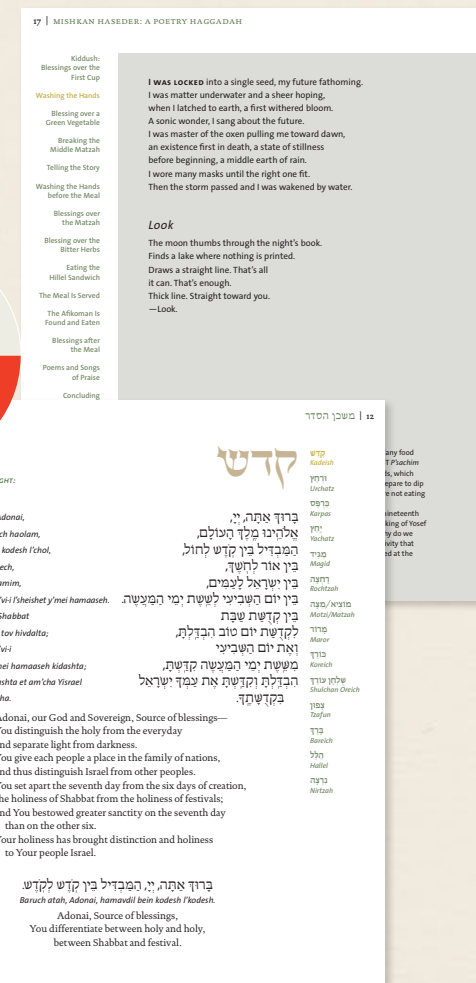
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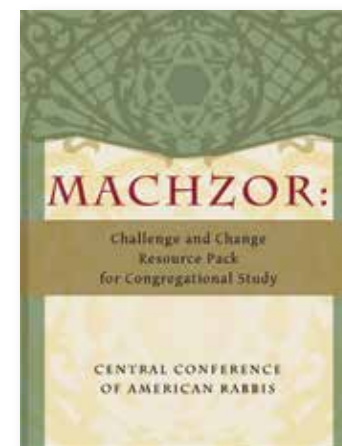
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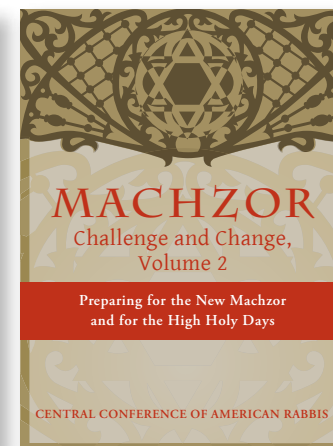
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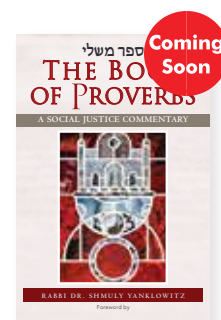
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Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz
Foreword by Rabbi Laura Geller

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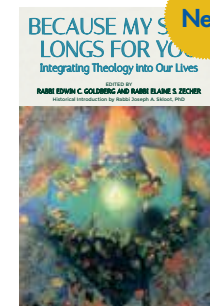
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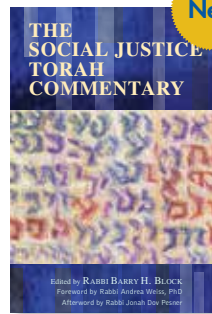


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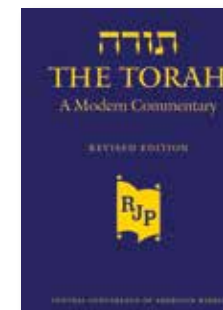
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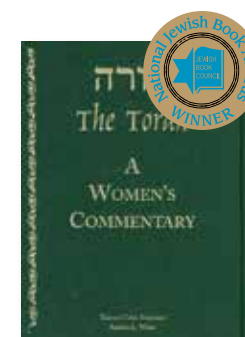
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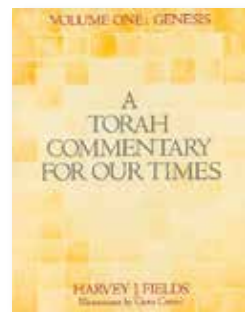
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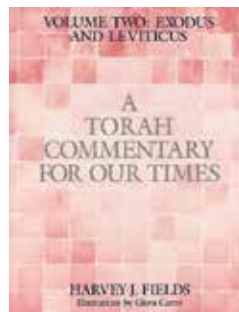
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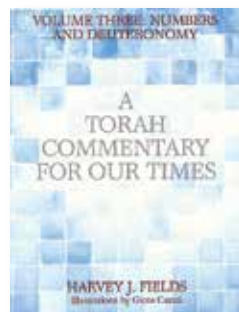




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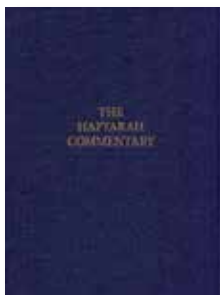
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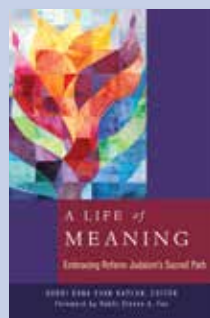
