Darosh Darash Yosef
Discourses of Rav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik on the Weekly Parshah
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by Joseph Polak

foreword by Elie Wiesel

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Urim Publications, 2015
Hardcover, 141 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)

Lonely But Not Alone

A Spiritual Autobiography

by Nathan Lopes Cardozo

Lonely But Not Alone tells the highly unusual story of Dutch-Israeli Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo, a child of an intermarriage between a Christian woman and Jewish man, who discovers Judaism in his teens and subsequently undergoes a ritual conversion. Weaving together his history and his novel approach to Judaism borne out of his unconventional experiences, Cardozo tackles the problems of religiosity, doubt, faith, and the holy land of Israel and offers his vision for an improved Judaism. This volume blends Cardozo’s personal account, testimony by his mother about concealing his father’s family during the Holocaust, seminal essays on Jewish thought, and an interview with the author.

Urim Publications, 2015
Hardcover, $25.95 (100 NIS)
Questions of conversion have been amongst the most fraught issues on the internal Jewish agenda in Israel, the United States, and elsewhere. The rifts have grown wider given increasing rates of intermarriage in the United States and the collapse of opposition to intermarriage almost everywhere but the Orthodox community and some sections of Conservative Judaism. The spectacular success of the Soviet Jewry movement, and the critically important aliya of roughly a million Soviet Jews, brought a new urgency to the problem.

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Hardcover, $36.95 (150 NIS)

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Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik’s Lectures on the Guide of the Perplexed
edited by Lawrence J. Kaplan
foreword by Dov Schwartz

This is the first and only comprehensive study of the philosophy of Maimonides by the noted 20th-century rabbinic scholar and thinker, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik.

Based on a complete set of notes, taken by Rabbi Gerald (Yaakov) Homnick, on R. Soloveitchik’s lectures on Maimonides’ Guide of the Perplexed at the Bernard Revel Graduate School, and edited by the noted scholar Lawrence Kaplan, this work constitutes a major contribution to our knowledge of both Maimonides and Soloveitchik. Over the course of these lectures, he develops a profound and challenging overall approach to and interpretation of the Guide’s central and critical issue: the relationship between philosophy and divine law.

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Tiferet Yisrael: Translation and Commentary
Introduction and Chapters 1–9
by The Maharal of Prague
translated by Rabbi Ramon Widmonte

The famed Maharal of Prague is known for the legend of the Golem, but his Torah has remained a closed book to English speakers for far too long. While several attempts have been made to translate or abridge the Maharal’s Torah, the complexity of his thought has defied standard translation methodologies. This edition of the Tiferet Yisrael (the Splendor of Israel) seeks to present the Maharal’s thought in all its majesty and to enable beginners and scholars alike to grasp the overall structure of the Maharal’s concepts through the addition of innovative summaries and graphical aids. The translation is lucid and faithful, with in-line comments to guide the reader in exploring the Maharal’s depths.

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Silver from the Land of Israel
A New Light on the Sabbath and Holidays from the Writings of Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook
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National Jewish Book Award 2010 Finalist Winner in the category of Modern Jewish Thought & Experience

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On Changes in Jewish Liturgy
Options and Limitations
by Daniel Sperber

“Most of the book is devoted to demonstrating that liturgy is far from static. Sperber does not find it difficult to prove his point, and the discussion is fascinating. The author concludes with some examples of changes to the liturgy that have been introduced for women. His intention is not to recommend changes, but to demonstrate that the liturgy can be changed and to emphasize what is consonant with halakhah and what is not. A very stimulating book!”

—Chaim Seymour, AJL Newsletter

“The tension between the need to breath new life into Jewish prayer and the danger of recklessly undermining traditional forms lies at the heart of a new book, On Changes in Jewish Liturgy: Options and Limitations.”

—Aryeh Tepper, Jewish Ideas Daily

On the Relationship of Mitzvot Between Man and his Neighbor and Man and his Maker
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National Jewish Book Award 2014 Finalist
Winner in the category of Modern Jewish Thought and Experience

This volume examines the relationship between the two major categories of mitzvot: ritual mitzvot (between man and his Maker – בין אדם למקום) and social-interpersonal mitzvot (between man and his neighbor – בין אדם לחברו). It is argued that when there is a clash between mitzvot of these two categories, and one cannot carry out both of them, the interpersonal mitzvot almost always override those of a ritual nature.

“Rabbi Dr. Sperber has just added another outstanding volume to his always-interesting and thought-provoking collection of books . . . On the Relationship is a book that is significant, enjoyable and a pleasure to read.”

—Rabbi Dr. Nachum Amsel, The Jewish Press

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Hardcover, 221 pages (including index)
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Majesty and Humility

The Thought of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik
by Reuven Ziegler
Series Editor: Jacob J. Schacter

“Writing in comprehensible language, Rabbi Ziegler takes the reader through the major tenets of the Rav’s thought and his significant writings and integrates the Rav’s life with his thought. Suitable for both the experienced student of the Rav and one looking for an introduction to his approach, Majesty and Humility offers the perfect introduction to the extensive corpus of the Rav’s works and philosophy.” – Jewish Action

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– Yoel Finkelman, Bookjed Lookstein Digest

Memories of a Giant

Reflections on Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik zt”l
edited by Michael A. Bierman
Series Editor: Jacob J. Schacter

Memories of a Giant is a work about Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. In addition to being a man of deep learning and powerful intellect, Rabbi Soloveitchik is presented here as a man of great chesed, profound personal piety and impeccable integrity. The eulogies (hespedim) collected in this volume, delivered by leaders of the Orthodox community, chronicle the impact of not only a brilliant philosopher and master pedagogue, but a caring, thoughtful and awe-inspiring teacher and role model.

“All of these colorful strands of the grand tapestry that was the Rav’s life are captured in these moving and thought provoking eulogies . . . This beautiful volume is a fitting tribute to a rare Torah giant as well as a giant among men.”

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Find It in the Talmud
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Thousands of Talmudic Subjects, Stores and Expressions
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–D. Mizrachi, CHOICE

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Kosher Movies
A Film Critic Discovers Life Lessons at the Cinema

by Rabbi Herbert J. Cohen, Ph.D.

Film critic Herbert Cohen views films as potential life lessons, and defines a “kosher movie” as one that has something valuable to say about the human condition. In this survey spanning many genres, Cohen presents films as tools for self-discovery and for navigating challenges of life. Exploring 120 standout movies from the past 30 years, Cohen shares inspiring personal anecdotes about self-growth, relationships, parenting, aging, dealing with adversity, and more.

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By Leo Dee

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–Professor Jonathan D. Sarna

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–Publishers Weekly

Urim Publications, 2014, Hardcover, 463 pages, $27.95 (100 NIS)

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Religious and Communal Factors that Undermine the Apprehension of Offenders and the Treatment of Victims

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—Rabbi Yosef Blau

“[This book] is so important in that it actually sheds light on this issue and identifies how and why abuse in the Jewish community is less reported and less known than that in the Catholic Church or within other religious groups.”

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–Dr. Rachel Friedman

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by Aaron Lichtenstein

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by Ervin Landau

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–Ben Zion Katz, Seforim Blog

Urim Publications and OU Press, 2012
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From the Heart of a Lion

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–Alan Jay Gerber, The Jewish Star

Penina Press, 2015
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By Rabbi Melvin Granatstein

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Nevarech, 2013
$29.95 (140 NIS)
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Torah, Kabbalah and Consciousness in the Daily Morning Blessings
by David Bar-Cohn

Ohr HaShachar takes us on a journey through the morning blessings in search of greater clarity and depth, opening up the worlds that lie within the words. What do we mean by the word modeh? What does the term baruch really imply? What is the elusive kedusha to which the phrase asher kideshanu refers? Ohr HaShachar offers fresh insights along with traditional commentary, analysis of larger concepts as well as linguistic nuances within the text, plus dozens of visual diagrams and hundreds of notes.

“David Bar-Cohn has artfully retained fidelity to traditional meanings and commentaries, while at the same time advancing novel explanations and new dimensions of meaning…”
–Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo

“I unreservedly recommend Ohr HaShachar . . . [for] any and all who would like to explore a fresh path for reinvigorating this so central element of our spiritual lives.”
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Rav Moshe Weinberger, Mara D’Asra of Congregation Aish Kodesh in Woodmere, New York, has composed a commentary that reveals the treasures embedded within Oros HaTeshuvah. Based on an extensive knowledge of Jewish philosophical and inspirational literature, Rav Weinberger’s commentary is profound, moving and fresh, richly explicating Oros HaTeshuvah’s ideas in a clear and accessible but not superficial manner. His masterful expositions on a variety of topics (such as the difference between depression and a broken heart) are both lucid and invigorating.

“I was impressed by the English translation, for example: ‘Teshuvah is the elixir that brings us back to Hashem.’ I have studied Rav Kook’s work in the past and found it difficult. Rabbi Weinberger helps the reader understand the text; however, a reader will still be required to make a real effort to understand this work.”

—Chaim Seymour, AJL Reviews

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Penina Press, 2011
Hardcover, 351 pages, $34.95 (120 NIS)
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Penina Press, 2012
Hardcover, 432 pages, $38.95 (130 NIS)

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Devora Publishing, 2015
Softcover, 216 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)

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Penetrating Insights into Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot
by Rabbi Zvi Dov Kanotopsky

“What makes this book so special is how the rabbi blends the religious content of the drosho with the events of the day. Given the tense tenor of our own times, this work helps us to better appreciate the task rabbis face weekly in attempting to apply our Torah to contemporary events and personalities. It does so in a manner that brings dignity to our religious teachings, and helps to comfort us in difficult times.”

–Alan Jay Gerber, The Jewish Star

“This book contains thirty-eight derashot in total, each one a gem in its wisdom as well as in its ability to depict life in America during the formative years of American Orthodox Jewry. I strongly recommend it to anyone who enjoys probing the inner meaning of the holidays.”

–Stephen J. Savitsky, Jewish Action

Urim Publications, 2007
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“Kaddish, Women’s Voices is a deeply moving anthology of women who have loved and lost and prayed. The essays it contains are short in length but long in wisdom, consolation, and comfort.”
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–Ari L. Goldman

“A tribute to the ability of contemporary women to find meaning in an age-old custom and strengthen it further in our time.”
–Hadassah Lieberman

Urim Publications, 2013
Hardcover, 258 pages, $27.95 (100 NIS)

Hide and Seek
Jewish Women and Hair Covering
by Lynne Schreiber

“These essays are remarkably candid and engaging . . . With the hundreds of books that arrive for review consideration, it’s refreshing to encounter a work that charts new territory.”
–Sandee Brawarsky, The Jewish Week

“The book is impressive . . .”
–Rabbi Jack Riemer, Moment Magazine

“Lynne Schreiber has contributed a monumental tome to Jewish thought. Jewish Women and Covering the Hair should become required reading in every adult curriculum.”
–Herschel Finman, The Jewish Hour

“A unique addition to Judaic Studies reading lists, Hide & Seek is highly recommended for its thought-provoking and fascinating account.”
–Midwest Book Review

Urim Publications, 2006
Softcover, 224 pages, $15.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-75-6
Total Immersion
A Mikvah Anthology
by Rivkah Slonim

In this best-selling collection of almost fifty essays and stories about the mikvah (the Jewish ritual bath), women and men contribute their thoughts on this ancient Jewish tradition.

