Dear friends,

We are delighted to share the 2022/5782 CCAR Press catalog, with new and classic books, digital resources, and more.

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 through the Ten Commandments, edited by Rabbi Hara E. Person, PhD, guides bereaved individuals with weekly poems, songs, study texts, and prayers. And The Sacred Earth: Jewish Perspectives on Our Planet, edited by Rabbi Andruie Kahn, is the latest entry in our Challenge and Change series, providing wide-ranging viewpoints on contemporary issues.

To stay updated on everything happening at the Press, be sure to visit ccarpress.org and sign up for our emails. We appreciate your continued support and hope you enjoy browsing our latest publications!

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From Time to Time: Journeys in the Jewish Calendar
Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD
Translated by Rabbi Joe Schwartz

Time is fundamental to the human experience, but in Judaism it is even more—time is sanctified. Understanding the Jewish calendar is thus essential for fully comprehending Judaism. In From Time to Time, Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD, presents a fascinating exploration of the treasures of the Jewish year. The book artfully blends traditional and contemporary perspectives on each Hebrew month and its holidays. Rabbi Marx’s insights are paired with striking illustrations by Elad Lifshitz; each month also features a diverse selection of poetry and prayers. From Time to Time is a comprehensive, indispensable companion you will want to return to each season.


Loaves of Torah: Exploring the Jewish Year through Challah
Rabbi Vanessa M. Harper

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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 haftorot for each Shabbat and holiday are included, plus haftorot 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.

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These Words: Poetic Midrash on the Language of Torah
Alden Solovy

In These Words, liturgist Alden Solovy distills the Torah into its very essence: the individual words it contains. Echoing the midrash that the Torah has seventy faces, Solovy selects seventy of its Hebrew words that are pregnant with meaning. For each word, he delves into its etymology, translation, and usage, providing deeper insights into familiar texts. Then Solovy presents a beautiful poem—what he calls “poetic midrash”—inspired by and interpreting each word. From b’reishit (“in the beginning”) to shamayim (“heavens”) to z’chor (“remember”), These Words will change the way you look at the language of the Torah.

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The Year of Mourning: A Jewish Journey
Edited by Rabbi Lisa D. Grant, PhD
Cantor Lisa B. Segal, Consulting Editor
The Jewish mourning process is a voyage through pain, brokenness, comfort, resilience, acceptance, and even gratitude. The Year of Mourning: A Jewish Journey offers an expansive array of resources—stories, songs, study texts, poetry, and prayers—to lovingly and patiently guide the bereaved through the first year after their loss. Each week the mourner is encouraged to focus on a particular theme to deepen their grounding after loss and, through the richness of Jewish tradition, deepen their connections to memories of loved ones and to others in the community.

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Psalm 27: Opening Your Heart
Based on the book Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27: A Spiritual Practice for the Jewish New Year, this app guides users through a reflective process in the weeks leading up to the High Holy Days and through the festival of Sukkot. Each day presents users with a phrase selected from Psalm 27, a reflection for focus, and the opportunity for writing and quiet contemplation. The app includes all of the essentials: spoken versions of the psalm, daily reminders, writing prompts, and a meditation timer. Accompanied by photographs and beautiful music by contemporary musicians and cantors, the Psalm 27 app will inspire and empower you to experience the High Holy Day season with intention and an open heart.

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Supplement to L’chol Z’man v’Eit: For Sacred Moments

Edited by Rabbi April Davis

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 anti-Semitic 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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The Torah: A Modern Commentary (Revised Edition)

Edited by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut


The Torah: A Women’s Commentary

Edited by Rabbi Tamara Cohn Eskenazi, PhD and Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, PhD

The groundbreaking volume The Torah: A Women’s Commentary, originally published by URJ Press and Women of Reform Judaism, has been awarded the top prize in the oldest Jewish literary award program, the 2008 National Jewish Book Awards. This book is the culmination of fourteen years of work by more than 100 female theologians, historians, sociologists, scholars, anthropologists, poets, rabbis, and cantors from the United States, Canada, Israel, and South America. The result of their exhaustive research, thought, and discussion is an eminently readable volume, unique in its synthesis of traditional interpretation methods and critical approaches with more contemporary, topical methods that give new meaning to the text.


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In This Precious Life, liturgist Alden Solovy presents prayers, poetry, and meditations inspired by encounters with God. The first part draws from divine moments in our sacred texts, mostly the Torah but also the Prophets and the Writings. Using a contemporary voice, Solovy imagines these holy moments as experienced by our biblical ancestors so we can reclaim them as our own. The second part focuses on sacred moments in our daily lives, connections with the Divine that occur simply because we are human beings created in God’s image. Equally suited to individual reflection and group prayer, the book completes a trilogy with This Grateful Heart and This Joyous Soul.

