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After the Holocaust
the Bells Still Ring

by Joseph Polak
foreword by Elie Wiesel

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award 2015 in the category of Biography/Autobiography

“This gem of a book, 70 years in the making, is already a classic, riveting in what it reveals, in the questions it releases.”
– Merle Feld

“As one of the last witnesses to the Shoah, certainly one of the youngest, Joseph Polak has written a memoir that is an essential contribution to the body of Holocaust literature . . . This is a must read for anyone not afraid of grappling with the unfathomable.”
– Blu Greenberg

“. . . Joseph’s voice originates from within Bergen-Belsen, and perhaps poses the questions and challenges to G-d that Anne [Frank] might have posed, had she survived. His story and her story merge. These two youngsters from Holland, Anne forever a teenager, Joseph approaching the status of elder, provide a perspective of unusual insight from within the Holocaust, and from within survival.”
– Robert Krell, MD

Urim Publications, 2015, Hardcover, 141 pages
$19.95 (70 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-162-4
American Interests in the Holy Land
Revealed in Early Photographs
From 1840 to 1940
by Lenny Ben-David

"I congratulate Lenny Ben-David on the publication of this major work illustrating over a century of American support for the Jews of the Holy Land. For over 30 years, Lenny and I have cooperated on projects in our respective professional lives. His knowledge and experience dealing with U.S.-Israel relations, Middle East affairs, and Jewish history in Eretz Yisrael is rich and vast."

-Ambassador Dr. Dore Gold

"Lenny Ben-David’s essays and collection of more than 100 photographs portray the special relationship between the United States and the Jewish population of the Holy Land from a unique and memorable perspective."

-Senator Joseph I. Lieberman

Urim Publications, 2017, Hardcover, 183 pages
$44.95 (170 nis), ISBN 978-965-524-235-5

World War I in the Holy Land
Revealed in Early Photographs
From 1914 to 1919
by Lenny Ben-David

World War I in the Holy Land presents this history of the “great war” in short essays with more than 100 photographs found in archives around the world. While the Western Front seemingly attracted the most interest among journalists and historians, the Eastern Front was just as brutal. Reaching the Jewish community in the Holy Land as well as Jewish fighters in neighboring areas, World War I in the Holy Land brings to light new facts and images of the region before the founding of the modern State of Israel.

Urim Publications, 2018, Hardcover
$44.95 (170 nis), ISBN 978-965-524-279-9
Jewish Law as Rebellion
A Plea for Religious Authenticity and Halachic Courage

by Nathan Lopes Cardozo

“Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo is a unique intellectual presence in the rabbinical world today. His new book raises profound questions that disturb our complacency and demand the attention of our hearts and minds. To think with him and the challenges he raises is one of the great experiences of modern Jewish thought.”

–Professor Susannah Heschel

“Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo has written a challenging, even provocative book, inviting us to restore the iconoclasm with which Judaism was born as a religion of protest against the status quo. Agree or disagree, you will find yourself thinking hard and deep about the current state of Jewish law and life, and that makes it a work well worth reading – a new chapter in one of the great Jewish traditions: the dignity of dissent.”

–Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Scholarly Man of Faith
Studies in the Thought and Writings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik

edited by Ephraim Kanarfogel and Dov Schwartz

Scholarly Man of Faith is comprised of essays which delve into the Rav’s approach toward understanding biblical figures, his views on emotions and intellect, appreciation of R. Yehudah ha-Levi, understanding of medieval history and the implications for modernity. All of this is presented along with an overview of his writings on Jewish thought which have appeared over the past three decades. Despite the many books that have been published on the thought of Rav Soloveitchik, a collection of this breadth and depth is a rare find.

Contributions from Shalom Carmy, Ephraim Kanarfogel, Daniel Rynhold, Dov Schwartz, David Shatz, Alex Sztuden, and Shira Weiss.

Urim Publications and KTAV, 2017
Hardcover, $28.95 (120 NIS)
The Importance of the Community Rabbi
Leading with Compassionate Halachah
by Rabbi Daniel Sperber

The contemporary rabbi nowadays is influenced by the modern rabbinic establishments throughout the world, especially the rabbinate in Israel. This monopoly on opinions and interpretations of Talmudic texts prevents individual rabbis from creating their own independent positions out of fear of critique. The current structure gives a negative impression on the rabbinic establishment. Importance of the Community Rabbi tries to describe and delineate key requirements for a good rabbi, i.e., one who can give socially acceptable halachic solutions within the parameters of Orthodox thinking. In order to do this, Sperber points out the halachic techniques and mechanisms that may be used toward this goal. These are illustrated with stories from rabbinic literature and examples from the responsa literature.

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, $24.95 (90 NIS)
ISBN: 978-965-524-238-6

Rabba, Maharat, Rabbanit, Rebbetzin
Women with Leadership Authority According to Halachah
by Rabbi Daniel Sperber

Rabba, Maharat, Rabbanit, Rebbetzin: Women with Leadership Authority According to Halacha examines in detail the legitimacy for feminine leadership in Jewish law. Exploring the various manifestations of female leadership, whether as women clergy or other forms of female halachic adjudication, Rabba, Maharat, Rabbanit, Rebbetzin responds to the standard criticisms leveled at the recent phenomenon of female authority within the Orthodox community.

In this ground-breaking book, Rabbi Professor Daniel Sperber argues the halachic, political, and sociological levels of female leadership in Judaism.

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, $24.95 (90 NIS)
ISBN: 978-965-524-246-1
Conversion, Intermarriage, and Jewish Identity
(The Orthodox Forum)
edited by Robert S. Hirt, Adam Mintz and Marc Stern

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 aliyah of roughly a million Soviet Jews, brought a new urgency to the problem.

This monograph represents the first collection of essays and articles by leading scholars and rabbis on the topics of intermarriage, conversion, and Jewish identity. These issues stand at the forefront of the Jewish world in the 21st century.

Hardcover, 501 pages (includes index) $36.95 (140 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-197-6

Carmel College in the Kopul Era
A History of Carmel College: September 1948–March 1962
by Rabbi Dr. Chaim Simons

In 1947, Rabbi Kopul Rosen, a graduate of the Mir Yeshivah and the then Principal Rabbi of the British Federation of Synagogues, began to develop his dream of establishing a residential boys school which would combine the ideals of the British Public School with the study and practice of traditional Judaism. As a result, Carmel College was born. Despite financial problems and administrative obstacles, Rabbi Rosen succeeded remarkably well with his project. This is the story of Carmel College during that time.

Urim Publications, 2016
Softcover, 670 pages, $39.95 (130 NIS)
Nefesh HaTzimtzum, Volume 1
Rabbi Chaim Volozhin’s Nefesh HaChaim with Translation and Commentary

Nefesh HaTzimtzum, Volume 2
Understanding Nefesh HaChaim through the Key Concept of Tzimtzum and Related Writings

by Avinoam Fraenkel

“Rav Fraenkel’s . . . translation and elucidation of the Nefesh HaChaim is outstanding.” –Rabbi Dovid Cohen

“There is much pseudo-depth in this generation and it is a true pleasure and comfort to encounter a writer who invests maximal effort towards reaching the truth of the Torah and of wisdom.”