“If you’re interested in mikvah, and even if you’re not, you must dip into this unique testimony to Jewish women’s experience and thought.”
—Tamar Frankiel

“There can be few areas of religious life more in need of rediscovery, and I know of no more informative and moving introduction than the essays contained in this book.”
—Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Sacks

“This is a well-written, sophisticated, and often humorous collection; an engaging book for the initiated and uninitiated reader.”
—Dr. Avivah Zornberg

Urim Publications, 2006
Softcover, second revised edition
319 pages, $18.95 (80 NIS)

Bread and Fire
Jewish Women Find God in the Everyday
edited by Rivkah Slonim

Bread and Fire is about the everyday lives of Jewish women and the struggles and aspirations, failings and triumphs of their spiritual endeavors.

This book asks: What does it mean to be a Jewish woman today? What does Jewish tradition offer to modern women who are looking for practical ways to bring spirituality and meaning to their lives and the lives of their loved ones?

The women whose writings appear in this book span a wide range of ages, backgrounds, perspectives and professions. In her own way, each one reveals God as an anchoring force in her life: from the birthing room to the boardroom, cleaning in the kitchen or scrubbing up for surgery.

“This is an anthology for anyone interested in religion, in the religious experience, in a community of women who have chosen to live differently from the norm.”
—Amy Klein, LA Jewish Journal

Urim Publications, 2006, Hardcover, 455 pages, $32.95 (130 NIS)
Torah of the Mothers
Contemporary Jewish Women
Read Classical Jewish Texts
edited by Ora Wiskind Elper
and Susan Handelman

“It is a very fine work of serious scholarship, and a
pleasure to read.” –Rabbi Chaim Brovender

“This interesting and important book brings
together writings by 23 Orthodox Jewish women,
Torah scholars all, but none of them rabbis or
feminists, as in more liberal divisions of Judaism.
In certain ways, these essays do not differ much
from other contemporary Torah commentaries
– here, as in similar works, are close readings of
Torah and applications of its meaning to modern
life. Yet these women are aware of the complexity
and irony of their situation. . . . This collection
should prove thought-provoking for thoughtful
Jewish readers of all persuasions.

Highly recommended.” –Library Journal

Urim Publications, 2006
Softcover, 502 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)

A Lifetime Companion to
the Laws of Jewish Family Life

by Deena R. Zimmerman,
MD MPH IBCLC
foreword by Rabbi Yehuda Henkin

“This outstanding volume deserves to be on every
Jewish couple’s bookshelf.”
–Rabbanit Chana Henkin

“This is a remarkable volume by a remarkable
woman. The author, a highly regarded pediatrician
and a scholar of Talmud, here offers a compre-
hensive volume on Jewish “family purity,” the
conventional euphemism for the laws governing
menstruation. It is an authoritative treatment of
the subject and should prove invaluable to all who
cherish the wholeness of the bond between hus-
band and wife and the holiness of Torah Judaism.”
–Rabbi Norman Lamm

Urim Publications, 2011
Third Revised Edition
Softcover, 231 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-063-4
Expecting Miracles
Finding Meaning and Spirituality in Pregnancy Through Judaism
by Chana Weisberg

“I have many books on the topic of birth, but none like this. The lovely Expecting Miracles, with its graceful cover design and focus on the spiritual aspects of pregnancy and birth, is unique . . . and I have already given it to some of my friends. . . .”
–Rishe Deitsch, N’shei Chabad Newsletter

“Chana Weisberg’s beautifully written book explores the little known world of Orthodox Jewish women in various stages of pregnancy: their hopes, their dreams, their fears, their beliefs as they integrate the marvels, the mysteries, the magic, and ultimately, the miracle of childbirth and mothering.”
–Yitta Halberstam

“I bought the book . . . and loved it! I ‘devoured it’ over Shabbos. It filled the great thirst I had to gain an understanding of the deeper meaning of this unique experience . . . it is definitely sitting in my office waiting room.”
–Dr. Hava-Yael Schreiber, OB/GYN, The Jewish Press

Urim Publications, 2004
Hardcover, 352 pages, $27.95 (110 NIS)

One Baby Step at a Time
Seven Secrets of Jewish Motherhood
by Chana (Jenny) Weisberg

“One Baby Step at a Time is a collection of eye-opening personal essays, inspirational readings, and refreshingly honest interviews that will uplift, validate, and provide practical suggestions to improve the life of every Jewish mother. In this sequel to her critically-acclaimed book Expecting Miracles, author Chana (Jenny) Weisberg describes seven ancient Jewish secrets that have enabled Jewish women throughout the millennia to infuse their mothering lives with more happiness, fulfillment, and spirituality.

“It is truly an inspiring, honest, heart-warming and thought provoking book compiled of essays, helpful hints and tidbits and interviews with many Jewish women from varying backgrounds.”
–A Simple Jew blog

“One Baby Step at a Time is one of the most amazing books I’ve read.”
–Chana Billet

Urim Publications, 2007
Hardcover, 302 pages, $25.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-524-001-0

Lifecycle / Inspirational
Rabbinic Authority

The Vision and the Reality
Beit Din Decisions in English

by Rabbi A. Yehuda Warburg

"Rabbinic Authority: The Vision and the Reality introduces the English-speaking public to the scope of rabbinic authority in general and the workings of the institution of the beit din (Jewish arbitration) in particular.” — Five Towns Jewish Times

"Rabbinic Authority: The Vision and the Reality is a smart addition to the literature on beit din – how they operate in theory and in practice.” — Shlomo Greenwald

"Rabbinic Authority: the Vision and the Reality, by Rabbi A. Yehuda Warburg, is a deeply learned and lucidly written description and analysis of the inner workings of the beit din.” — Rabbi Professor Ephraim Kanarfogel, E. Billi Ivry University Professor of Jewish History, Literature and Law at Yeshiva University

Urim Publications, 2013
Hardcover, 320 pages, $28.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-144-0

Rabbinic Authority 2

The Vision and the Reality
Beit Din Decisions in English

by Rabbi A. Yehuda Warburg

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Urim Publications, 2015
Hardcover, $28.95 (100 NIS)
Understanding Tzniut
Modern Controversies in the Jewish Community

by Rabbi Yehuda Henkin

In his innovative and magisterial lead essay, Rabbi Yehuda Henkin analyzes the pervasive yet little-understood area of women’s modesty. In Understanding Tzniut, Rabbi Henkin also examines the issues of handshaking, aliyot to the Torah, and dancing with a sefer Torah, as well as general topics such as questions of rabbinical misjudgment during the Holocaust and the relationship to Israel’s government in the wake of the expulsion from Gush Katif. To all topics, Rabbi Henkin brings halachic stature, scholarship and erudition.

“R. Henkin’s essay on modest dress analyzes a number of relevant topics (e.g., women’s haircovering, necklines) and shows that R. Falk’s positions are extreme. In reaching his conclusions, R. Henkin displays a mastery of both halakhic views on this subject and sound reasoning.”

—Rabbi Gil Student, Hirurim Blog

Equality Lost
Essays in Torah Commentary, Halacha, and Jewish Thought

by Rabbi Yehuda Henkin

“It is a pleasure to learn with Henkin, who uses accessible language and whose arguments and deductions are often delightful. The title essay relates to the problems some people have regarding feminism and the needs of learned women. All in all, there are six essays [of fifteen] concerning women’s issues, none of which contains apologetics.”

—Gael Hammer, Australian Jewish News

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—Dov Linzer, The Edah Journal

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 141 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 13: 978-965-524-005-4,

How do Rabbis arrive at the answers to questions? Rabbi J. Simcha Cohen provides both the answers to questions on Shabbat observance and a look at the process by which the answers are derived.

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Urim Publications, 2009
Hardcover, 203 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)

From previous books by Rabbi J. Simcha Cohen:
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–Rabbi Meir Kadosh, The Jewish Press

“Rabbi J. Simcha Cohen has established an outstanding reputation as a scholar and writer, a fine halakhist and an original thinker. He is a bold and distinctive presence in contemporary Orthodoxy.”
–Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

“The 613th Commandment is evidence of the erudition, keen mind and ability in pilpulei dé’oraita of its author. . . .” –Solomon J. Sharfman, Tradition

“I consider your sefer a remarkable achievement. It presents in the English language the full flavor of ‘talking in learning.’” –Rabbi Yaakov S. Weinberg

Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 267 pages, $25.95 (90 NIS)
Amot Shel Halacha
Halachic Insights
by Rabbi Ari N. Enkin

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–Rabbi Michael Broyde

“I have used excerpts of Rabbi Enkin’s book with my students and we have enjoyed them all. I have found his writings to contain a great deal of valuable material . . . This is a unique sefer by a talented and distinguished Torah scholar.”

–Rabbi Ephraim Greenblatt

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Urim Publications, 2009
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Innovation in Jewish Law
A Case Study of Chiddush in Havineinu
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“This book provides a new framework for future researchers who can seek to elucidate other examples of incremental shifts in Jewish law. In an era when far too few of us understand the mesorah that we have received, this book helps to put the often overlooked work of our rabbis in historical and social perspective.”

–Daniel P. Aldrich, Shofar Journal of Jewish Studies

“. . . it is his masterful introduction and conclusion about halachic methodology – focusing on how and under what circumstances halacha changes – that give the book its importance.”

–Rabbi Francis Nataf, Lookstein Digest

“Michael J. Broyde, a pulpit rabbi, leading halachic decisor in the Modern Orthodox community and law professor at Emory, traces the discussion of this prayer and the circumstances under which it is permissible to substitute it for the shemoneh esrei . . . His case study is a tour de force . . .”

–Jewish Review of Books

Urim Publications, 2010
Hardcover, 163 pages (including index)
$19.95 (70 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-036-8
Acts of the Mind in Jewish Ritual Law
An Insight into Rabbinic Psychology

by Rabbi Dr. Isaac Cohen

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–Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

“All who wish to gain a better knowledge of the spiritual and psychological aspects of Jewish law and the Jewish way of life, as well as those completely unfamiliar with these subjects, will discover a wealth of information in Dr. Cohen’s book.”
–Judge Zvi Tal, Justice of the Israel Supreme Court (Retired)

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 870 pages (including glossary, bibliography and index), $34.95 (140 NIS)

The Mitzvot
The Commandments and Their Rationale

by Abraham Chill

Recognized as a classic in the field, this book is a pioneering study dealing with the traditional rationale behind the 613 Commandments (Mitzvot) in the Torah. The author draws on the considerable literature to present the interpretation of the great rabbinical thinkers on each Commandment. The book provides easy reference for the systematic study of the Mitzvot and for anyone interested in additional information on a particular commandment.