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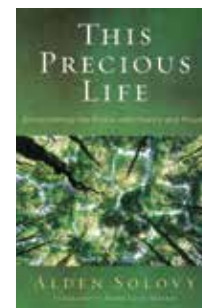
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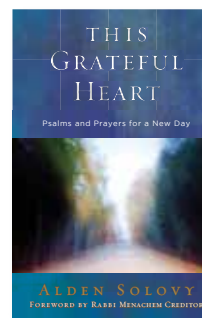
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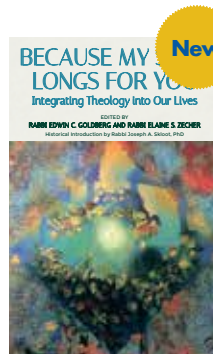
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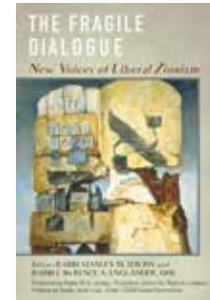
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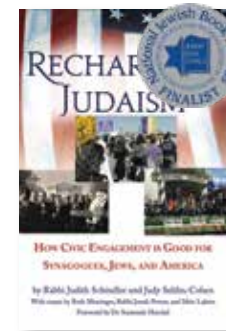
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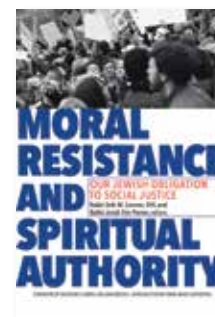
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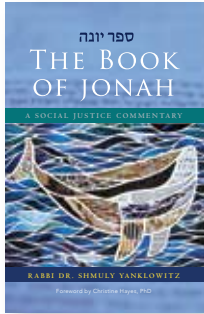
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Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

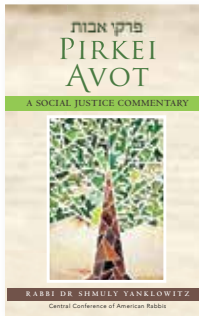
Foreword by Christine Hayes, PhD

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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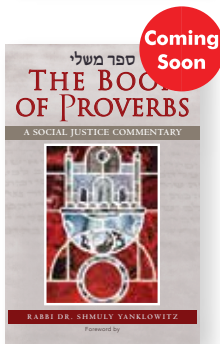
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Pirkei Avot is the urtext of Jewish practical wisdom. In many ways, *Pirkei Avot* was the first recorded manifesto of social justice in Western civilization. This commentary explores the text through a lens of contemporary social justice and moral philosophy, engaging both classical commentators and modern thinkers.