–Professor Jonathan Garb

“R. Avinoam Fraenkel . . . has proven at length . . . that everyone agrees that the concept of Tzimtzum is not to be understood literally . . .”

–Rabbi Yitzchok Meir Morgenstern

“We owe Avinoam Fraenkel an immense debt of gratitude for a monumental labour of scholarship. Truly this is a work by which, at every level, we are enriched.”

–Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

“Many will now begin to properly study this holy book [Nefesh HaChaim].” –Rabbi Hershel Schachter

“Nefesh HaTzimtzum is a monumental work which truly explains the teachings and worldview of Rabbi Chaim Volozhin. . . . Avinoam amazingly dispels the confusion [about Tzimtzum] by explaining the historical factors and providing scholarly proof.”

–Rabbi Moshe Schatz

Volume 1
Urim Publications, 2015
Hardcover, 811 pages, $34.95 (120 NIS)

Volume 2
Urim Publications, 2015
Hardcover, 757 pages (includes indexes)
$34.95 (120 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-177-8
Jewish Guide to Practical Medical Decision-Making

by Jason Weiner

“I can write in praise of this known Torah scholar, Rabbi Jason Weiner... I am certain that this work, which details all of Jewish Law that a patient needs to know, is a very important work and it is certainly a Mitzvah to publish and distribute it.”

– Rav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg

“My friend Rabbi Jason Weiner has done a great thing by publishing this book... this practical guidebook will provide support and assistance to anyone who is concerned about Halakha.”

– Rabbi Dr. Avraham Steinberg

“Rabbi Weiner sanctifies the Name of God daily in his holy work, and frequently consults with me in complicated Halakhic questions... this book is very well organized and I’m certain it will be very useful.”

– Rav Asher Weiss

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, 362 pages, $28.95 (120 NIS)

Am I My Body’s Keeper?

Torah, Science, Diet, and Fitness – for Life

by Michael Kaufman

“Michael Kaufman’s is a convincing, utterly remarkable book, a persuasive, easy-to-use guide based on Jewish tradition and the latest advances of medical science, to improving the quality of one’s life and staying free of chronic diseases. Am I My Body’s Keeper provides a practical, easy-to-use prescription for living a longer, healthier, active life.”

– Rabbi Lawrence Kelemen

“Michael Kaufman lays out for us in a well-organized and felicitous manner the vital principles for good health care and proactive medicine on the basis of the latest and most reliable medical research studies. His knowledge of preventive medicine is on a par with his impressive understanding of Torah and halachah. This book will hopefully serve as a catalyst for many to be transformed to a state of good spiritual and bodily health.”

– Rabbi Professor Avraham Steinberg MD

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, 336 pages, $26.95 (100 NIS)
A Torah Giant
The Intellectual Legacy of Rabbi Dr. Irving (Yitz) Greenberg

edited by Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

Foreword by Rabbi Avi Weiss
Introduction by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Discover the breadth of wisdom provided by this generation's giant of Torah: Rabbi Irving “Yitz” Greenberg, whose erudition, work in interfaith partnerships, and innovative thought on Jewish theology continues to inspire countless clergy and laypeople.

His legacy is discussed at length by those who have been affected by his inclusive model of contemporary Judaism, his approachable scholarship, commitment to fostering meaningful interfaith dialogue, and constant striving to make the world a more just place.

Urim Publications and KTAV, 2017
Hardcover, 352 pages, $28.95 (120 NIS)

Journey to Open Orthodoxy

by Avraham (Avi) Weiss
Foreword by Professor Jeffrey S. Gurock

Journey to Open Orthodoxy offers a unique perspective on contemporary concerns and Jewish issues. One of the preeminent American Jewish leaders of our time, Rabbi Avi Weiss, approaches important contemporary issues such as how to create an inclusive Orthodoxy, questions of gender and Jewish law, and leadership.

The book tackles difficult topics such as spirituality, struggles with faith, and Jewish activism which includes fighting for Israel and preserving a rich memory of the Holocaust.

Urim Publications and KTAV, 2017
Hardcover, $27.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN: 978-965-524-269-0
Beyond Routine

Turning Ritual into Meaningful Jewish Practice

by Rabbi Yehoshua C. Grunstein

A refreshing look at Jewish traditions and rituals, Rabbi Yehoshua Grunstein cleverly takes the routine commandments and rituals in Judaism and explains how they can become more meaningful. This book asks questions such as, how is each custom significant? What emotions should one have while performing the commandment? And how can a technical observance actually influence a person?

A coherent and easy-going read, those who want to learn more about Jewish customs, rituals, and holidays will find interest in this book.

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, 288 pages, $26.95 (100 NIS)

Personal Midrash

Fresh Insights into the Torah

by Daniel H. Shulman

“One of the main attributes we hope every Jew to possess is an authentic Jewish curiosity.... Dan brings along his sense of humor and his endless creativity. This book is instantly readable, teachable, and something every clergy and educator should have on hand.”

–Rabbi Ari Averbach

“Daniel Shulman shares a surprising – and exciting – number of qualities with the rabbis of classical midrash... The result is a true modern midrash – not in the all-too-frequently misused sense of this term, but in a manner that genuinely recreates the intertextual and pious approach of the midrashim of yore.”

–Professor Benjamin D. Sommer

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, 155 pages, $25.95 (100 NIS)
Sacred Scrolls in Plain English

The Books of Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Proverbs, Ruth, and Lamentations

rendered into English by
Aaron Lichtenstein

Translated into clear and comprehensive English by a professor of English and scholar of the Bible, Sacred Scrolls in Plain English presents a whole new and widely accessible understanding of the short biblical books of Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Proverbs, Ruth, and Lamentations. These books are part of the ancient wisdom literature of the Bible, and contain colorful and heartfelt stories of the past as well as advice and guidance for living.

Urim Publications, 2017, English only
Hardcover, 115 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)

Dirty Jewess

A Woman's Courageous Journey to Religious and Political Freedom

by Silvia Fishbaum with Andrea Coddington

Dirty Jewess is the personal account of one woman’s courageous journey towards religious and political freedom while coming of age in post-Holocaust, communist Czechoslovakia. The narrative recalls the author’s experience as a child of Holocaust survivors, living as a refugee in Rome, and finally realizing her dream of becoming a successful American citizen. Silvia Fishbaum’s life behind the iron curtain is a universal tale of humanity, resilience, and overcoming adversity.