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This Joyful Soul: A New Voice for Ancient Yearnings
By Alden Solovy
Like its predecessor, This Grateful Heart, this volume of creative liturgy opens a door into the transformative power of prayer. Structured to reflect the morning service found within Mishkan T’filah, this collection invites a deeply personal prayer experience that will strengthen our connection to Judaism and to the Reform siddur.


This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day
By Alden Solovy
Preface by Rabbi Menachem Creditor
These beautiful readings offer us modern day psalms and new prayers to inspire our days, mark our milestones, and lift up the moments of our lives. For clergy, this collection offers supplementary material to use in services and life cycle rituals; for the individual, this collection can serve as a way to give voice to the joy and sorrows of daily living.


THREE BOOK BUNDLE
This Grateful Heart / This Joyous Soul / This Precious Life
Seven Days, Many Voices: Insights into the Biblical Story of Creation
Edited by Rabbi Benjamin David

Few stories are as compelling as the Creation story in the Book of Genesis. Our readings of creation are incredibly diverse. This collection gives us a lens into a wide range of creative and inspirational thinking about creation. Thinkers such as Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Dr. Alyssa Gray, Rabbi Aaron Panken, PhD, Rabbi Mira Wasserman, PhD, Rabbi Jill Jacobs, and many others examined the Creation story through fields of midrash, biblical criticism, literature, theology, climate justice, human rights, history, and science. This diverse collection of some of today’s finest thinkers will challenge assumptions and spark new ideas. Great for individual study or community learning.

Study guide available at seventdays.ccarpress.org

Because My Soul Longs for You: Integrating Theology into Our Lives
Edited by Rabbi Edwin C. Goldberg and Rabbi Elaine S. Zecher

Because My Soul Longs for You seeks to answer one of the most enduring human questions: Where can we find God in our lives? While Jewish theologians have long pondered the “God question” from ethical and philosophical perspectives, the last century has made space for a more experiential theology: God is present in our lived experiences. Radical amazement, to use Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel’s phrase, can be found in everyday life. Contributors to this volume share how they welcome God’s presence into their lives, as well as the theological language they use to think and speak about this presence. Chapters explore how we experience God through prayer, text study, poetry, food, music, service, movement, meditation, interpersonal connection, and much more.

Study guide available at theology.ccarpress.org

Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments
Edited by Rabbi Oren Hayon

This anthology gives voice to the many diverse and contemporary perspectives about each of the Ten Commandments. Written by an impressive collection of rabbis and scholars, the volume allots two chapters for each of the Commandments in order to engage with the ways in which these timeless utterances have inspired contemporary laws, ethics, and moral guidelines.

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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 disagree with each other, asks the question of how we approach the subject of Zionism without further widening the rifts between us. Meant to be a conversation starter, this book wrestles with and attempts to frame the very fragile dialogue surrounding Zionism and Israel in the 21st century Progressive Jewish community. There is as much listening as there is talking in this important collection as it provides a challenging yet vital basis on which to explore liberal Zionism today.

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Recharging Judaism: How Civic Engagement Is Good for Synagogues, Jews, and America
Rabbi Judith Schindler and Judy Seldin-Cohen

This volume is the essential and timely guide for every synagogue and community working for social justice in America. Based on extensive research among synagogues already making an impact, the authors present models for communities to achieve success in making decisions about how and in what areas to get involved. Recharging Judaism shows how civic engagement can strengthen communities and unite us on our journey towards lasting change.

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Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority
Edited by Rabbi Seth M. Limmer, DHL and Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner
Foreword by Reverend Cornell William Brooks
Introduction by Rabbi David Saperstein

This foundational new book reminds us of our ancient obligation to bring justice to the world. The essays in this collection explore the spiritual underpinnings of our Jewish commitment to justice, using Jewish text and tradition, as well as contemporary sources and models. Among the topics covered are women’s health, LGBTQ rights, healthcare, racial justice, speaking truth to power, and community organizing.

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documentary

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Africa, and Haiti. Rabbi Yanklowitz has

spirituality, social justice, and ethics.

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.

Study guide available at jonah.ccarpress.org

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Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

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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Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27: A Spiritual Practice for the Jewish New Year

Rabbi Debra J. Robbins | Foreword by Rabbi David Stern

This volume is a compelling invitation to meditate on the deeper meaning of the fourteen verses of Psalm 27. During the month of Elul and season of the Fall Festivals, we reflect upon our relationships, choices, beliefs, and practices, considering where to repair, adjust, and atone. Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27 provides gentle guidance through this journey of reflection, offering heartfelt insight, profound translation, and an invaluable framework for meaningfully participation in this annual spiritual practice.