“The Mitzvot represents a comprehensive and insightful effort to summarize and clarify the best thought of the past on this topic of central importance.”
–Professor Marvin Fox

“This work presents . . . each and every . . . one of the 613 Commandments. Rabbi Chill’s endeavor is to be highly commended and recommended.”
–Professor Sidney B. Hoenig

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Hardcover, 508 pages, $30.00 (120 NIS)
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*Using Rationality and Practicality To Make Sense of Life*

**by Yitzhak Shimon Hurwitz**

Albert Einstein contrasted science and religion when he said, “Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.” Apparently, a person must have religion, but he needs one that is rational – seemingly a contradiction in terms. This book, *The Wisdom of the Jews*, comes to resolve this dilemma for the thinking individual.

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**It Was Evening, It Was Morning**

*Scandinavia in the Aftermath of WWII*

**by Chana Sharfstein**

In *It Was Evening, It Was Morning*, Chana Sharfstein describes the vivid memories of meeting Holocaust survivors. From their home in the Swedish capital, Sharfstein’s father, Rabbi Yaakov Yosef Zuber ministered to and cared for the throngs of Jewish refugees who entered the country following the close of World War II and found refuge in its many Displaced Persons camps.

The book tells the story of Sharfstein’s search to find those whose self-sacrifice saved many, as well as her own impressions on the rebirth of Judaism in Scandinavia, fueled in large part by Chabad-Lubavitch centers sprouting up throughout the region.”

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*Resolving the Tension between Self-expression and Submission to Divine Will*

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R. Tzadok Hakohen of Lublin (1823–1900), Chassidic master of Torah, taught that spiritual growth follows a predictable sequence of stages: One’s youth is most conducive to growth in love and kindness, one’s middle years provide the best opportunity for learning submission to Divine authority, and one’s later years are the optimal time for growth in truth-perception. *Stages of Spiritual Growth* explores R. Tzadok’s system.

“I have perused *Stages of Spiritual Growth* and was overwhelmed by its profundity and lucidity. In my opinion, this work is destined to leave an imprint in the souls of people who desire to grow spiritually.”

–Rabbi Dovid Cohen, Congregation Gvul Ya’avetz

Devora Publishing, 2010


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Devora Publishing, 2012

Softcover, 174 pages, $18.95 (60 NIS)


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Devora Publishing, 2012

Softcover, 272 pages, $22.95 (70 NIS)

Avraham Rand had the ability to open his heart to the words of King David and to transcribe the gamut of joy, anger, love, pain, and suffering that infuse this great king’s work. His last days were spent creating a reader-friendly translation of Tehillim, one that could go beyond the written word, one that would reach out to the reader and bring him into King David’s stream of consciousness so that he could make this work his own.

This is not just a translation of Tehillim; it is also a chance to eavesdrop on the constant dialogue between a lover and his beloved. It is the Song of Songs of a modest individual who sought to make King David’s song heard.

Devora Publishing, 2013
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Be moved by the inspiring words of Psalms, translated into clear and readable language by a professor of English and scholar of the Bible.

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–Rabbi Dr. David Ebner, *Jewish Action*

Urim Publications, 2006, English only
Hardcover, 201 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-86-1

Softcover pocket Oliner edition, 288 pages
$7.95 (30 NIS) Size: 4.25” wide × 5.75” tall
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An Analysis of the Themes in Jewish Prayer
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–Shoshana Horowitz, AJL Review

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–Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, Jewish Book Review

Urim Publications, 2009
Hardcover, 302 pages, $23.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-032-0

Things Overheard in the Synagogue
by Ira Bedzow

Striving to record observations of things in his own world, and yielding a perspective that is pertinent to others as well, Ira Bedzow’s poetry reveals emotions, frustrations and perspectives that the author has encountered in his life. Through poetical aphorisms, Bedzow intends to fulfill what Job unwittingly advises, “I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad face and wear a smile.”

“Ira Bedzow’s wise and sensitive poetry is a ‘life story’ of introspections and self-evaluations on the backdrop of Jewish traditions and beliefs. Some of the poems are confessional, addressed to the Almighty, and some to humankind.”
–Edith Covensky

“Several of the poems retell Biblical stories, and in a section of personal reflections, there are many Talmudic asides. All of it reflects Bedzow’s deep immersion of Jewish texts, as well as a lyrical ear perfectly matched for poems.”
–Eric Herschthal, The Jewish Week

Penina Press, 2012
Softcover, 151 pages, $19.95 (60 NIS)
Chief Rabbi Brigadier-General Shlomo Goren (1918–1994) made a unique and unforgettable contribution to the Jewish people. More than any other person, he embodied the ancient ideal of being both a great Jewish scholar and a remarkable soldier in the service of God and the Jewish people.

“It is excellent! . . . Accessible, readable, gripping. And a lot of great pictures (including one of Rav Elyashiv). Plus, no shortage of criticism about R. Goren, albeit written from the perspective of a clear admirer . . . This book should be on every Jewish bookshelf. Note that I write that without having any financial stake in the book. Buy it. Read it. Have your children read it.”

–Rabbi Gil Student, Hirhurim Blog

In this book, Rabbis Marc and Hayyim Angel provide an analysis of the teachings of Rabbi Halevy on a wide range of topics: confronting modernity, rabbinic responsibility and authority, metaphysical issues, questions of faith, the role of customs, Jewish education, governing the Jewish State, and more. Rabbi Halevy was a gentle, thoughtful scholar and a courageous thinker who was not afraid to consider old questions in a new light, and to break new ground in the field of Torah studies.

“I began reading your book on Rabbi Haim David Halevy and I could not put it down.”

–Rabbi Barry Hartman

“Rabbi Halevy, surprisingly under-appreciated and inadequately recognized as a Torah luminary, was a prolific author of books and articles. This volume explores major themes in this thought and halakhic discourse.”

–YU Review
Professor Nehama Leibowitz (1905–1997), winner of the Israel Prize in Education, was a unique figure in the twentieth century Jewish landscape. This book documents her life story, inspiring personality and scholarship. It discusses her strong views on such issues as Zionism, humanism and feminism, as well as the influences that shaped her. Other topics covered include her pioneering approach to Bible and commentaries that changed the face of Jewish Bible study, her acceptance as a prominent Torah scholar despite her gender, and the future of her work in light of recent scholarship.

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University Publications, 2009
Series: Modern Jewish Lives · volume 3
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– Eric S. Freeman, American Jewish History

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– Prof. Jonathan D. Sarna

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The Institute for the Publication of the Writings of Rabbi Meir Kahane, 2008
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They Called Him Rebbe
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Urim Publications, 2007, Hardcover, 295 pages, $24.95 (70 NIS)

The Spirits Behind the Law
The Talmudic Scholars
by Rabbi Jonathan Duker

This work portrays fifteen scholars based on the stories of their lives that appear in the Talmudic and midrashic traditions. By weaving the original accounts together with insightful analysis, the writer provides a human portrait of these great masters while remaining faithful to the original narratives.

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–Rabbi Hayyim Angel

“The book is a treasure for both rabbis and laypersons; as well as for teachers and their students looking for the key to open up the genius and sweetness of Talmudic study.”

–Rabbi Avraham Weiss

Urim, 2007, Hardcover, 123 pages, $21.95 (60 NIS)
Journey to Heaven
Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife
by Leila Leah Bronner

“Conversant with Jewish writings throughout the ages, Dr. Bronner is a gifted writer with an uncanny ability to trace the major Jewish beliefs in an afterlife through the ages, recognize nuances and tensions, and present the reader with lucid formulations. The ideas of bodily resurrection, immortality of the soul, reincarnation, the World to Come, and the Messiah have continuously suffused Judaism and are still with us. A fascinating book.” —Professor Bezalel Porten

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Urim Publications, 2011
Hardcover, 206 pages, $25.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-047-4

Dignity Beyond Death
The Jewish Preparation for Burial
by Rochel U. Berman
foreword by Rabbi Irving Greenberg
WINNER OF THE KORET INTERNATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD 2006
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FINALIST WINNER in the category of CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE & PRACTICE

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“Dignity Beyond Death is a passionate and deeply informed study of one of the most ancient and significant rituals of Jewish practice. Written in a lively and engaging style by one whose authority is drawn from long-time experience, this book will serve as a standard for years to come.” —Professor Froma I. Zeitlin

Urim Publications, 2005
Hardcover, 223 pages, $24.95 (100 NIS)
The Quest for Authenticity
The Thought of Reb Simhah Bunim
by Michael Rosen

“It is a pleasure to warmly recommend the publication of Dr. Michael Rosen’s monograph on Rabbi Simhah Bunim of Przysucha . . . and I can testify that this is an important and original contribution for understanding nineteenth century Hasidism.”
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–Rabbi Dr. Natan Ophir (Offenbacher), *Lookstein Digest*

“I would encourage all those fascinated by Hasidism and its development to discover a surprisingly open, progressive, and “counterculture” worldview, with lessons relevant for the thoughtful spiritual life in the 21st century.”
–William Liss-Levinson, *Jewish Book World*


Halakhic Man, Authentic Jew
Modern Expressions of Orthodox Thought from Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits
by Ira Bedzow

*Halakhic Man, Authentic Jew* is a comparative study of the thought of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits about what constitutes a model Jew and the understanding and presentation of Halakha in a modern era.

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–Dr. Henry Abramson

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–Rabbi Fishel Todd

Urim Publications, 2009
Modern Orthodox Judaism
Studies and Perspectives
by Rabbi Dr. Menachem-Martin Gordon

“Rabbi Menachem Gordon is one of the young luminaries in the growing circle of centrist orthodoxy’s champions. His essays are studied and often quoted because he clarifies for intellectuals where Judaism stands on many matters of contemporary interest.”

–Rabbi Dr. Emanuel Rackman

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–Rabbi Dr. Walter S. Wurzburger

“The world is changing at an extraordinary and increasing rate. How is Modern Orthodoxy to respond, in both specific and general ways? Rabbi Gordon’s recent volume takes on the task with commitment and an open mind.”

Fred Isaac, AJL Reviews

Covenantal Imperatives
Essays by Walter S. Wurzburger on Jewish Law, Thought, and Community
edited by Eliezer Jacobs and Shalom Carmy

Covenantal Imperatives, a collection of essays selected from the nearly six decades of Rabbi Walter Wurzburger’s illustrious career, combines the author’s mastery of Halakhah with a deep understanding of Jewish philosophy.

“. . . the book deals with Rabbi Wurzburger’s treatment of Jewish thought by utilizing the roles of four personalities who helped shape his religious beliefs: Maimonides, Samson Raphael Hirsch, Rav Hayyim of Volozhin and acharon, acharon chaviv, Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik, his mentor. Each essay delivers a powerful theological and spirited defense of our faith and present in clear terms the roles played by each of these rabbis in their respective eras in giving Judaism a contemporary intellectual garb, without compromising the essence of the faith’s basic beliefs and practices.”