“This captivating story of one brave woman is the voice of an entire generation and is sure to inspire many more. Getting to know Silvia personally has greatly enriched my reading experience. Silvia, just like Sophia, is a beautiful, smart, and sophisticated lady. Dirty Jewess is a jewel of modern Slovak literature. I would certainly recommend the book to everyone.”
–Jana Trnovcova, US Consul General of the Slovak Republic

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, 200 pages, $24.95 (100 NIS)
The Eyes of Isaac
Medical and Halachic Perspectives on Ophthalmologic Conditions
edited by Norman Saffra, MD FACS
Foreword by Alan Kadish, MD
A compilation of essays and studies from leading doctors, professors, and rabbis, The Eyes of Isaac endeavors to connect important medical and psychological issues of ophthalmology with Jewish law. Rabbis and physicians navigate the daily challenges that visual disability presents for themselves as well as for those under their care. Interspersed with personal anecdotes and stories, The Eyes of Isaac offers profound knowledge on the significant organ and diseases related to it, and how those diseases, such as glaucoma, can affect the practice of daily Jewish rituals. Included in this collection are explanations of eye diseases, considerations on how to treat them, along with the detailed process of medical surgeries in ophthalmology.

Urim Publications, KTAV Publishing and Touro College, 2018
Hardcover, $32.95 (130 NIS)

A Concise Code of Jewish Law for Converts
by Rabbi Michael J. Broyde
“Rabbi Michael Broyde’s newest work, A Concise Code of Jewish Law for Converts, is an extremely unique and original contribution to the world of English halachic literature. At the same time, it also serves as a great outreach effort to converts...
The book, and the direction of its rulings, are clearly in the spirit of “loving the convert” a concept that is discussed at length in the introduction. Indeed, Rav Broyde quotes Rav Moshe Feinstein who says that we should endeavor to rule leniently for converts, and that doing so is a fulfillment of the mitzvah of loving the convert.
This book is a must have for converts and those who work with them.”
–Rabbi Ari Enkin, Torah Book Reviews

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, 180 pages, (includes index)
$24.95 (100 NIS), ISBN: 978-965-524-249-2
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 Przyshucha . . . and I can testify that this is an important and original contribution for understanding nineteenth century Hasidism.”
–Prof. Moshe Idel

“Quest for Authenticity is worthwhile reading both academically and spiritually. R. Rosen’s magnum opus paints a vivid picture of how Hasidut Przyshucha wrought a revolution in Polish Hasidism. According to R. Rosen, this is also the future hope for a vibrant and healthy Judaism.”
–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


Living in the Presence
A Jewish Mindfulness Guide for Everyday Life
by Benjamin Epstein, Ph.D.

In our frantic, fast paced society, we need constant guidance to remind us that we can only find the peace of mind we sorely lack by looking inward. Judaism, like many other spiritual traditions, offers a unique path to cultivating fulfillment and presence of mind. In cultivating peace of mind, we do not aim to achieve transcendence. Rather, our goal is to enter fully into whatever is occurring in our lives and meet it with full presence. But being a better Jew and a happier person are not mutually exclusive. On the contrary, they are mutually interdependent. From the moment we wake to the moment we fall asleep, biblical commandments provide us with guidelines that encourage us to be aware of the present moment. A Guide to Jewish Mindfulness provides concise and clear instructions on how to cultivate peace of mind in order to attain a life of greater commitment and inspiration for the present moment.

Rabbinic Authority 3
The Vision and the Reality: Beit Din Decisions in English
Halakhic Divorce and the Agunah

by Rabbi A. Yehuda Warburg

In the third volume of his groundbreaking series on rabbinic authority in English, Rabbi Warburg discusses the ramifications of a Jewish divorce. In this well-composed monograph, Rabbi Warburg primarily focuses on the case of the modern-day agunah, a wife who is unable to get divorced due to her husband's recalcitrance. He addresses the various techniques, such as obligating the giving of a get (Jewish divorce document), finding relief for an agunah who signed an exploitative agreement, and listing different avenues to void a marriage (bitul kiddushin) used by the rabbinical court. This issue is of some controversy in the Jewish community, and there is heated debate about it.

Urim Publications, 2017, Hardcover, 384 pages

Rabbinic Authority 2
The Vision and the Reality: Beit Din Decisions in English

by Rabbi A. Yehuda Warburg

In this second volume of Rabbinic Authority, Rabbi Warburg presents new rabbinical court arbitration decisions in English. He is the first rabbinic arbitrator to publish piskei din (decisions) on cases in Jewish civil law. This volume focuses on a number of topics, such as the halakhic identity of an investment broker, the propriety of a civil will, contemporary issues relating to domestic violence, and the role of a rabbinical advocate in the beit din process. These topics and more are discussed in depth in the only English series about rabbinic authority.

Urim Publications, 2015

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, The Jewish Press

“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
The Jewish Spiritual Path
The Way of the Name
by Dr. Joshua Golding

This book is an intellectually sophisticated Jewish spiritual self-help book which provides a deep understanding of the spiritual and moral teachings of Judaism. It is a tool for learning about Kabbalah, the Jewish spiritual path, and the structure of the Jewish morning prayer. This book is unique in that it focuses on the four lettered Hebrew name of God and the belief that each letter spells out a guide for spiritual living.

The Jewish Spiritual Path provides both an extended commentary on prayer and an intellectually rigorous spiritual self-help book.

Urim Publications, 2017, Hardcover

Heal Us O Lord
A Chaplain’s Interface with Pain
by Rabbi Sidney Goldstein, Ph.D.

Heal Us O Lord: A Chaplain’s Interface with Pain is the story of Rabbi Sidney Goldstein, a chaplain who encounters the traumas of life as he visits with those who are in the throes of experiencing them. The book expresses the challenges faced by chaplains in providing support during some of the most crucial and painful times of life, while himself not being enveloped by them.

Rabbi Goldstein offers a source of encouragement and council for those whose lives might crave spirituality, but do not know where to turn.

Urim Publications, 2017, Hardcover
$19.95 (70 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-275-1
Abraham and the Challenge of Faith According to the Midrash Rabbah

by Wilfred Shuchat

The biblical narrative of the life of Abraham is explored through the interpretations of the sages of the Midrash Rabbah. Evoking the commentary are two scriptural portions in the Book of Genesis. The first is Lekh Lekha, which means ‘to leave,’ and it tells the story in which God commands Abraham to leave his father’s house and to enter the land which God will choose. The second scriptural portion discussed is Vayeira, which refers to God revealing Himself to Abraham. This portion tells of Abraham’s life with Sara, the fulfillment of the Divine promise with the birth of their son Isaac, and includes the famous narrative of the Binding of Isaac. The Midrash comes to discuss Abraham’s social, and spiritual endeavors, as well as the selfless character and absolute belief in God that became the symbol for which Abraham is known in Judaic literature.


Noah, the Flood and the Failure of Man According to the Midrash Rabbah

by Wilfred Shuchat

“For all who love Torah and wisdom, this book is a jewel. It presents the Midrash, the rabbinic exploration of Genesis, for precious insights and truth. Genesis itself contains the heart of the biblical vision of God’s creation and human destiny. Rabbi Shuchat selects the finest gems within the Midrash for further exploration and then adds his own pearls of wisdom to this treasure trove. The result is a marriage of classic texts and modern insights, a book rich in teachings for life and values.”

