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One of the highlights of the past year has been our return to in-person conferences. It’s always a treat being out in the field meeting readers and authors; online just wasn’t the same. Keep an eye out for our books at Jewish conferences in the coming year, both in the Reform Movement and beyond.

Over the summer we welcomed our new Editor, Rabbi Annie Villarreal-Belford, who plays a key role in shaping our books. We are also delighted to welcome Rabbi Edwin Goldberg as the next Editor of CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly.

Our publications continue to be recognized by national book awards. Because My Soul Longs for You: Integrating Theology into Our Lives was a finalist for the Foreword Indies Book of the Year in the Religion category and was awarded silver medal in the Inspirational/Spiritual category at the Independent Publisher Book Awards. In the latter’s Religion category, Mishkan HaSeder: A Passover Haggadah won the silver medal and The Social Justice Torah Commentary tied for bronze. Mazal tov to all the authors!

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Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD
Translated by Rabbi Peretz A. Rodman
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.

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The Way of Humanity: According to Chasidic Teaching
Foreword by Dr. Paul Mendes-Flohr
Martin Buber (1878–1965) was one of the most influential Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century. A philosopher, seeker, and nurturer of dialogue, he responded to the complexities of his times by affirming the fullness of interpersonal encounter and the spiritual everyday. In 1947, Buber delivered lectures interpreting six traditional Chasidic stories to a German-speaking audience, published as The Way of Humanity. In the first new English translation in over half a century, Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman and Dr. Gabriel E. Padawer reframe Chasidic stories to a German-speaking audience, published as The Way of Humanity. In the first new English translation in over half a century, Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman and Dr. Gabriel E. Padawer aim to bring the work to contemporary readers in a clear, accessible voice. The teachings within highlight the subversion and innovation of the early Chasidic masters of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, while providing meaningful spiritual guidance and insight for any seeker today. A foreword by Dr. Paul Mendes-Flohr as well as an introduction, epilogue, and notes from the translators place Buber’s work in historical context. Timeless and enlightening, The Way of Man guides us to inner meaning and highlights our human wholeness.
Prophetic Voices: Renewing and Reimagining Haftarah
Edited by Rabbi Barbara AB Symons | Foreword by Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner
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These Words: Poetic Midrash on the Language of Torah
Alden Solovy | Foreword by Rabba Yaffa Epstein
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 zachor (“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
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Longing: Poems of a Life
Merle Feld | Foreword by Rabbi Rachel Adler, PhD
What do we long for as we carry the traumas of our past and look into the future with guarded hope? In Longing: Poems of a Life, acclaimed poet Merle Feld tells her intensely personal story while naming profound human experience. Feld opens forbidden doors and long-shuttered windows, peering through the lattices of memory at moments of anguish, breaking, blessing, surviving. We accompany her through early family violence, isolation, the discovery of community and love; we witness her climb from the loss of possibility to the assertion of self-worth and purpose. Threading through the years are conversations with a mother long gone—“a slip of a girl” whose misplaced loyalty and endless capacity for loving are both cautionary tale and guidepost. Deeply Jewish yet universal, these gripping poems will stay with you.


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Foreword by Rabbi Menachem Creditor
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This Joyful Soul: A New Voice for Ancient Yearnings
By Alden Solovy
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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.

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Seven Days, Many Voices: Insights into the Biblical Story of Creation

Edited by Rabbi Benjamin David

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Because My Soul Longs for You: Integrating Theology into Our Lives

Edited by Rabbi Edwin C. Goldberg and Rabbi Elaine S. Zecher

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

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Recharging Judaism: How Civic Engagement Is Good for Synagogues, Jews, and America

Rabbi Judith Schindler and Judy Seldin-Cohen

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Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority

Edited by Rabbi Seth M. Limmer, DHL and Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner

Introduction by Reverend Cornell William Brooks

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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 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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Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27: A Spiritual Practice for the Jewish New Year
Rabbi Debra J. Robbins | Foreword by Rabbi David Stern
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Edited by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, DPhil

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The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic
Edited by Rabbi Mary L. Zamore

Foreword by Eric H. Yoffie | Preface by Nigel Savage

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Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate
Edited by Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr and Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf
Rabbi Renee Edelman, Consulting Editor
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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