–Alan Jay Gerber, The Jewish Star

“This first-class collection succeeds in presenting the thought of a major modern Orthodox Jewish thinker.”

–Chaim Seymour, AJL Review

Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 214 pages, $25.95 (90 NIS)

Urim Publications, 2008, Hardcover, 325 pages
$28.95 (100 NIS) ISBN 978-965-524-000-9
For the Love of Israel and the Jewish People
Essays and Studies on Israel, Jews and Judaism
by Nathan Lopes Cardozo

“When the international community formally acknowledged the rights of the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland after the First World War, it was implicitly understood that this connection emanated from nearly 3,000 years of Jewish law and tradition. Rabbi Cardozo eloquently reminds his readers of that very fundamental truth in a period when many in the world have unfortunately forgotten it.” —Ambassador Dore Gold

“One of the most thoughtful voices . . . Nathan Lopes Cardozo is a man of deep faith and wide intellectual horizons . . . attuned to the music of eternity.” —Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 327 pages, $26.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-010-8

The Tent of Avraham
Gleanings from the David Cardozo Academy
edited by Nathan Lopes Cardozo

The Tent of Avraham is an anthology of essays on a variety of Jewish topics of academic, personal, and spiritual nature. Contributors include Jewish thinkers, professors, and rabbis, all of whom have taught at or are affiliated with the David Cardozo Academy in Jerusalem. Original insights into the Jewish tradition, many of the articles include a more personal and emotional struggle with elements of Judaism, capturing the essence of the David Cardozo Academy.

Urim Publications and The David Cardozo Academy, 2012
Softcover, 233 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)
To Unify a Nation
My Vision for the Future of Israel
by Rabbi Dov Lipman

MK Rabbi Dov Lipman moved to Israel in 2004 and learned firsthand about its internal societal struggles – polarization, extremism, discrimination, and indecency. *To Save a Nation* captures his vision for the State of Israel and the Jewish people, a vision which led to his election to the 19th Knesset in 2013.

“You deserve appreciation for your activities which seek to build bridges of unity, understanding, and tolerance between the religious and non-religious populations in Israel. Your public actions serve as an example of responsible rabbinic work which adds honor to the Jewish nation and to the State of Israel and reflects the deep ethics and morals of Judaism in its glory.”

–Shimon Peres, President of Israel

“The book is a good choice for libraries whose patrons are interested in the history of modern Israel and its complicated politics.”

–Kathe Pinchuck, *AJL Reviews*

Urim Publications, 2013
Hardcover, 96 pages, $17.95 (60 NIS)

Rereading Israel
The Spirit of the Matter
by Bonna Devora Haberman

National Jewish Book Award 2012 Finalist
Winner in the category of Modern Jewish Thought and Experience

*Rereading Israel: The Spirit of the Matter* refreshes current conversations about Israel, while setting aside vitriolic debates and worn postures. This book opens Jewish sources to interpret Israel in critical, innovative, and inspiring ways. *Rereading Israel* presents an opportunity to engage ethically, intellectually, and emotionally – challenging us to apply our finest resources to grapple honestly and creatively with land and people, history, text, and spirit.

“Bonna Devora Haberman’s highly original book examines modern Israel – its achievements and its travails – through the prism of the religious texts and traditions that sustained the Jewish nation in exile. At once brisk and spiritual, *Rereading Israel* finds inspiration in those sources for the construction of a mature, fulfilled Jewish nation state.”

–David Horovitz

Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 191 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)
Pioneers of Religious Zionism: Rabbis Alkalai, Kalischer, Mohliver, Reines, Kook and Maimon

by Raymond Goldwater

“Raymond Goldwater discusses the lives, writing, and impact of several important rabbis from the middle of the 19th century through the formation of Israel, many of whom are little known outside their own communities. Some were partners with Herzl, Weizmann, and Ben-Gurion, while others were more closely connected to the Mizrachi stream of Zionism. All of them were critical in forming the religious ideas that drew thousands of immigrants to Palestine, and that remain part of the State’s frame of reference to this day.”

–Fred Isaac, AJL Newsletter

Urim Publications, 2009, $19.95 (80 NIS), Hardcover, 158 pages


Lone Soldiers: Israel’s Defenders from Around the World

by Herb Keinon

photographs by Ricki Rosen

“At a time when criticism of Israel, from within and from without, seems commonplace, it is refreshing and inspiring to read Herb Keinon’s Lone Soldiers: Israel’s Defenders from Around the World, a story about so much that is good and unique about Israel . . . Lone Soldiers is one more reason to be thankful for Israel, thankful for the IDF, and thankful for people like Tzvika Levy who make sure that the lone soldier is not alone.”

–Abraham H. Foxman

Devora Publishing, 2012, $34.95 (130 NIS), Hardcover, 156 pages (includes 45 color photos)


Jewish Identity in Modern Israel

Proceedings on Secular Judaism and Democracy

edited by Naftali Rothenberg and Eliezer Schweid

Giving voice to the plurality of Israeli opinion, Jewish Identity in Modern Israel is a collection of articles based upon conferences of the Framework for Contemporary Jewish Thought and Identity at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

“A strongly recommended addition to Judaic Studies reference collections and academic reading lists, Jewish Identity in Modern Israel offers the reader a compendium of well-written and thought-provoking selections.”

–Midwest Book Review

Urim Publications and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2002

Hardcover, 236 pages, $22.00 (90 NIS)

Deep in the Heart
The Groom Who Went to War, Aharon Karov
by Rabbi Zeev Karov

Rabbi Zeev Karov describes the moments of joy only a father can have on his son’s wedding day. Soon after the wedding, his son, Aharon, is called up for duty and leaves to fight for his nation. While fighting, Aharon suffers traumatic injuries from an explosion. Although doctors are sure he will not survive, Aharon defies the odds and overcomes an incredible obstacle.

This book is the heartwarming story of an individual who enthusiastically and selflessly jumps into the fray without concern for personal benefit and a nation that rises to a very difficult occasion with grace and extraordinary solidarity. Deep in the Heart is about hope and about the faith that has kept the Jewish people alive to this very day.

Urim Publications and Panim el Panim, 2014
Softcover, 200 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-175-4

You Come for One Reason
But Stay for Another
Making the Odyssey to Israel
by Rabbi Mordechai Weiss

“Rabbi Weiss has defied the Meraglim (spies) by sending back a candid, refreshing, and enlightening tale of a spiritual journey to the Holy Land.”
–Dovid Gantshar, host, The Aliyah Revolution, Israel National Radio/Arutz Sheva

“I think Rabbi Mordechai Weiss has devoted his entire life to the welfare of the Jewish people. He has demonstrated how to be a devoted communal leader. I enjoy reading his email updates and always look forward to their arrival.”
–Rabbi Shmuley Boteach

Devora Publishing, 2010
Softcover, 130 pages, $18.95 (60 NIS)
ISBN 978-1-936068-07-4

Diaspora is Jewry’s Graveyard
by Rabbi Dr. Yehoshua Kemelman

_Diaspora is Jewry’s Graveyard_ was written in order to mobilize the Jewish people to fight for our survival. In this revolutionary work, Rabbi Dr. Yehoshua Kemelman seeks to document this phenomenon, provide practical suggestions to end our existential crisis and strengthen the bond of our nation. As he points out the challenges that we need to address as a people, he charts a course of rescue for the perplexed of our generation. Any Jew who is concerned about the survival of the Jewish people, as well as the survival of his or her own children as Jews, will benefit from reading this book.

Urim Publications, 2009, Hardcover, 191 pages, $19.95 (60 NIS)
A Neuropsychologist’s Journal

Interventions and “Judi-isms”

by Dr. Judith Bendheim Guedalia

Dr. Judi Guedalia’s interventional styles (or “Judi-isms,” as she refers to them) have been distilled after close to forty years’ experience in the field, and highlight the intersection between psychology and Judaism.

“Dr. Judith Guedalia has come out with a winner; stories that can be appreciated by the professional as well as the layman.”

—Naomi Klass Mauer, The Jewish Press

“Dr. Judith Guedalia’s A Neuropsychologist’s Journal: Interventions and “Judi-isms” is a fascinating and far-ranging book that shares her knowledge and experiences working on the front lines of Israel society during times of war and peace. . . . I recommend this book to anybody who is interested in a unique blend of wisdom, humor and insight into the human spirit.”

—David Pelcovitz, Ph.D.

Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 459 pages, $26.95 (100 NIS)

And You Shall Tell Your Children

A Chronicle of Survival – Lessons of Life for Today

by Dr. Ida Akerman-Tieder

“We are greatly indebted to Dr. Ida Akerman for this moving and inspiring memoir. Reading her, one learns . . . even more about human fortitude and the depths of the Jewish soul.”

—Professor Susan Handelman

“This is one of those rare books which combine unconditional faith and integral humanism, smiles and serenity, philosophy and feeling, attachment to one’s people and love of one’s family, a fixation upon heaven and overflowing benevolence to mankind, love of the good and horror of evil, and universal history and geography of the Holy Land.”

—Rabbi Dr. Abraham Weingort

Devora Publishing, 2011
Softcover, 285 pages (includes 52 b/w photographs), $21.95 (70 NIS)

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Issues, however, lie within the soul of reader and spiritual quandaries. Ultimate conclusions to most of these philosophical suggestions toward solutions to some basic religious faith crises that they are not alone embraced and sufferers alike secluded, precisely when they need to be.

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Martin Stern has produced an innovative work – part original scholarship, part provocative polemic – that will entertain, inform, and challenge both the academic scholar of Judaism and the observant and engaged member of the Orthodox community . . .” –Dr. Z. Yaakov Wise

“Martin Stern has long been a forceful and intelligent defender of Orthodoxy, and in this collection of his writings he offers us a rich feast of insights into Jewish prayer, Jewish life, and Jewish faith. His is a fine mind, a caring heart, and an infectious spirit.” –Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

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Reasonable Doubts
A Religious Skeptic Learns A Thing or Two About God
by Cheryl Berman

“In the tradition of C.S. Lewis, Cheryl Berman has a talent for translating the most abstract and profound concepts in both philosophy and religious experience into language that speaks not only to the mind, but also to the heart and soul of her readers.” –Mali Brofsky

“Cheryl Berman’s memoir is warm, poignant, and witty, as well as philosophically astute and informed. Her imaginative examples make complex philosophical ideas accessible and relevant. The book is proof that philosophy can speak to the problems of life – and religious life in particular – in a meaningful and inspiring way.” –Professor David Shatz


Crisis, Covenant and Creativity
Jewish Thoughts for a Complex World
by Nathan Lopes Cardozo

How do religious people deal with tolerance when they are convinced that their religious beliefs carry the truth and that others are mistaken? How does Halachic living lead to a greater awareness of the mystery and beauty of life?