–Blu Greenberg and Rabbi Yitz Greenberg

From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey
A Commentary on Food in the Torah
by Diana Lipton

Food retains a place at the heart of Jewish life and culture, which is based around the Torah. In From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey, Diana Lipton combines these two central aspects of Judaism. Based on the Leket Israel Food & Torah project, From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey includes short essays by 52 internationally acclaimed scholars and Jewish educators. Lipton then provides an even more in-depth commentary and analyzes references to the production, the preparation, and the eating of food found in the Bible. Examining the significance of food in biblical stories, including hospitality, social justice, deception, nurture, love, and life and death, From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey provides unique biblical commentary on food.

"A feast to be treasured by all lovers of that full-flavoured mix of food and faith that is Jewish life at its best."  –Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Urim Publications, 2017, Hardcover, 236 pages
$28.95 (100 NIS), ISBN: 978-965-524-252-2

Waste Not, Want Not Kosher Cookbook
Creative Ways to Serve Yesterday’s Meal
by Yaffa Fruchter

Waste Not, Want Not provides fresh and exciting ideas to skillfully use leftovers to create delicious “new” meals. The first of its kind, this unique cookbook offers an exciting approach to making leftovers new again. To curb her own food-waster’s guilt, Yaffa Fruchter developed creative ways of using leftover ingredients to produce excellent new dishes that will change the way you look at last night’s leftovers. Boasting a collection of 200 fresh and exciting recipes, Waste Not, Want Not offers a comprehensive guide of the best, safest, and most delicious ways to prevent waste and eat well.

Urim Publications, 2018
Hardcover, $34.95 (130 NIS), full color
ISBN: 978-965-524-274-4
Understanding Tzniut
Modern Controversies in the Jewish Community
by Rabbi Yehuda Henkin

“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, Hirhurim Blog

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 141 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)

Equality Lost
Essays in Torah Commentary, Halacha, and Jewish Thought
by Rabbi Yehuda Henkin

“Unfortunately, R. Henkin and his responsa have been largely unknown outside of Israel. His English book Equality Lost will, it may be hoped, serve as a remedy to this situation. . . . Equality Lost is a book of importance for the Modern Orthodox community, opening a window into the thought and rulings of this serious, sensitive poseq. . . . It is because of him, and the few others like him, that important issues for the Modern Orthodox community are being addressed in a serious halachik manner.”

–Dov Linzer, The Edah Journal

Urim Publications, 2017

Amot Shel Halacha
Halachic Insights
by Rabbi Ari N. Enkin

“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

“I have read a number of Rav Ari Enkin’s writings and I have enjoyed them immensely. He has a talent for choosing topics of interest and presenting the material in an enjoyable and balanced manner. I recommend his writings to anyone who desires to deepen their knowledge about important Torah topics.”

–Rabbi Howard Jachter

Urim Publications, 2009
There are many books that address questions of Shabbat observance. *Shabbat: The Right Way* differs in that it provides definitive direction as well as openly sharing the analysis. For the person seeking to understand Jewish law, this book offers the opportunity to learn why Jews do certain things. For those already familiar with halachah, this book will serve as a springboard for deeper study, and all readers will come away with a sense of what is at the heart of Judaism.

**Shabbat: The Right Way**  
Resolving Halachic Dilemmas  
by Rabbi J. Simcha Cohen  
Urim Publications, 2009  
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

Urim Publications, 2010
Hardcover, 221 pages (including index)
$25.95 (100 NIS)

On the Relationship of Mitzvot Between Man and his Neighbor and Man and his Maker
by Daniel Sperber

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

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

“Still, in the vast writings that are constantly being published about Rabbi Soloveitchik, Ziegler’s book stands out for its user-friendliness, accessibility, and subtlety. Rabbi Ziegler has offered beginning students and more advanced readers an intelligent, readable, and thorough companion that will make reading the Rav’s writings in the original easier and more effective.

—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.”

—Stephen H. Garrin, Jewish Book World

Urim Publications and Maimonides School, 2013
The Rabbi Soloveitchik Library – Volume 1
Softcover, 362 pages, $25.95 (90 NIS)
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.

“...Maharal’s thought to the English reading public is a great service that will provide the intelligent and interested reader a window into the thought of this great thinker.”
—Rabbi Mosheh Lichtenstein

Torah Mysteries Illuminated
Intriguing Insights into the Essence of Major Torah Topics of Contemporary Relevance
by Thomas Furst

“With probing analysis, profound wisdom and an unusually gifted question-and-answer style, the author takes on a host of crucial and fundamental issues of Jewish life and law, and embellishes them with meaning we had never suspected.”
—Rabbi Benjamin Blech

“Tom Furst has invested many years, and his considerable intelligence and insight, into delving into matters of Jewish law and life in ways that animate the Torah’s wise teachings.”
—Dr. Erica Brown

“I am very pleased to recommend this work.”
—Rabbi Shmuel Goldin

“Any Jewish library will be enhanced by the inclusion of this work in it.”
—Rabbi Berel Wein


Urim Publications, 2015
Hardcover, 272 pages, $26.95 (90 NIS)
The Encyclopedia of Jewish Values

By Rabbi Dr. Nachum Amsel

A follow-up to his widely acclaimed *The Jewish Encyclopedia of Moral and Ethical Issues*, this is a comprehensive reference book on Jewish ethics for contemporary times. The topics addressed in this work include Jewish attitudes toward homosexuality, stem cell medical procedures, the environment, Internet piracy, and more. Gleaning from the Bible and classic Jewish texts, as well as later authorities such as Maimonides, Nachmanides, Rashi, and the Code of Jewish Law, this work is accessible to readers of all backgrounds.

“Rabbi Amsel has combined scholarship and readability, insight and factual text in this work.... This is a wonderful research book that can be read directly as an informative and necessary work of knowledge about Judaism and the Jewish attitudes towards the moral and ethical issues of general and Jewish society. This is a book for every Jewish home and school.” –Rabbi Berel Wein


The Encyclopedia of Jewish Values

Between Man and Man

By Rabbi Dr. Nachum Amsel

A continuation to his widely praised Encyclopedia of Jewish Values, Rabbi Nachum Amsel presents an organized compendium of Jewish values and ethics that deal with human interaction. The topics addressed in this work include Jewish attitudes to leadership, business ethics, modesty with dress, self-defense, peer pressure, family, friendships, and more. Gleaning from the Bible and classic Jewish texts, as well as later authorities such as Maimonides, Nachmanides, Rashi, and the Code of Jewish Law, this work is accessible to readers of many backgrounds.