Discussion guide available at psalm27.ccarpress.org

The Mussar Torah Commentary: A Spiritual Path to Living a Meaningful and Ethical Life

Edited by Rabbi Barry H. Block

Foreword by Alan Morinis, DPhil | Introductory Essay by Rabbi Lisa L. Goldstein

This mussar-based commentary is a vital resource for Torah study, offering a thoughtful analysis of each of the 54 weekly parashiyot. Each essay in this anthology juxtaposes a parasha with one of the mussar midot (character traits as described within the Jewish school of ethics called mussar), thereby providing an applied lens of mussar teachings that helps us to delve deeper into our tradition with increased mindfulness and intention.

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The Sacred Encounter
Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality
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This wide-ranging anthology takes a close look at the breadth of human sexuality from a Jewish perspective. The essays begin with a look at biblical and rabbinic views on sexuality, and then proceed to explorations of sexuality at different moments in the life cycle, sexuality and the marital model, diverse expressions of sexuality, examples of sexuality education, the nexus of sexuality and theology, and the challenges of contemporary sexual ethics. The Sacred Encounter is a thought-provoking and important Jewish resource. Perfect for personal study, or for high school or adult classes.

The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic
Edited by Rabbi Mary L. Zamore
Foreword by Eric H. Yoffie | Preface by Nigel Savage
This timely anthology explores many aspects of the Jewish ethics related to food and eating. Includes historical essays, personal reflections, contemporary challenges, and widely differing views. Great for personal or group study.

The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic
Edited by Rabbi Mary L. Zamore
The Sacred Exchange creates a rich and varied discussion about the ethics of money. Our use of and relationship with money must reflect our religious values—this book aims to start a comprehensive conversation about how Judaism can guide us in this multi-faceted relationship.

The Sacred Calling
Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate
Edited by Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr and Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf
Foreword by Rabbi Sally J. Priesand | Preface by Rabbi Jacqueline Koch Ellenson
Women have been rabbis for over forty years. No longer are women rabbis a unique phenomenon; rather, they are part of the fabric of Jewish life. In this anthology, rabbis and scholars from across the Jewish world reflect back on the historic significance of women in the rabbinate and explore issues related to both the professional and personal lives of women rabbis. This collection examines the ways in which the reality of women in the rabbinate has impacted all aspects of Jewish life, including congregational culture, liturgical development, life cycle ritual, the Jewish healing movement, spirituality, theology, and more.

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Songs Ascending:
The Book of Psalms in a New Translation with Textual and Spiritual Commentary
By Rabbi Richard N. Levy
This beautiful, poetic translation by Rabbi Levy of the Book of Psalms, with textual commentary that will take you inside the translation process, will help you to understand the choices each psalm’s author seems to have made, and the choices facing us in the 21st century as we try to make each psalm our own. The spiritual commentary asks: to what events, struggles or triumphs in our own lives might this psalm speak? How might this psalm articulate an aspect of our spiritual lives, and how might it help us celebrate a holiday or another special day? How might it accompany us when we are ill, or visiting someone who is ill? How might it provide comfort when we have lost someone dear to us?
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Lights in the Forest:
Rabbis Respond to Twelve Essential Jewish Questions
Edited by Rabbi Paul Citrin
A cross-section of rabbis respond to questions about God, ethics, humanity, suffering, evil, the soul, after-life, interfaith dialogue, and more. For self-study, high school classes, adult learning, and conversion.
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Amen: Seeking Presence with Prayer, Poetry, and Mindfulness Practice
Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar
Prayer is an articulation of our noblest desires, our deepest yearnings, and our darkest places. The prayers in this collection speak directly to the complexity of human life—whether you seek expression for joy, wonder, perplexity, or heartache, for personal use or for your community, you will find here a voice for your experience that will help you linger in the blessings and move forward through the pain. This collection includes prayers for personal use, prayers for use at communal gatherings, prayers and readings for moments of grief and moments of joy, a collection of daily Psalms, and focus phrases and questions for meditation. These readings for contemplative practice and communal gatherings will aid in the search for clarity, for strength beyond what we know, and for an affirmation of holiness, of goodness, of the grandeur of God.

Omer: A Counting
By Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar
Introduction by Rabbi A. Brian Stoller
The counting of the Omer begins with the escape from enslavement to the wandering path of freedom, leading to a mystical encounter with God, Sinai, and Torah. This volume, beginning with its informative contextual introduction, provides a spiritual guide for a personal journey through the Omer toward meaningful and purposeful living. Beautiful and evocative readings for each day, matched with the daily Omer blessing, offer a transformative path from Passover to Shavuot.
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