“All in all, Rabbi Cardozo argues for living an authentic, fully realized religious life, one in which religion and one’s relationship to God is experienced as the center of one’s existence. His well-educated approach and clear thinking make reading this book a worthwhile experience.” –Mali Brofsky, Lookstein Book Digest

Urim Publications, 2005, Hardcover, 160 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)


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Visions of a Compassionate World
Guided Imagery for Spiritual Growth and Social Transformation
by Menachem Eckstein
translated by Yehoshua Starett, foreword by David Zeller
“[A] wonderful book that will help readers infuse the light of higher consciousness into our inner worlds.” –David A. Cooper
“A hasid . . . born in the 1890’s, Ekstein published his only book in Hebrew, in Vienna, in 1921 . . . Starrett is the first to put it into English. The work combines psychology, kabbalah, therapy, and meditation . . .” –Jane Erskine, Book News

Small Acts of Kindness
Striving for Derech Eretz in Everyday Life
by Shalom Freedman
“This exploration of the meaning of derekh eretz opens a fascinating window on the normative Jewish soul.” –Haim Chertok, Hadassah Magazine
“This book is about a kind person’s effort to bring more goodness [Derech Eretz] into the world, but also a book of instruction and practical guidance. There is no one who cannot benefit from reading this uplifting volume.” –Dov Peretz Elkins, co-editor of Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul
“I have never read a book like this. It is the journal of a man who is striving to do good, no less than that, and who records every day his successes and his failures at this task.” –Rabbi Jack Riemer, South Florida Jewish News
Urim Publications, 2004, Hardcover, 279 pages, $25.95 (70 NIS)

Losing the Rat Race, Winning at Life
by Marc D. Angel
“This book is a call to action, and will make all readers stop and think about their lives and question how sure they are that they really know what makes them happy and fulfilled. Rabbi Angel deals with the question of what makes us really happy within, and where to look to get out of the rat race.” –David Dangoor, President of the American Sephardi Federation
“The issues raised in this book challenge readers to evaluate their quality of life, figure out what is truly important, and hopefully find inner peace, true happiness. To achieve this inner happiness is to be a winner at life.” –Susan Rudin, Chairman of the Board of the Lincoln Center Institute
Urim Publications, 2005, Hardcover, 159 pages, $19.95 (60 NIS)
Lighting Up the Soul
Stories from a Changing Jewish World
by Stanley Abramovitch

Stanley Abramovitch’s drive to help his fellow Jews in need led him to volunteer to work with Holocaust survivors in 1945. With this, he left the London of his youth for Germany, where he began a sixty-five-year association with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Jewish world’s preeminent international relief agency.

In these pages, Stanley captures a dramatic and often poignant dimension of this history: the individual stories of the men, women and children whose lives reflect times and circumstances that are now only memory. We learn of their challenges – of the struggles and the immense strength that enabled them, their communities and our people, to overcome this history.

Penina Press, 2011, Softcover, 328 pages, $22.95 (80 NIS)

My Blue Kitchen
by Esther Rafaeli

My Blue Kitchen is a collection of stories about events in the life of Esther Rafaeli’s family, while living over the last fifty-odd years in Jerusalem. She describes life in the early years of the State of Israel and in other Jewish centers in the 20th century.

These stories were written over a long period of time because of a strong desire to “catch the moment” and keep it alive. It was only after the author had decided to close up her home five years after the death of her husband, that she saw in her stories a record of events that had happened to the family while living in Jerusalem. The author also found that she had encapsulated in them a record of how life went on in the early years of the State, and also in other centers of Jewish life in the 20th century.

Urim Publications, 2011, Hardcover, 320 pages (includes 50 color and b/w photo images), $24.95 (60 NIS)

From Couscous to Kasha
Reporting from the Field of Jewish Community Work
by Seymour Epstein

“A talented writer, he blends personal memoirs, historical anecdotes and sober insight into that historical period. Exciting and inspiring.”
–Ralph Goldman, Honorary Executive Vice President, Joint Distribution Committee

“This is a book that should be read by all who marvel at the stubborn survival of isolated ancient Jewish communities and the rebirth of Jewish life after communist suppression, and by those interested in conscientious, effective foreign aid that does not suffocate or disrespect communities in need.”
–Robert Moses Shapiro, Jewish Book World

Urim, Hardcover, 171 pages (includes 21 b/w photos), $22.95 (50 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-017-7
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Rabbi Shlomo Riskin Reinvents the Synagogue
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Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 207 pages, $23.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-014-6

Orthodoxy Awakens
The Belkin Era and Yeshiva University
by Victor B. Geller

“Dramatic, gripping and perceptive, Orthodoxy Awakens: The Belkin Era and Yeshiva University is a fascinating and provocative look at a crucial period in American Jewish history. Victor Geller was an active participant in much of this history and personally knew its leading figures, which adds to the impact of this book. For anyone who wants to know about the amazing growth of Jewish life in America, and of the influence that individuals can have upon history, this is a ‘must-read.”

–Rabbi Emanuel Feldman

Urim Publications, 2003
Hardcover, 291 pages, $26.95 (120 NIS)

The Golden Age
Synagogues of Spain in History and Architecture
by Meir Ben-Dov

“Meir Ben-Dov’s research accompanied me to towns and villages in Spain as I searched for the roots of the Jewish community in those places. The Spanish synagogues and their heritage served as a guide for the construction of hundreds of synagogues throughout the Jewish Diaspora. Congratulations to Meir Ben-Dov for this comprehensive work, which is of the greatest significance in the study of Jewish communities in Spain.”

–President Yitzhak Navon

“This well-researched and esthetically beautiful book is highly recommended…”

–Ilka Gordon, AJL Newsletter

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Eyes to See
Recovering Ethical Torah Principles
Lost in the Holocaust
by Rabbi Yom Tov Schwarz

“Once in a great while, a book comes along which challenges us to reconsider and change the way we look at our world. Such is the book *Eyes To See* by Rabbi Yom Tov Schwarz.”
– Shalom Freedman, *The Jewish Press*

“In *Eyes to See*, R. Schwarz, a Holocaust survivor who was ordained before the war at the famed Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin, offers an unaccustomed breadth of Torah authenticity and clarity in his view of various aspects of conventional Orthodox culture, attitudes and practice.”
– David Nadoff, *The Jewish Press*  
(& EHS Newsletter)

“Do I have to tell you how moved I was, and still am, by *Eyes to See*? . . . his commentaries and halakhic considerations there is the fire of Sinai. . . . I will bring it to the attention of as many readers as possible.”
– Elie Wiesel

Urim Publications, 2004
Hardcover, 502 pages, $29.95 (120 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-60-8

The Biblical Outlook
Topics in Jewish Philosophy
by Rabbi Shlomo Polachek

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“Anyone who wants to understand the basis and the essence of the Torah should read this book carefully . . . The book can be seen as a virtual encyclopedia of Jewish philosophy.”
– Rabbi Dr. Levi Meier

Penina Press, 2012
Softcover, 463 pages, $29.95 (100 NIS)
“An Italian Renaissance” is a thoughtful, purposive reflection about the experiences of the author’s parents before, during and after the Shoah, a near-philosophical exploration of history, memory, facts, truth, character, human strength and human frailty.”

–Mordechai Ben-Dat, *Canadian Jewish News*

“A Forgotten Land” is a true story told in the voice of a narrator who is part of it . . .”

–Anne Stevenson, author and poet

Urim Publications, 2010
Hardcover, 177 pages, $24.95 (80 NIS)

Penina Press, 2013, Softcover, 230 pages, $24.95 (80 NIS)
Dove on a Barbed Wire
by Deborah Steiner-van Rooyen

“Chilling, riveting, authentic testimony. This is a story about a boy whose walk home from school becomes a 60-year odyssey of instinctive survival: from seven years of brutality under Nazi terror, navigating the post war chaos, fighting to rebuild his life in the fledgling State of Israel, reconnecting with a missing link of his family, and then facing his past with strength and acceptance. You just want to hug this hard, tough man because you know his heart is larger than his pain.”

–Dr. Bella Gutterman, author of A Narrow Bridge to Life

Devora Publishing, 2010
Softcover, 180 pages (includes 32 pages of color and b/w photos), $21.95 (80 NIS)

A World After This
A Memoir of Loss and Redemption
by Lola Lieber

This is the story of one woman, Lola Lieber, a Hungarian-Polish Jewess who survived and has chosen during her lifetime to tell the story of the ordeals of her survival and the strength of her faith and courage against all odds. It is also the memoir of a marriage that was a true working partnership as well as a marital bond of extraordinary depth. With her husband, Mechel, beside her, Lola defied authority, confronted the devil Eichmann in person, never giving up her faith in God and her belief that she and Mechel would be together at the end.

Devora Publishing, 2010
296 pages, includes maps and color photos
Hardcover: ISBN 978-1-934440-48-3, $27.95 (100 NIS)

Vanished Faces
by Odile Suganas

“All these forever-lost faces go on to live in us, including those French peasants, the Lacaves, who saved Odile and her parents near Mirande, not far from Toulouse, and who offer a magnificent, energetic, hopeful transfusion at the end of this Jewish Journey that we warmly recommend.”

–Claude Bochurberg, Actualité Juive

“While this is a small book, it is very well-written as well as presented; Odile Suganas recounts her family’s past. It is a deeply captivating book.”

–Journal de la Resistance

Devora Publishing, 2010
Softcover, 70 pages (includes color and b/w photos), $16.95 (50 NIS)
Waltzing With the Enemy
A Mother and Daughter Confront the Aftermath of the Holocaust

by Rasia Kliot and Helen Mitsios

Filled with insight and humor, this dual memoir by Rasia, born in Vilnius, Lithuania (who survived the Holocaust on a false identity), and her daughter Helen, born in Montreal, Canada, examines the long-term implications of being a survivor of the Holocaust and the unique pressures and anxieties the children of survivors inherit from their parents. Rasia, determined to protect Helen from anti-Semitism, continues to pose as a Christian and raises her daughter in the Catholic faith, forbidding her from mentioning her Jewish identity.

“... an intimate portrait, compelling and compassionate.” – Publishers Weekly

Penina Press, 2011
Softcover, 288 pages, 29 b/w photos
$19.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 978-1-936068-21-0

The Unwilling Survivor
A Jewish Officer’s True Account of the WWII Eastern Front

by Michael Kopiec

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– Rabbi David Frank

Devora Publishing, 2011
Softcover, 336 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)

The Arrival
I Sought God in Hell

by Mietek Weintraub

Travel from a comfortable middle-class life in Lodz, Poland, to the depths of hell in the world’s most notorious Nazi Death Camp, Auschwitz Birkenau – experience gut-wrenching hunger and the daily struggle to survive constant danger in this gruesome account of brutality that defines the heretofore unimaginable cruelty of man versus man.