Urim Publications, 2018
Hardcover (including index)
$29.95 (120 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-262-1
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

**Volume 1, i–vii**
Penina Press, 2011
Hardcover, 351 pages, $34.95 (120 NIS)
ISBN 978-1-936068-24-1

**Volume 2, viii–x**
Penina Press, 2012
Hardcover, 432 pages, $38.95 (130 NIS)

**Volume 3, xi–xiii**
Penina Press, 2014
Hardcover, 366 pages, $36.95 (120 NIS)

**Volume 4, xiv–xvii**
Penina Press, 2016
Hardcover, 478 pages, $36.95 (120 NIS)
Silver from the Land of Israel
A New Light on the Sabbath and Holidays from the Writings of Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook
by Rabbi Chanan Morrison

National Jewish Book Award 2010 Finalist Winner in the category of Modern Jewish Thought & Experience

“Talk about uplifting. When it comes to the Jews and the Jewish people, it’s hard to imagine anyone more upbeat than Rav Kook.”
–Douglas Wertheimer, Chicago Jewish Star

Praise for Gold from the Land of Israel:
“Rabbi Morrison has done a remarkable job in presenting the teachings of Rav Kook – a giant of twentieth century Jewish thought – in a clear and approachable fashion. I highly recommend this book for anyone seeking a good introduction to the inspiring wisdom of this preeminent scholar.”
–Rabbi David Samson, Author of the “Lights on Orot” series

Urim Publications, 2010
Hardcover, 269 pages, $27.95 (100 NIS)

Rejoice in Your Festivals
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
Hardcover, 231 pages, $23.95 (90 NIS)
Kaddish
Women’s Voices
edited by Michal Smart and Barbara Ashkenas
NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD 2013 WINNER
in the category of Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice

“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.”

–Erica Brown

“The 52 essays in this book give women a voice and a place. Each one is a prize. We are all enriched by this volume.”

–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
edited 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.”

“This is a remarkable volume by a remarkable
woman. The author, a highly regarded pediatrician
and a scholar of Talmud, here offers a com-
prehensive 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
“Between the Lines of the Bible is an extremely well-written book on the weekly Torah portion. Embracing the ever-growing, widespread trend of parshanut-style Torah study, the author takes a superbly sophisticated approach to delving into the complexities of the weekly parsha. I am proud that OU Press is a co-publisher of this impressive work and greatly look forward to using this book in my own studies and teachings.”

–Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb

“Between the Lines of the Bible: Exodus: A study from the new school of Orthodox Torah Commentary, by Yitzchak Etshalom, is a thought-provoking look at the second book of the Torah. One can tell that its author, a Rabbi and Tanakh educator in North America, is a dynamic teacher, because the book is quite engaging. ... I recommend it to anyone who wishes to gain a deeper understanding of the book of Exodus and look forward to future books in the series.”

–Ben Zion Katz, Seforim Blog

Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom has written an engaging work that provides significant new insights and a fascinating approach to the Biblical text. The book is a pleasure to read and the reader is certain to come out with significant insights to the text.”

–Ben Rothke, The Times of Israel

Between the Lines of the Bible
Recapturing the Full Meaning of the Biblical Text: GENESIS
by Yitzchak Etshalom

Between the Lines of the Bible
A Study from the New School of Orthodox Torah Commentary: EXODUS
by Yitzchak Etshalom

Urim Publications and OU Press, 2015, Hardcover, 272 pages, Second revised edition, $26.95 (90 NIS)

Urim Publications and OU Press, 2012, Hardcover, 220 pages, $26.95 (90 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

Darosh Darash Yosef
Discourses of Rav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik on the Weekly Parashah

by Rabbi Avishai C. David

“Rabbi Avishai David’s new book, Darosh Darash Yosef, reflects a new genre, recording teachings from the Rav’s Saturday night drashot on Chumash . . . Darosh Darash Yosef is a rich collection of the Rav’s teachings that can be enjoyed by a spectrum of readers, from relative novices to seasoned students of Torah, even those who are well acquainted with Rav Soloveitchik’s works.”
–Stanley Peerless, Lookstein Digest

“The Rav’s Divrei Torah are both profound and inspirational.”
–Rabbi Hershel Reichman

“Darosh Darash Yosef is highly recommended for all libraries. Rabbi David makes the Rav’s complex thoughts accessible to all readers.”
–Ilka Gordon, AJL Reviews

Urim Publications, OU Press, and Yeshiva Torat Shraga, 2011
Hardcover, 472 pages, $29.95 (120 NIS)

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 285 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)
A Journey Through Torah
A Critique of the Documentary Hypothesis
by Ben Zion Katz

"Ben Katz has written a refreshing new approach to biblical scholarship, one that shows that the differences between classical Jewish Bible commentary and modern critical approaches to the Bible are not as unbridgeable as many still seem to think." – Professor David Novak

"This is a well researched and thoughtful book, which takes an unflinching look at a very serious matter facing traditional Jews today. Even if one does not agree with the author’s conclusions, it is necessary to open up a discussion of this issue and endeavor to reach some sort of modus vivendi with it for intellectually honest traditional Jews. . . . This book is heartily recommended, and Urim Publications must be commended for publishing this unique, daring, and very much needed work." – Rabbi Dr. Simcha Rosenberg

Urim Publications, 2012, Hardcover, 144 pages, $22.95 (80 NIS)

Tanakh, an Owner’s Manual
Authorship, Canonization, Masoretic Text, Exegesis, Modern Scholarship and Pedagogy
by Moshe Sokolow, afterword by Hayyim Angel

"Dr. Sokolow has written a wonderful volume which serves as introduction, guide and vital reference book for anyone wishing to appreciate the wonders of our Book of Books." – Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom, The Jewish Press

"Combining quality and clarity, this book could have been written only by a major Bible scholar and a master pedagogue. Dr. Sokolow’s engaging work sheds light on how the Tanakh as we know it came to be, how it has been interpreted, and how it may best be taught to contemporary audiences. It is a jewel to be treasured by scholars, teachers, students, and the general reader." – Dr. Rachel Friedman

Urim Publications, 2015, Hardcover, 219 pages $25.95 (100 NIS)

Meditations at Twilight on Genesis

By Rabbi Melvin Granatstein

"When the Sages advised turning the Torah ‘over and over again’ to reveal new facets, they had Meditations at Twilight on Genesis in mind. Rabbi Granatstein’s studies of the weekly parashah combine philosophical and literary insights, written in a lucid style that make them a pleasure to read.”

– Professor Moshe Sokolow

Urim Publications, 2015, Hardcover, 159 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)
Reading the Sacred Text
What the Torah Tells Us
by Aaron Lichtenstein

Understanding the sacred text has been a wonderful yet elusive challenge through the ages. This book is a reading of the Bible, accessible to readers of all backgrounds and levels of familiarity with the biblical text. In contrast to previous works on the subject, Reading the Sacred Text focuses on the true meaning of the biblical text rather than the metaphorical or mystical interpretations. It retells, in a captivating and easy-to-follow narrative, the story of the Five Books of Moses, the first books of the Bible.