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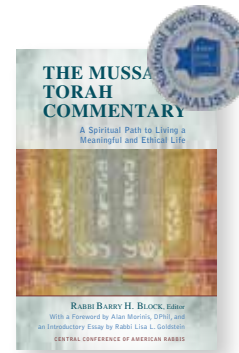
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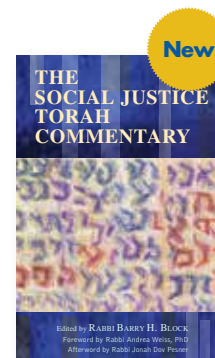
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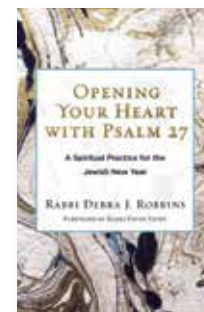
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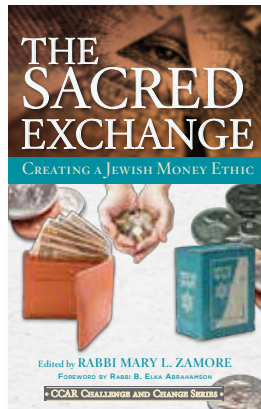
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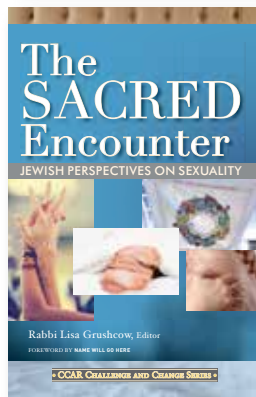
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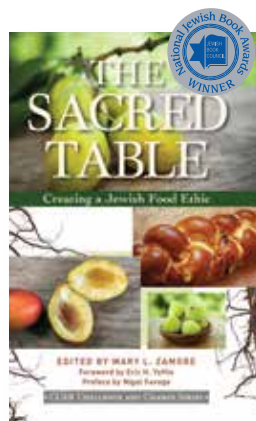
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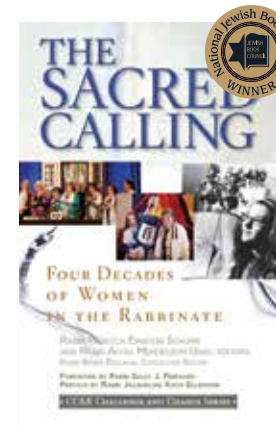
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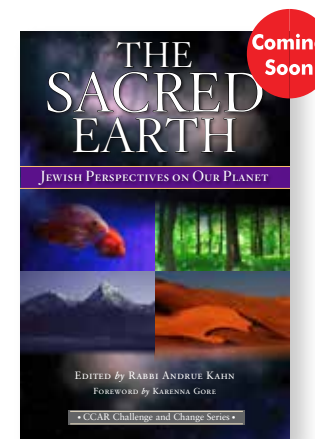
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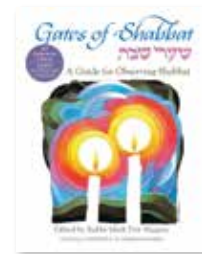
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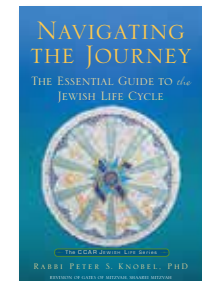