Penina Press, 2012
Softcover, 224 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)
Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Genesis
Explorations in Text and Meaning
by Rabbi Francis Nataf

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Urim Publications, 2006
Hardcover, 125 pages, $21.95 (70 NIS)

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Explorations in Text and Meaning
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“Rabbi Francis Nataf is a leading educator who in all his writings has helped us deepen our engagement with the Divine text. . . . His readings are insightful, nuanced, and pregnant with thought-provoking insights on the characters and heroes of the book of Exodus . . . I highly recommend this volume to all students of Torah, at all levels.” –Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot

Urim Publications, 2010
Hardcover, 138 pages, $21.95 (70 NIS)

Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Numbers
Explorations in Text and Meaning
by Rabbi Francis Nataf

“This commentary contains a relevance that gives it a heft both intellectually and religiously, a factor that is a rare commodity today among our Bible commentators.” –Alan Jay Gerber, The Jewish Star

Urim Publications, 2014
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Passages
Text and Transformation in the Parasha
by Rabbi Michael Hattin

Passages is a thought-provoking study of the weekly parasha that deftly weaves literary analysis of the Biblical text with selected teachings of classical Jewish commentary. Revealing the intricacies of the Torah portion and offering innovative readings, Passages applies the Torah’s message to the complexities of modern living. Passages is a journey into the landscape of Biblical study that will both challenge and refresh you.

“Michael Hattin has written a most learned and sensitive work on the portions of the week. He adeptly utilizes the classical commentaries in order to bring out the deepest meaning of the text. I truly believe that studying his work will be very satisfying.” –Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin

Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 384 pages, $29.95 (100 NIS)

Moses and the Path to Leadership

by Zvi Grumet

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“Rabbi Zvi Grumet’s Moses and the Path to Leadership is an excellent profile of the great lawgiver which will provide you with a rigorous, close analysis of his biography and leadership talents. This documents how he withstood the test of his leadership as a teacher and master of G-d’s law and teachings.” –Alan Jay Gerber

“Dr. Zvi Grumet’s superb meditation on Moses’ leadership employs his real setbacks as part of the amazing narrative of learning and building from humiliating defeat. Grumet’s direct conversational style makes texts accessible, context illuminating, and the subtext gripping.” –Rabbi Daniel Landes

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The Torah Commentary of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

Genesis I

The Torah Commentary of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach provides a glimpse into the unusual way in which the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach received and transmitted Torah. It also aids the reader in bridging “Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach the great composer/singer” and “Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach the great scholar/teacher.” Those who sing his songs, but do not learn his Torah, only sing half a song. When Reb Shlomo speaks of Abraham and Sara, you are sure he is speaking about his own grandparents. When delving into the lives of Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel and Leah, it is as if he is speaking of his own parents.

“Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach’s Genesis comprises an edited collection of his comments on the Torah as originally taught in private homes, synagogues, and concert halls . . . This book contains many profound thoughts, and the reader needs to take time to absorb them. Readers familiar with the biblical text will derive new and useful ways to view the familiar stories and characters. Admirers of Carlebach’s music will welcome this insight into his explications.”

—Susanne M. Batzdorff, AJL Reviews

Genesis I
Urim Publications and the Shlomo Carlebach Legacy Trust, 2012
Hardcover, 263 pages, $27.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-074-0

Genesis II
Urim Publications and the Shlomo Carlebach Foundation, 2013
Hardcover, 432 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-121-1
The Path of Torah
by HaRav Naftali Tzvi
Yehuda Berlin (Netziv)
translated & annotated by
Rabbi Elchanan Greenman

To facilitate understanding, this translation contains numerous footnotes that cite the Netziv’s other works, the sources he used, as well as explanations of the Netziv’s numerous references. Summaries have been provided to guide the reader in the more difficult chapters.

“In perusing your translation of the Netziv’s important essay on ‘Darkah shel Torah’ originally published as an introduction to his great scholarly work ‘Haamek Sheala on the Shealtos D.R. Achai Gaon’ I am impressed by your excellent translation. The copious and learned footnotes demonstrate a meticulous attention to Rabbinic scholarship in all of its ramifications. This work which now becomes available in English is worthy of being published and disseminated as a source of study and inspiration for the understanding of Torah learning.”

–Rabbi Gedalia Dov Schwartz

Learning to Read Midrash
by Simi Peters

“This book is a superb example of how a modern scholar (of either gender) can contribute to our understanding of ancient and meaningful texts that illuminate the meaning and relevance of the Jewish tradition.”

–Dov Peretz Elkins, Jewish Media Review

“I have found the author’s analytical approach to the various midrashim fascinating, insightful and in keeping with a true Torah perspective. . . . I highly recommend this work. . . .”

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–Rabbi Gil Student, Hirhurim blog

Urim Publications, 2009
Hardcover, 394 pages, $34.95 (110 NIS)

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Torah Conversations with Nechama Leibowitz

by Rabbi Benjamin S. Y asgur

Torah Conversations with Nechama Leibowitz takes the reader on a journey to discover the story beneath the story of key biblical passages. Each chapter presents one or more principles of Torah learning, introducing new dimensions in familiar narratives. This volume can change the way someone learns Torah. It can make one think, ask questions and feel the joy of discovery. The author has meticulously captured many teachings of the late Professor Nechama Leibowitz, a preeminent biblical scholar, pedagogue and master trainer of teachers. Written by Rabbi Benjamin Y asgur, an educator with extensive teaching experience, Torah Conversations with Nechama Leibowitz will be of interest to a general audience as well as to the accomplished Torah learner.

Urim Publications, 2013
Hardcover, 127 pages, $23.95 (80 NIS)

Studies in the Weekly Parashah

Based on the Lessons of Nehama Leibowitz

by Moshe Sokolow

“IT is recommended for all Jewish libraries (synagogue, JCC, academic, seminary, etc.).”
–David B. Levy, AJL Newsletter

“TO Dr. Sokolow’s credit, many of the key lessons Nehama sought to teach are included in these chapters. From the distinction between peshat and drash to the Biblical use of stories, and the true differences between the ways that different commentators view the Biblical narrative, many of the greatest issues addressed during the thirty years which she composed her gilyonot are found in this book.”
–Rabbi Dr. Leonard A. Matanky, Jewish Book World

“To a remarkable extent, Nehama did to the Biblical commentaries what Rav Soloveitchik did to the Talmudic commentaries . . . .”
–Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 285 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)
Gold From the Land of Israel

A new light on the weekly Torah portion from the writings of Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook

by Rabbi Chanan Morrison

Rav Kook’s writings, due to their poetic and mystical nature, are difficult even for those fluent in Hebrew and rabbinical texts. Gold from the Land of Israel uses a clear, succinct style to grant the reader a window into his original and creative insights.

What is the Torah’s view on vegetarianism? What is the purpose of death? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do we have dreams? Will the Third Temple have animal sacrifices?

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Hardcover, 367 pages, $27.95 (110 NIS)

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—Daniel Scheide, AJL Newsletter

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—David B. Levy, Jewish Book World

Urim Publications and Bar-Ilan University, 2005
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by Rabbi Elchanan Shoff

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Urim Publications, 2013
Hardcover, 232 pages, $23.95 (80 NIS)

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by Daniel Langer

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Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 176 pages, $22.95 (80 NIS)
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Noah, the Flood and the Failure of Man According to the Midrash Rabbah

by Wilfred Shuchat

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– Dr. Bryna Levy

Devora Publishing, 2013
Hardcover, 462 pages, $34.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-128-0

ZmanMa Press, 2012
Hardcover, 224 pages, $34.95 (130 NIS)
The contemporary consensus is that his work was written in Northern France during the middle of the 13th century. It appears that he had three objectives in writing this commentary. (1) Collecting excerpts of commentaries of the peshat. He claims to have referred to about 20 of such commentaries, although he does not mention many of its authors by name. (2) To Explain Rashi’s commentary, which already in his time enjoyed super-commentaries. (3) To write his own independent commentary. His commentary was first published in Venice in the year 1524.

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The translator, Eliyahu Munk, was born in Frankfurt on Main, where he received his education at the Samson Rafael Hirsch Realschule, and the Yeshiva of the late Rabbi Joseph Breuer, of blessed memory. He continued his education at the Yeshiva in Gateshead, England. He served in Jewish education (primarily as a teacher) for almost 30 years in Toronto, Canada.

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Transforming Bitterness to Hope
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Urim Publications, 2005
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—Mattan Erder, Jewish Bible Quarterly

Urim, 2005, Softcover, 235 pages, $19.95 (60 NIS)
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Exodus and Emancipation
Biblical and African-American Slavery

by Kenneth Chelst

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–Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokolow, Ten Daat

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Hardcover, 237 pages, $23.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-91-8
The Serpent’s Skin
Creation, Knowledge, and Intimacy in the Book of Genesis
by Marc Klein

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Devora Publishing, 2010, Softcover, 240 pages, includes photos, $18.95 (70 NIS)
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The Reuveni Foundation, 2004
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by Norman J. Fried

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Penina Press, 2012
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– Prof. Oscar Mohl, The Jewish Press

“Wisdom From All My Teachers is an excellent resource for . . . just about anyone who has a vested interest in Jewish education. . . . The issues are important and eminently worthy of discussion, and the book opens up fresh and different ways to think about them. . . .”
– Atara Graubard Segal, Torah u-Madda Journal

Urim Publications and ATID, 2003, Hardcover, 399 pages, $28.95 (120 NIS)

Touching the Harp Strings
Songs of the heart, mind, and soul
by David Haskell Cohen

This unusual book of poems by David Haskell Cohen was written mostly in the last fifty years, in classical English verse. There are many variations in form, beat and rhythm. Sonnet form is a favorite, but even there subtle variations abound.

As a London taxi driver famously asked the philosopher Bertrand Russell: “What’s it all abaat then?” The critic can honestly reply that all of life is here—but he had better quickly add that there is a powerful body of verse in which a Jew is pleading with Heaven.

Devora Publishing, 2010
Hardcover, 95 pages, $18.95 (50 NIS)
ISBN 13: 978-1-934440-70-4
The Shidduch Crisis
Causes and Cures
by Michael J. Salamon, Ph.D.

“Dr. Salamon suggests ways to go beyond the physical, superficial standards that have contributed to the shidduch crisis and to early divorce. He advocates an approach whereby a measure of personal maturity is returned to those who are dating and makes the case for alleviating external pressures on the dating couple.”

—Emunah Magazine

“. . . Dr. Salamon’s work makes an important contribution to the discussion which must take place. I congratulate him for his insight and hope that his book will be a catalyst for more thought-provoking contributions on raising our children in a very challenging world.”

—Rabbi Hershel Billet

“This book offers a clear insight into the many intricacies of the issues involved, and delivers — with common sense, logic, and a dash of humor — effective, solution-oriented answers to some of the most intractable problems. I highly recommend this book.”

—David J. Lieberman, Ph.D.

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 141 pages, $21.95 (70 NIS)

Life’s Journey
Exploring Relationships, Resolving Conflicts
by Dr. Batya L. Ludman

How do you get your child to listen, live with your teenager and not turn gray overnight, love your lover, succeed in marriage, deal with illness and aging, comfort the bereaved, and cope with terror and war?