Urim Publications, 2015, Hardcover, 126 pages
$23.95 (80 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-164-8

The Haftorah of the Week
An Overview and Elucidation of the Haftorah Portion of the Prophets
by Ervin Landau

“This book presents an examination of the haftorah – prophetic writings in the Bible that are read weekly in synagogue in conjunction with the reading from the Torah. These excerpts and their ties to the weekly Bible portion, however, have been largely unexamined. In this volume, Ervin Landau offers insight into the distinct ways in which the haftorah correlates to the parsha, and how the two texts inform one another to present a broader message. This book will be valuable to anyone who wants to prepare for the weekly Shabbat reading from the prophets.”

–Dov Peretz Elkins

Urim Publications, 2014, Hardcover, 376 pages, $26.95 (80 NIS)

From the Heart of a Lion
Insightful Discourses on the Weekly Parsha Crowned by Inspirational Personal Stories
by Rabbi Aryeh Cohen

“One of the most charismatic young rabbis in education today is Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, the Mashgiach Ruchani at the DRS High School in Woodmere. Recently Rabbi Cohen assembled in book form a series of eloquent and timely essays themed to each parasha in Bereshis, the book of Genesis. The content of each chapter fully lives up to the rabbi’s reputation of combining his analytic learning style with anecdotes relating to life’s experiences.”

–Alan Jay Gerber, The Jewish Star

Penina Press, 2015, Hardcover, 105 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)
Ohr HaShachar
Torah, Kabbalah and Consciousness in the Daily Morning Blessings
by David Bar-Cohn

“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.”
–Rabbi Joel Zeff

Urim Publications, 2014, Hardcover, 256 pages, $26.95 (80 NIS)

Kosher Movies
A Film Critic Discovers Life Lessons at the Cinema
by Rabbi Herbert J. Cohen, Ph.D.

“It’s like Chicken Soup for the Soul meets Roger Ebert.”
–Vincent Coppola

“Rabbi Cohen’s insightful essays on a wide array of movies create a harmonious convergence of faith and art.”
–Senator Joseph Lieberman

“Rabbi Cohen’s insightful work mines popular movies for spiritual themes and values, creating a treasure trove for those who combine a love for values with an enjoyment of film.”
–Dr. Emmy Zitter

Urim Publications, 2015, Hardcover, 256 pages, $25.95 (100 NIS)

To Study and To Teach
The Educational Methodology of Nechama Leibowitz
by Shmuel Peerless

“When the book first arrived on my desk I wondered about its length. How could a book of so few pages get to the heart of a teaching method decades in the making? The book is, however, much like the teacher who inspired it: short, powerful and to the point.”
–Erica Brown, Jerusalem Post Literary Quarterly

“This well-organized book will help to preserve the legacy of Nechama’s teaching and provide teachers and students with the essential skills she aimed to provide in her classroom.”
–Jennifer Breger, JOFA Journal

Urim Publications and The Lookstein Center, Bar-Ilan University, 2004
Hardcover, 183 pages, $21.00 (70 NIS)
Sages of the Talmud
The Lives, Sayings and Stories of 400 Rabbinic Masters
by Mordechai Judovits

“Sages of the Talmud is a necessary book for every person, lay and scholar alike, who is interested in Talmud and Jewish history because it presents important data about the Talmudic sages in both an informative and enjoyable manner . . . Judovits places the sages in the century in which they lived and describes the unique historical and social environments that prevailed in the days of each one. In addition, readers will find interesting revelations about the character traits of each sage and their accomplishments.”

–Rabbi Dr. Israel Drazin

“... an eminently useful reference tool for anyone interested in the biographies, maxims and historical context of the ancient rabbis whose teachings shaped Rabbinic Judaism.”

–Professor Jonathan D. Sarna

Urim Publications, 2009
Hardcover, 345 pages, $29.95 (110 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-035-1

Find It in the Talmud
An Encyclopedia of Jewish Ethics and Conduct
Thousands of Talmudic Subjects, Stores and Expressions
by Mordechai Judovits

“Unlike other Talmudic dictionaries, Find It in the Talmud is written especially for the English speaker not fluent in the original Hebrew and Aramaic. Calling itself an encyclopedia of Jewish ethics and conduct, it is also a concordance, using the traditional citation system of tractate and page number. More than 6,000 concepts and terms are listed alphabetically in English with the location, and (usually) the original translation . . . The introduction and later sections provide overviews of the order and development of the Talmud and its major personalities, expressions, and abbreviations . . . Recommended.”

–D. Mizrachi, CHOICE

Urim Publications, 2014
Hardcover, 525 pages, $34.95 (120 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-146-4

Holocaust and Rebirth
A Survivor’s Memories of Life in Europe
Before, During, and after the Holocaust
by Mordechai Judovits

Mordechai Judovits grew up in the town of Dej, Transylvania before the Holocaust. In 1944 he and his family are sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp, yet he miraculously survives and is liberated in 1945. Dealing with the three periods of his life, Judovits describes life before, during, and after the Holocaust in this gripping autobiography. Using the theme of the six million who perished in the Holocaust, Judovits cites ideas on how to increase the dwindling Jewish population by the same number of those who were lost to bring about a Jewish rebirth.

Urim Publications, 2016
The Soul of Jewish Social Justice
by Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

National Jewish Book Award 2014 Finalist Winner in the category of Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice

“This book is set to become the quintessential reference for all social issues in Judaism and it will be featured prominently among the bookshelves of those of us who value a Judaism of social welfare and consciousness.”
—Mayim Bialik, Emmy-nominated actress

“Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz’s name has become synonymous with the call for ethical renewal and social justice within the American Jewish community. . . . In this much-needed volume, he shares with readers his thoughts on central questions of our day.”
—Professor Jonathan D. Sarna

“. . . examines how Judaism’s wisdom can be applied to such contemporary problems as education reform, immigration, and business ethics.”
—PW


Who Stole My Religion?
Revitalizing Judaism and Applying Jewish Values to Help Heal Our Imperiled Planet

by Richard H. Schwartz, Ph.D.
with Rabbi Yonassan Gershom and Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

Who Stole My Religion? is a wake up call to Jews to apply Judaism's powerful teachings on justice, peace, compassion, kindness, and environmental sustainability to help shift our imperiled planet onto a sustainable path. It extols Judaism, arguing that Judaism is a radical, transformative religion, Richard Schwartz demonstrates that the future of humanity depends on Jews applying Judaism's highest values in response to today’s crises.