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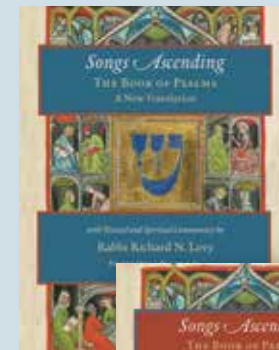
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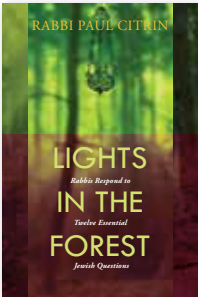
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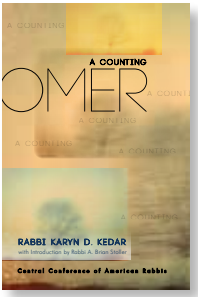
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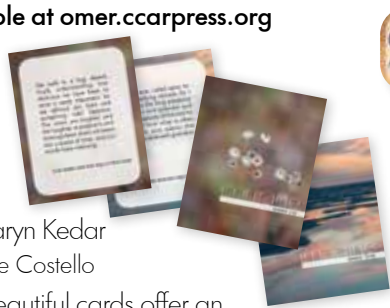
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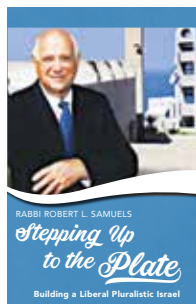


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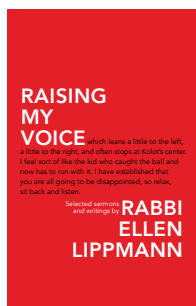
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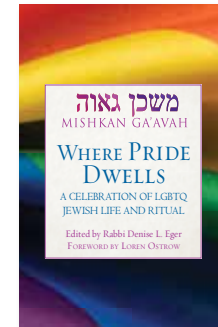
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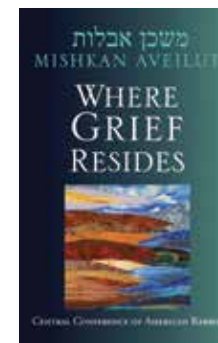
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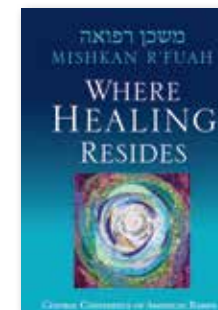