In Life’s Journey: Exploring Relationships – Resolving Conflicts you’ll answer some thought-provoking questions, get expert advice and have the opportunity to do some homework as you explore issues with the premise that, as an active participant, you can engender change and become the person you’d like to be.

Topics include managing stress, communicating effectively, pro-active parenting, eating disorders, dealing with anger, coping with depression, trauma recovery, facing fear, Internet addiction, loss of a loved one, and more.

“I highly recommend this book to both laymen and therapists.”

—Dr. Judith Guedalia

Devora Publishing, 2011
Softcover, 368 pages, $24.95 (NIS 90)
This book is the first Haggadah that brings together the teachings of three of the most influential and brilliant Rabbinic personalities of the 20th century: Rabbi Kook, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. The Night That Unites also offers a special section of contemporary readings and stories related to the Land of Israel and the Holocaust. Suggested questions are offered as a way of encouraging and guiding discussion at the Seder that will enhance the Passover night experience, and illustrations depicting all 15 steps of the Seder are featured throughout.

“For me, this Haggadah is entirely unique. The Night that Unites, speaks directly to me, my needs and, I believe, the needs of many who are looking for an easily comprehensible, profoundly intelligent Haggadah.”

–Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

“[The Night that Unites Passover Haggadah] envelops into one volume some of the best teachings that each of these Torah luminaries brought forward in the last century. The choice of teachings, stories, and questions contained in this collective work represents some of the finest Torah learning for presentment at your Seder table.”

–Alan Jay Gerber, The Jewish Star

“The Haggadah’s layout makes it easy to follow the order of the seder, and Perlmutter’s drawings at the start of each section are spectacular. The book is comprehensive . . . a collector’s item.”

–Steve Lipman, NY Jewish Week

“. . . hands down the best new entry of the year . . . I learned a lot, and considering that I’ve reviewed a dozen Haggadot in each of the last six years, that’s saying something.”

–Jay Michaelson, Jewish Forward

“I recommend that you bring it to your table on seder night. It is the next best thing to having three of the giants of Jewish life sitting there with you.”

–Rabbi Jack Riemer, South Florida Jewish Journal

Urim Publications, 2014, 297 pages
“There are not ten commandments. There is one commandment that branches out into ten aspects. We cannot destroy the inner organic unity that binds moral-ethical law, on the one hand, and ritual law, on the other hand.

In our modern world there is hardly a mishpat (commandment based on reasonable logic) which has not been repudiated. Without chok (ritual commandment), every social and moral law can be rationalized away, leaving the world a sophisticated jungle of instincts and impulses.” —Excerpt

“This volume is a significant contribution to both the literature of the Rav as well as the literature about his halakhic analysis.”

—Zvi Grumet, Lookstein Digest

Urim Publications and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Institute
The Rabbi Soloveitchik Library – Volume 1
Hardcover, 287 pages, $26.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-64-0
“Like a key that unlocks the door to a room of buried treasure, Studies on the Haggadah from the Teachings of Nechama Leibowitz enables the reader to touch, as if holding in her hand, newer, more shining and beautiful jewels of understanding into the paradigmatic learning experience we call the Passover Seder.” –Mordechai Ben-Dat, The Canadian Jewish News

“Before her death in 1997, Nechama Leibowitz was perhaps the best-known Bible teacher in Israel, if not the world. Her terse essays on the Five Books of Moses, always followed by questions for the reader to unravel, drew on the classic rabbinic commentators as well as modern trends in literary criticism and linguistics. She was no liberal, but she invited a wide-open discussion of text across religious and ideological boundaries and remained throughout her life a role model for Jewish educators, especially women.” –Andrew Silow-Carroll, Forward

Urim Publications, 2002
Hardcover, 159 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, zt”l, known as “The Rav,” exemplified the value of studying in anticipation of Jewish holidays (chagim) through his lectures and study sessions. Every year, several weeks before Pesach, the Rav learned the laws of Pesach and the Haggadah text with his students at Yeshiva University and with the general public at Congregation Moriah in Manhattan.

This Passover Haggadah compiles the Rav’s commentary from those shiurim into an accessible resource for pre-Pesach studies and an insightful accompaniment to the Pesach Seder. Not only does the Rav illuminate the halachic basis of many of the mitzvot of the Seder, but he also expounds on the traditional text with universal and relevant interpretations.

Includes the full Passover Haggadah text in Hebrew with an English translation plus commentary.

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 143 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)
The Carlebach Haggadah

Seder Night with Reb Shlomo

edited by Chaim Stefansky

“... Those who love him will cry when they 'hear' Reb Shlomo speaking through this book. The Carlebach Haggadah presents Reb Shlomo’s unique hassidic approach.”

– Reuven Ben Dov, Jerusalem Post

“Those who knew Reb Shlomo, as well as those who are meeting him for the first time in these pages, will find much to inspire their celebration of the holiday.”

– Sandee Brawarsky, The Jewish Week

“The book is on fire. Touch it only at your peril, only if you want to be inspired and fall in love again, with God, the Jewish People, and the world.”

– Dov Peretz Elkins, Jewish Media Review

“The book represents the haggadic text with running commentaries by Rabbi Carlebach in his signature combination of folksy, freestyle jam and melancholy prose.”

– Shira Klapper, Forward

Urim Publications, 2001
Hardcover, 182 pages, $25.00 (90 NIS)

The Holistic Haggadah

How Will You Be Different This Passover Night?
Traditional Haggadah with Original Commentary

by Michael L. Kagan

“How many Haggadah’s that you know of mention the film The Matrix? Urim Publications has created another winning haggadah... This is highly recommended.”

– Larry Mark, MyJewishBooks.com

“Kagan weaves mystical, ethical and literary interpretations into the traditional Haggada text... The greatest contribution The Holistic Haggadah makes to the already large Haggada bookshelf may be that we no longer have to choose between tradition and innovation.”

– Jay Michaelson, Forward

“Using the Exodus story as an allegory of an individual’s spiritual slavery and redemption, Kagan advocates a holistic approach to Judaism that merges the worlds of action, emotion, intellect and spirit.”

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Hardcover, 231 pages, $24.95 (100 NIS)
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The definitive and most recognizable Haggadah in English. This has become the standard for most synagogues, schools, and homes.
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Scopus Productions
Hardcover, 58 pages, $24.95 (89 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-118-1,
Jewish traditions are not meant to simply relive the experiences of our ancestors, but rather, to instill in us the same experience as we live today. *Living the Jewish Holidays* is an analysis of various traditions and rituals of the Jewish holidays throughout the year, in the hope of providing the reader with an introduction to a deeper and more meaningful practice.

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–Rabbi Yisroel Reisman

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**Living the Jewish Holidays**  
by Moshe Eichhorn  
foreword by Rabbi Yisroel Reisman

Urim Publications, 2012  
Hardcover, 192 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)  

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**Precursor to Redemption**  
by Rabbi Yosef Gabay

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–Rabbi Zev Leff

Penina Press, 2011  
Hardcover, 208 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)  
If We Could Hear Them Now

Encounters with Legendary Jewish Heroines

by Alice Becker Lehrer

“The ‘subjects’ span biblical figures including Tamar and Tzipporah, women from the rabbinic period such as Rachel, wife to Rabbi Akiva, and women from later centuries such as Rashi’s daughters and Henrietta Szold. Each imaginary interview is preceded by a short introduction that puts the interviewee in textual and historical context. The biblical interviews skillfully draw upon traditional commentaries and midrashic texts to bring the chosen subjects to life.”

–Jennifer Breger, JOFA Journal

“In this wonderfully engaging book, Alice Lehrer has brought many of the great heroines of the Jewish spirit to life by allowing them to tell their story in their own voice as if they were contemporaries. This is a delightful, imaginative and inspirational work which I highly recommend.”

–Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Urim Publications, 2009
Hardcover, 175 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)

The Jewish Woman Next Door

Repairing the World One Step at a Time

by Debby Flancbaum

The Jewish Woman Next Door: Repairing the World One Step at a Time is a collection of absorbing essays about contemporary Jewish women – some known throughout the world, others known only in their own communities – who engage in extraordinary acts of kindness.

“The stories are interesting, touching and frequently sad. Read them and you feel gooseflesh on your skin as you learn of the courage, fortitude and conviction of a group of women who are mothers, wives and sometimes grandmothers . . . .”

–Lauren Kramer, Western MA Jewish Ledger

“This book is highly recommended for all libraries and would make an excellent bat mitzvah present.”

–Kathe Pinchuck, AJL Newsletter

Urim Publications, 2007
Hardcover, 135 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-95-0
Dybbuks and Jewish Women
in Social History, Mysticism and Folklore

by Rachel Elior

“Elior’s main point regarding dybbuks and women is that possession by a spirit allows a woman to escape certain norms. In particular, because such a large proportion of attested dybbuk events involve a woman becoming possessed by a male spirit just as her wedding approaches, Elior shows that spirit possession may have been a way to escape coercive marriages and unwanted sexuality.”

—AJL Newsletter

“Rachel Elior examines how the legend of the dybbuk first took hold, and how it reflects the values and fears of its time. Elior argues that for women, dybbuks could be a means to escape the demands of a confining society. Once possessed by a dybbuk (or at least claiming to be), women were no longer considered responsible for their own actions, and were exempt from arranged marriages and relieved of wifely duties.”

—Sarah Breger, Nextbook

Men and Women
Gender, Judaism and Democracy

edited by Rachel Elior

Men and Women: Gender, Judaism and Democracy is a collection of articles on the socio-legal status of women in Israel, the religious and cultural context of their rights, and their equality according to religious and civil law.

“Elior, a professor of Jewish philosophy and mysticism at Hebrew University, is widely regarded as one of the most important activists and theoreticians on behalf of women in Israel.”

—Eetta Prince Gibson, The Jerusalem Post

“[Men and Women] is a valuable contribution to the examination of the complex interaction between shared and distinct values within the mesh of Judaism and democracy; between sacred traditional and contemporary values and between prevailing norms rooted in the past and changing consciousness.”

—Dr. Vera Ranki, Australian Jewish News

Published with the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2004
Hardcover, 213 pages, $22.00 (90 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-54-3
Illegal Journey
From the Holocaust to Palestine in 1946
by Edgar Miskin

Peter Romaine is a young Christian Englishman living in Switzerland, who becomes involved with a group of concentration camp survivors in 1945 and leads them on a perilous journey to Palestine, making a successful clandestine landing at night. Peter, too, settles in Palestine and begins his exploration of the extraordinary continuity and survival, against all odds, of the Jewish people over the millennia.

This historical novel takes the reader on a journey to experience the drama and history of Israel at the time of its birth.

Penina Press, 2013
Softcover, $24.95 (70 NIS)

Nathan and the Lions of Lodz
Fighting Against the Occupation
by Edgar Miskin

This historical novel is set during the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, and tells the story of young Jews from the area near Lodz who escape into the forest. Under the inspired leadership of 19-year-old Nathan Kochinski, they carry out daring operations against the Germans and join the Polish Home Army underground. Their strength, intelligence, and bravery persevere until the liberation of Poland, when they choose to bring their fighting spirit to Palestine.