“No one has been more creative, committed, and consistent than Richard Schwartz in arguing for a Judaism that can address in all its depth the world crisis that all humanity and all the life-forms of our planet face today.”
—Rabbi Arthur Waskow

KTAV, 2016, Hardcover, 302 pages, $27.95 (100 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-134-8

Transforming the World
The Jewish Impact on Modernity

By Leo Dee

“Transforming the World . . . is a straightforward book that addresses Jews who want to know what Judaism has to offer them personally . . . . Dee presents Judaism in this novel way in order to bring his main point across to his readers: Judaism is worth investigating and absolutely has something to offer the modern Jew.”
—Miriam Kates Lock, Jerusalem Post Magazine

“Exceptionally well written, organized and presented, Transforming the World is very highly recommended for personal, synagogue, community, and academic library Contemporary Judaic Studies reference collections and supplemental studies reading lists.”
—Midwest Book Review

The Mitzvot
The Commandments and Their Rationale
by Abraham Chill

“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

Urim Publications
Hardcover, 508 pages, $30.00 (120 NIS)

Acts of the Mind in Jewish Ritual Law
An Insight into Rabbinic Psychology
by Rabbi Dr. Isaac Cohen

“Rabbi Dr. Isaac Cohen has produced a truly monumental work of Jewish scholarship, majestic in scope and riveting in detail . . . What he has provided us with is a systematic exploration of the role of mental acts, motives and intentions in virtually every aspect of Jewish law and life . . . A magnificent achievement, highly recommended.”
– 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), ISBN 978-965-7108-83-3

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

Urim Publications, 2011
Hardcover, 206 pages, $25.95 (100 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-047-4
The Wisdom of the Jews
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.

Devora Publishing, 2012

Stages of Spiritual Growth
Resolving the Tension between Self-expression and Submission to Divine Will
by Batya Gallant

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

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.”

–Dovid Zaklikowski, Chabad.org

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
Softcover, 302 pages, $23.95 (80 NIS)

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

“. . . I cannot imagine anyone seriously interested in prayer and in the constant use of Tehillim as a means to express our deepest yearnings who will not find this translation of great interest. Yeats said, ‘Out of the quarrel we have with others we make rhetoric; out of the quarrel we have with ourselves we make poetry.’ For some, this translation will produce much rhetoric, but for others it will speak with the poetry of their selves. As such, it is worth serious consideration.”

–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
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, 2018

Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen
Between War and Peace
by Yechezkiel Frish and Yedidya HaCohen
Translations from Irene Lancaster

Although mainly known as the chief rabbi of Haifa, Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen, born in 1927, has played an important role in the establishment of the State of Israel. As the son of Rabbi David Cohen (1887–1972), the legendary Nazirite of Jerusalem, he himself was destined to become a Nazirite until the age of sixteen and was influenced in his youth by some of Israel’s greatest rabbis, including Rav Kook. He was the Chief Rabbi of the Israel Air Force, and then Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem with Teddy Kollek. Rabbi Cohen served as the Chief Rabbi of Haifa and President of Haifa’s rabbinical courts for 36 years.

"He exemplifies a real possibility and a real hope for the world in which we live . . . the rabbi will be remembered in Israel, as a leading figure in and after the State’s foundation."

—James Macintyre, christianitytoday.com

Urim Publications, 2017, Series: Modern Jewish Lives · volume 5, Hardcover (includes photos)
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

Rabbi Shlomo Goren
Torah Sage and General
by Shalom Freedman

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

Rabbi Haim David Halevy
Gentle Scholar and Courageous Thinker
by Marc D. Angel with Hayyim Angel

Urim Publications, 2006
Series: Modern Jewish Lives · Volume 1
Hardcover, 223 pages, 27 b/w photographs, $23.95 (90 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-81-0

Urim Publications, 2006
Series: Modern Jewish Lives · Volume 2
HC, 221 pages, 34 b/w photos, $23.95 (90 NIS)
Nehama Leibowitz
Teacher and Bible Scholar
by Yael Unterman

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD 2009
FINALIST WINNER
in the category of MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT & EXPERIENCE

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.

“...fascinating, exhaustive and thought-provoking.”
–Rabbi Gil Student, Hirhurim Blog

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach
Life, Mission, and Legacy
by Dr. Natan Ophir (Offenbacher)

“Although other books have been written about Carlebach...there is consensus among the reviewers that none are as comprehensive and all-encompassing, in terms of the rabbi’s life, music, concerts and contributions to Jewish liturgy, as the work produced by Ophir.”
–Greer Fay Cashman, The Jerusalem Post

“Through personal interviews, Ophir chronicles many stories of Jewish youth who were seeking for answers in Middle Eastern religions and who were brought back to Judaism by Carlebach’s warmth, unconditional love and acceptance, and version of Jewish practice and ritual.”
–Eric S. Freeman, American Jewish History

“At last! A carefully researched and meticulously annotated biography of Shlomo Carlebach. A must-read for anyone interested in Reb Shlomo and his legacy.”
–Prof. Jonathan D. Sarna

Urim Publications, 2009
Series: Modern Jewish Lives · volume 3
Hardcover, 607 pages (includes over 50 b/w photos plus an index), $39.95 (130 NIS)

Urim Publications, 2014
Series: Modern Jewish Lives · volume 4
Hardcover, 503 pages (incl. over 50 b/w photos)
$39.95 (140 NIS) ISBN 978-965-524-143-3
They Called Him Rebbe
The Life and Good Works of Rabbi Boruch Milikowsky
by Raphael D. Blumberg

“They Called Him Rebbe” demonstrates how a synthesis of wisdom and love created a force that spanned space and time to bring the flavor of prewar Lithuania into today’s American classroom. But only a true Talmid Chacham, as was Rabbi Boruch Milikowsky, z”l, will know how to utilize the ‘chochmas lev’ (Exodus 35:35) effectively. A must read for every educator.”

–Rabbi Nathan Kamenetsky, author of Making of a Godol

“. . . must reading for any parent or educator who wants to understand teenage boys and how to motivate them to be better Jews and menschen.”

–Rabbi Yaakov Spivak, Rav and Rosh Yeshiva, Kollel Ayshel Avraham

Urim Publications, 2007, Hardcover, 295 pages, $24.95 (70 NIS)

Rabbi Meir Kahane: His Life and Thought
Volume One: 1932–1975
by Libby Kahane

“This is an extraordinary tale of a man with a vision and a mission, whose life’s journey was passionately directed to promoting Torah, Jewish pride and power, and the Zionist dream . . . A major figure in modern Jewish history, Meir Kahane can now be judiciously assessed and appreciated through this new and gripping volume.”

–Dr. Mordechai Nisan, author of Toward a New Israel

The Institute for the Publication of the Writings of Rabbi Meir Kahane, 2008
Hardcover, 761 pages (including index) + 32 additional pages of photos, $45.00 (150 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.

“Rabbi Jonathan Duker’s book is eminently readable. He capably and creatively synthesizes many disparate sources into a coherent and meaningful flow . . .”

–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)
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
in the category of JEWISH LIFE & LIVING

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD 2005
FINALIST WINNER in the category of CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE & PRACTICE

“Dignity Beyond Death brings together the voices of ordinary people engaged in an extraordinary task.”

—Rabbi Kenneth Brander

“. . . we owe Rochel Berman ‘deep gratitude’ for bringing the ancient ritual and good deed of tahara to wider attention.”