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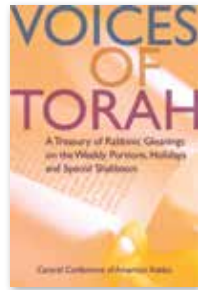
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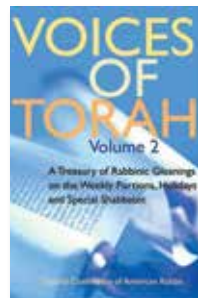
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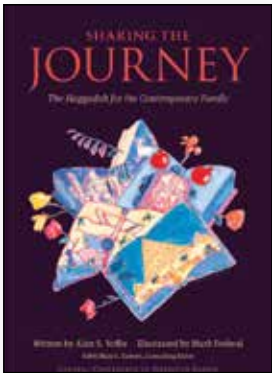
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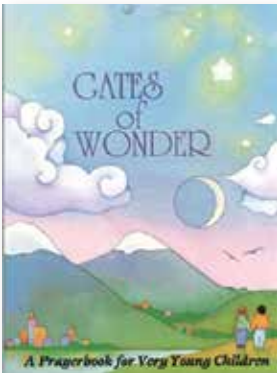
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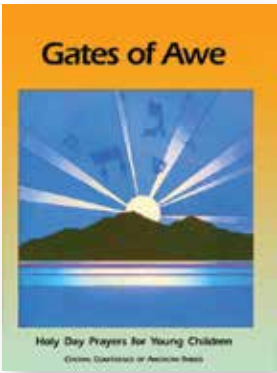
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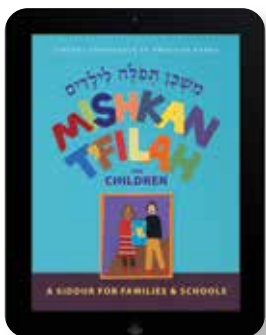
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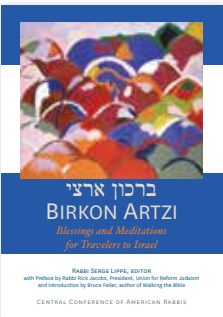
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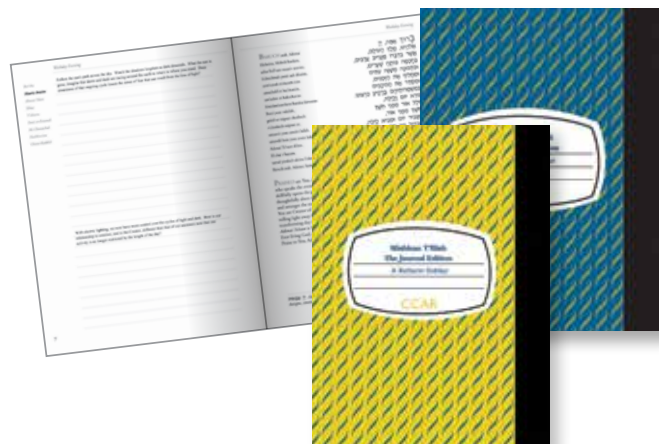
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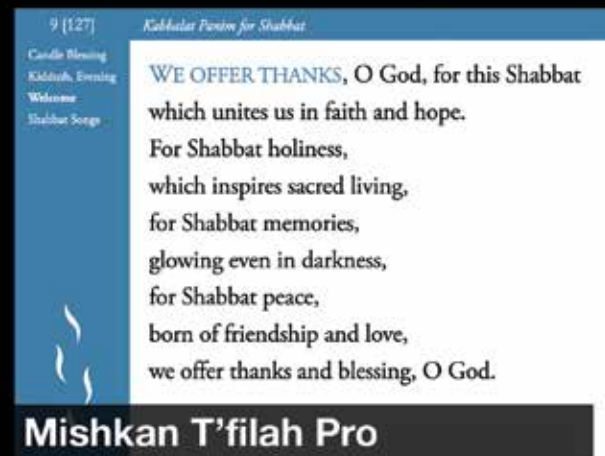
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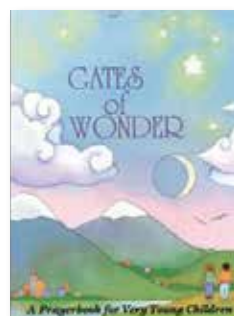