Penina Press, 2015
Softcover, $23.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-204-1

The Saga of Nathan
An Epitome of Leadership
by Edgar Miskin

The continuation of Nathan and the Lions of Lodz, this novel contains two installments of Nathan Kochinski’s story as it follows his odyssey from Poland through Europe to Palestine and the establishment of the State of Israel. As before, he continues to display his skills as a leader and soldier, joining the Haganah and serving as liaison officer to David Ben Gurion.

Penina Press, 2015
Softcover, 280 pages, $23.95 (70 NIS)
The Mystery of the Milton Manuscript
A Novel
by Barry M. Libin

“This is a fabulous mystery that is at its best with the deep look into Milton, his beliefs, his era and his masterpieces. The murders of scholars and the assaults on the present day hero add action and suspense.”
—Harriet Klausner

“For those who love adventure stories, this is a book worth putting on the same shelf with The Da Vinci Code . . . you will never think of John Milton in quite the same way after reading this book.”
—Jack Riemer, South Florida Jewish Journal

“This book delivers a suspenseful, enjoyable, and intellectually stimulating read.”
—Renita Last, Jewish Book Council

“Barry Libin displays a deft and subtle hand with his Milton work. Dr. Libin’s astute and nuanced work with Milton’s treatment of evil is highly impressive.”
—David Birnbaum, author, Summa Metaphysical

Urim Fiction, 2014
Hardcover, 272 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)

Girl Meets God
The Gift of Being a Jewish Woman
by Joannie Tansky

Glistening with the colors of her evolving religious life (as a ba’alat teshuva) with warmth, humor and the sixth sense elicited from an evolving awareness, Joannie Tansky creates an absorbing read for anyone interested in the power of faith and the possibilities that open up to a woman in search of her spiritual self. Her vignettes span more than seventeen years of experiences embracing the feminine point of view of Judaism including Shabbat, kashrut, mikvah, menopause, holidays, and world travel visiting Jewish institutions. One goal of her writing is to inspire those who are already Torah observant, yet find themselves feeling stale or bored. Another is to allay the fears of women (and perhaps men) who are just beginning their journey, explaining with humor and depth that one does not have to embrace all of Judaism at once.

Penina Press, 2012
Softcover, 168 pages, $21.95 (60 NIS)
The Search Committee

A Novel

by Marc Angel

“The Search Committee is a modern mystery novel for the theologically inclined . . .”
—Dr. Ezra Cappell, author of American Talmud

“Be prepared for a deep, engaging and swift-moving reconnaissance of a slice of modern Judaism . . .”
—Rabbi Hillel Goldberg, Intermountain Jewish News

“Angel’s novel, The Search Committee, is at once modest and harrowing. Its design is charming in its simplicity. It is clear and short – its hundred and fifty pages are a quick absorbing read. But the book’s very unpretentiousness makes it all the more unnerving; the novel is a shocker on its own quiet terms.”
—Jane Mushabac, Midstream

“I have never read anything quite like The Search Committee, a fascinating novel by the Rabbi Emeritus of America’s most distinguished Sephardic congregation . . . This novel is a true contribution to Jewish-American literature.”
—Naomi Ragen

Urim Fiction, 2008
Hardcover, 155 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)

The Conversation

A Novel

by Joshua Golding

“Joshua Golding’s book brings to mind Judah Halevi’s Kuzari (for its spirited and intelligent defense of traditionalist Judaism) and Samson Raphael Hirsch’s Nineteen Letters (for its epistolary form). But unlike these earlier polemics, this book is also an academically sound introduction to Jewish philosophy.”
—Professor Menachem Kellner

“The Conversation is a rare combination of an intellectually engaging and enjoyable read. It enlivens various philosophical and religious positions, and then puts Judaism into an animated conversation with them. It’s a kind of Chaim Potok meets Philosophy 101. The results are rich in narrative, tradition and ideas.”
—Dr. Faydra Shapiro

“I found that it was difficult to put down The Conversation; it reads smoothly, is quite expansive, and, in general is an excellent read without much of the apologetics that we often see in books of this type.”
—Dr. Morris A. Shamah, JewishIdeas.org

Urim Fiction, 2011, Hardcover, 527 pages
$28.95 (100 NIS)
Kaytek the Wizard
by Janusz Korczak
translated by Antonia Lloyd-Jones
illustrations by Avi Katz

“The story is riveting, complex and thought-provoking . . . The translation is excellent, and notes are provided to help readers understand local customs and geography . . . Students of children’s literature will find the book and the afterword illuminating.” – Kirkus

“Harry Potter, step aside. The young hero of Kaytek the Wizard by Janusz Korczak . . . has sufficient power to transform his gluttonous classmate’s breakfast into a frog and then to soar skyward and land on the roof of a Warsaw tram. As his proficiency at magic increases, he explores a complex cosmos, interacting with Africans and Americans and zooming across oceans and continents.” – Hadassah Magazine

“The book Kaytek the Wizard gives the teachers the opportunity to examine the life of Janusz Korczak and the Holocaust.” – Dr. Paul B. Winkler

Penlight Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 272 pages, $17.95 (80 NIS)

The Jewish Dog
by Asher Kravitz
translated by Michal Kessler

Filtering the darkest, most dramatic period of modern Jewish history through the naive, often sage, perspective of a remarkable dog, The Jewish Dog offers readers a view of the Holocaust as never seen before.

This best-selling novel in Israel follows the life and thoughts of Caleb, a contemplative dog unusually fascinated with human affairs. Born into a German Jewish household in the mid-1930s, Caleb witnesses firsthand the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust. When events separate him from his Jewish owners, he is adopted by a Nazi family and employed by the SS as a military dog.

Deeply ironic and even humorous, The Jewish Dog presents political commentary on humanity and degradation, as Caleb's philosophical musings explore loyalty, identity, and the fine line that separates humanity from animals.

Penlight Publications, 2015
Hardcover, 239 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 978-098-386-853-8
Jonah the Woodchopper
Encouraging Stories for Finding Your Way Through the Forest of Life
by Joshua Rubin

“We cannot run from society forever. Jonah the Woodchopper follows a man, who when spurned by his life, decides to leave society for the peace of living alone. When he seeks to rejoin society, he comes with wisdom of his deep thoughts, and Joshua Rubin uses a short story narrative format to tell of Jonah’s encounters with many and what he learns and what he teaches. Jonah the Woodchopper is a riveting and insightful read, not to be overlooked.”

—Midwest Book Review

“A collection of heartwarming stories. For me, Jonah became a companion, holding my hand through life’s challenges. Jonah conveys his message with elegant simplicity and will transform all who read it.”

—Dov Peretz Elkins, co-author of Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul

Penlight Publications, 2012
Softcover, 207 pages, $14.95 (60 NIS)
ISBN 978-098-386-851-4

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Jordan and the Dreadful Golem
by Karen Goldman
illustrated by Rachel Moseley

The children of the Israeli town of Keshet are born with the ability to bend nature to their will. No one knows the source of these powers except, perhaps, Miss Sara, the mysterious town matriarch who helps the children find and control their talents using Kabbalah and other mystical teachings from Israel’s forgotten past. However, someone has discovered the secret of the children of Keshet, and wants to use their powers for his own sinister purposes.

Incorporating Jewish mythology and referencing various practices of Judaism, this book is a tale of friendship and the power of teamwork in the face of adversity.

“Jewish tweens and teens who enjoyed the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling may find themselves charmed by a new juvenile fiction series launched by Karen Goldman about a village in the northern part of Israel where all the children have special powers.”

—Donald H. Harrison, San Diego Jewish World

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**The Shabbat Book**

*A Weekly Guide for the Whole Family*

This beautifully illustrated book can be read by children alone or in a family setting. With a colorful page for each week of the Jewish calendar, it is designed to integrate the weekly Torah portion with the ideas, traditions and customs of the Sabbath.

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Two children travel through time and space on a magic dreidel. Their adventures with Judah the Maccabee, George Washington, a Russian refusenik and many others, tell the story of Hannukah.

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—Miriam Abramowitz, The Jerusalem Post

“... an entertaining and amusing discussion... about respect for all living things, standing up to peer pressure, and alternatives to violence.”

—Rachel Schwartzboim, Zo Iri

Urim Publications, 2005
Hardcover, 32 pages, Hebrew, $14.00 (54 NIS)
Danacode 563-7
This highly recommended book presents a very familiar theme in children's literature, from a very entertaining angle . . .”
—Liyyot Horim (Parenthood) Magazine

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—Weekend edition of Maariv, Culture page

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—Olam Ha-Isha

Hebrew translation of I Need My Monster

written by Amanda Noll
illustrated by Howard McWilliam

Urim Publications and Keter Publishing, 2010
Hardcover, 32 pages, full color, $16.00 (68 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-045-0
Danacode 10-888-439

“...This deadpan text is sure to illicit giggles as it captures the conundrum of an imaginary friend with a child’s eye and provides a gentle acceptance of the mild misbehavior that sometimes accompanies imaginative play.”
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Danacode 10-888566
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–Leah Ini, Maariv

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–Dalia Limor, Director of Preschool Education, Israel Ministry of Education

“. . . an amazingly written and illustrated book.”

–Rachela Zandbank, La-Isha Magazine

Hebrew translation of Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge

Urim Publications, 2002
Hardcover, 32 pages, Hebrew, $14.00 (49 nis)
Danacode 563-3

“Judith Viorst flawlessly and humorously captures a child’s testy temperament, rendering Alexander sympathetic rather than whiny. Our hero’s gum-styled hair and peggish countenance are artfully depicted by Ray Cruz’s illustrations. An ALA Notable Book, Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day is a great antidote to bad days everywhere, sure to put a smile on even the crabbiest of faces.”

–Publishers Weekly

Hebrew translation of Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Hardcover, 32 pages, Hebrew, $16 (72 NIS)
by Tova Mordechai

Born the daughter of an Egyptian Jewish mother and a British Protestant evangelical father, Tova Mordechai presents the powerful real-life account of her tumultuous journey to Judaism as she grapples with Christianity and finds freedom in her Jewish roots.

"To Play With Fire is powerfully relevant to all of us because it is the story of our lives. Tova Mordechai’s life odyssey with its bizarre twists and turns – Christian artist, composer and preacher, born to an evangelist father and an Egyptian Jewish mother - amplifies the essence of our own strange journey, through darkness and light, chaos and order."

–Rabbi Simon Jacobson
author of Toward A Meaningful Life

Hebrew translation of To Play with Fire
Urim Publications, 2013
Softcover, 336 pages, 78 NIS ($20)
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by Gary Paulsen

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present—and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parents’ divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self-pity, or despair—it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

For twenty years Gary Paulsen’s award-winning, contemporary classic has been the survival story with which all others are compared. This Hebrew translation will introduce a new generation of readers to this page-turning, heart-stopping adventure.

“Plausible, taut, this is a spellbinding account. . . . A winner.”
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