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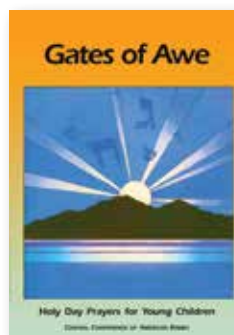
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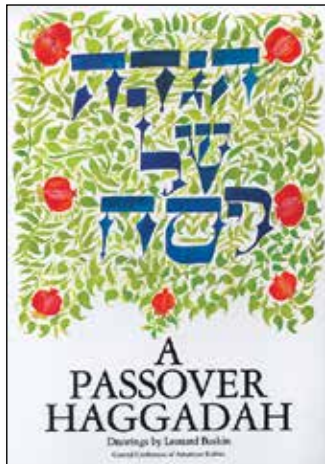


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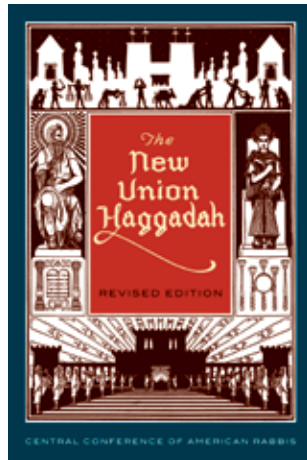
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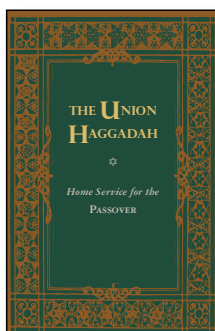
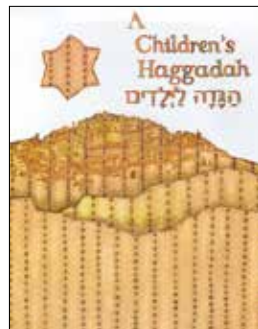


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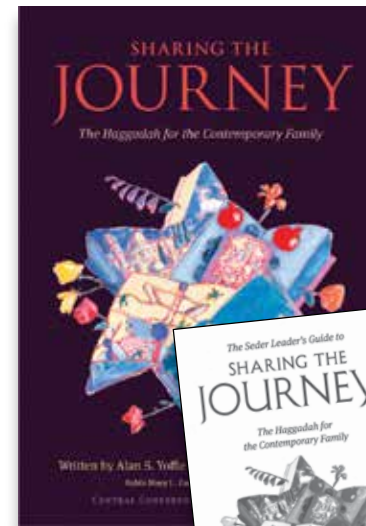
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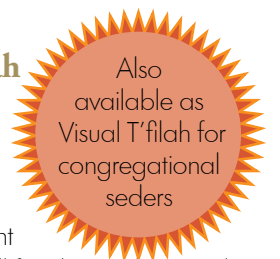
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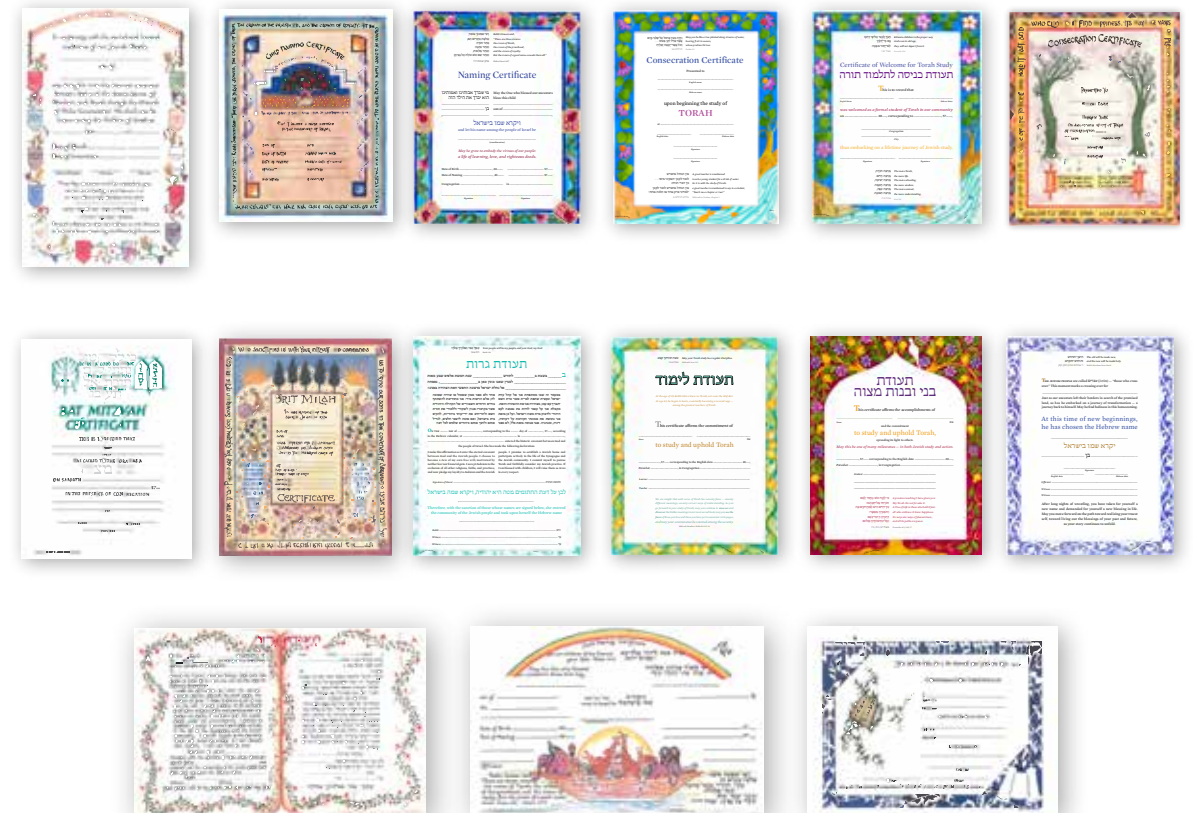
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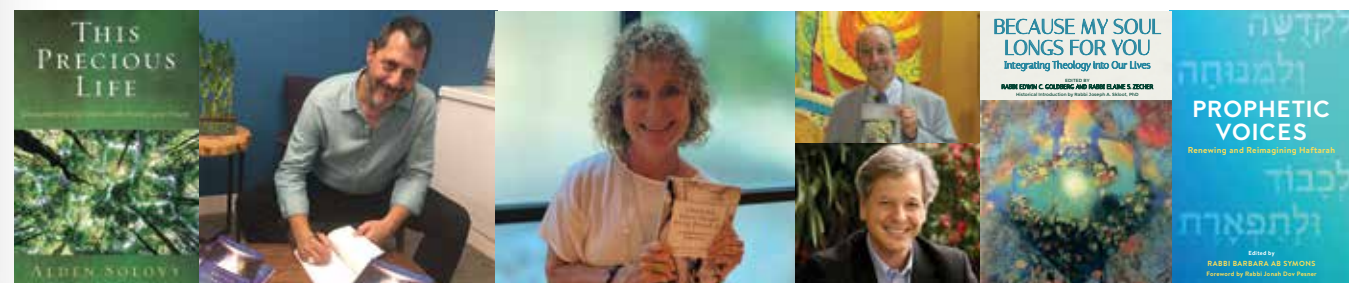
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