—Dr. Morton I. Teicher, Palm Beach South Jewish Journal

“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)
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

“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

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

“His book represents an important contribution to religious thought. It is especially welcome at a time of resurgence of fundamentalism, which attacks Centrist Orthodoxy as a compromise . . .”

–Rabbi Dr. Walter S. Wurzburger
Urim Publications, 2012

To Unify a Nation
My Vision for the Future of Israel
by Rabbi Dov Lipman

“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), ISBN 978-965-524-148-8
Covenantal Imperatives
Essays by Walter S. Wurzburger on Jewish
Law, Thought, and Community
edited by Eliezer Jacobs and Shalom Carmy

“...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

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 325 pages, $28.95 (100 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-000-9

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

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
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


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
Maimonides, Between Philosophy and Halakhah

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik’s Lectures on the *Guide of the Perplexed*

edited with an introduction 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 rabbinc 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.

Urim Publications and KTAV, 2016
Hardcover, 256 pages (includes index)
$28.95 (120 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-203-4

Moadei HaRav

Public Lectures on the Festivals by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik:
Based Upon Student Notes

by Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Pick

Through a collection of essays and lectures, Rabbi Dr. Shlomo H. Pick provides insight on Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik’s thoughts on Jewish festivals with focus on examples of Talmudic study. Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik was not only one of the outstanding Talmudists of the 20th century, but was also one of its most creative and seminal Jewish thinkers. *Moadei HaRav* provides lectures by the Rav on the major Jewish holidays, such as Passover and Sukkot, as well as Hanukah and Purim. An introductory essay analyzes the Rav’s works and interests in Judaism as well as his methodology of Talmud analysis.

“*Moadei HaRav* is a deep and stimulating work that enables those who did not have the privilege to sit before Rav Soloveitchik to read his ideas, reflect on his methodology, marvel at his creativity, and forge an intellectual and emotional bond with one of the greatest Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century.”

—Rabbi Johnny Solomon

Urim Publications, KTAV Publishing, and Bar Ilan University, 2016
A Neuropsychologist’s Journal
Interventions and “Judi-isms”
by Dr. Judith Bendheim Guedalia

“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

The Biblical Outlook
Topics in Jewish Philosophy
by Rabbi Shlomo Polacheck

The Biblical Outlook presents important topics in Jewish philosophy by using a unique approach based entirely upon the books of the Hebrew Bible (along with halachic clarifications of the Talmudic sages). Among the topics covered are God’s characteristics, creation and providence, revelation, God’s demands upon human beings, reward and punishment, repentance and forgiveness, prayer, God’s intervention in history, and the End of Days.

“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

Prophecies and Providence
A Biblical Approach to Modern Jewish History
by Rabbi Yehoshua Pfeffer

“In his groundbreaking book Prophecies and Providence, Rabbi Pfeffer, begins to turn the key of Torah that can unlock the deeper meaning and significance in the events and experiences of the Jewish people over time.”

–Rabbi Dovid Castle

“The book is most outstanding, and there is a great need for it today, in . . . illustrating the constant providence of God over His world.”

–Rabbi Asher Weiss
Devora Publishing, 2015
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)

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

Urim Publications, 2010, Hardcover, 158 pages
$19.95 (70 NIS) ISBN 978-965-524-039-9

A Time to Speak
Controversial Essays That Can Change Your Life
by Martin Stern

“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

“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

Visions of a Compassionate World
Guided Imagery for Spiritual Growth and Social Transformation

by Menachem Eckstein
translated by Yehoshua Starrett, 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 Riener, 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)
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

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)
A Circle in the Square
Rabbi Shlomo Riskin Reinvents the Synagogue
by Edward Abramson

Within these pages, readers will learn about Rabbi Riskin’s unprecedented approach to adult Jewish education and his steadfast commitment to reaching out to each and every Jew within and beyond the four walls of Lincoln Square Synagogue.

“. . . demonstrating how leaders of spirit and vision can live unique and passionate lives of merit and achievement.”

–Rabbi Jack Bieler, Jewish Book World

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

Urim Publications
An Italian Renaissance
Choosing Life in Canada
by Robert Eli Rubinstein, foreword by Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter
WINNER OF THE CANADIAN JEWISH BOOK AWARD
in the category of HOLOCAUST LITERATURE

“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)

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–Elie Wiesel

Urim Publications, 2004
Hardcover, 502 pages, $29.95 (120 NIS), ISBN 978-965-7108-60-4

A Forgotten Land
Growing Up in the Jewish Pale: Based on the recollections of Pearl Unikow Cooper
by Lisa Cooper

“This fascinating memoir of life in the Pale of Jewish Settlement is the author’s grandmother’s story. It is based on recordings made by the author’s father of his mother’s tales of her early life. The cassettes recorded in Yiddish were translated, the recollections supplemented with information from questioning other family members, historical research and background reading. . . . It is a useful addition to Judaica collections in academic and public libraries, as well as of interest to Temple and synagogue library users.”
–Susan Freiband, AJL Reviews

Penina Press, 2013

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

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–Elie Wiesel

Urim Publications, 2004
Hardcover, 502 pages, $29.95 (120 NIS), ISBN 13: 978-965-7108-60-4
**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)


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**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)


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**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

Beyond being a fantastic, untold and true story, at its core The Unwilling Survivor is about the indomitable strength of the human spirit.

“This spellbinding story is a lesson in courage and honor. A Polish and Russian officer, a gunrunner, a partisan fighter and, above all, a Jew fighting the Nazi machine to save his family, Misha discovers that the one thing he must never lose is himself. He teaches us all that, even in the midst of atrocity and utmost cruelty, we need not be victims. For, as long as we are guided first by our heart and soul, we can retain our nobility. This remarkable story speaks to anyone who wishes to better understand how the Holocaust, and life after, was survivable.”

– 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)
Passages
Text and Transformation in the Parasha
by Rabbi Michael Hattin

“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), ISBN 978-965-524-119-8

Moses and the Path to Leadership
by Zvi Grumet

“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

Urim Publications, 2014

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

“Not only is this book a tremendous boon for English-speaking readers, but the translation of Rav Kook’s writings enables them ‘to awaken the holiness hidden in each language.’”

–Rabbi Yehoshua Magnes

Urim Publications, 2006
Hardcover, 367 pages, $27.95 (110 NIS)
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 II

Urim Publications and the Shlomo Carlebach Foundation, 2013
Hardcover, 432 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-121-1

The T orah Commentary of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

Urim Publications and the Shlomo Carlebach Legacy Trust, 2012
Hardcover, 263 pages, $27.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-074-0
The Path of Torah
by HaRav Naftali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin (Netziv)
translated & annotated by Rabbi Elchanan Greenman

“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

Urim Publications, 2009
Hardcover, 394 pages, $34.95 (110 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-030-6

Learning to Read Midrash
by Simi Peters

“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. . . .”

– Rabbi Zev Leff

“Mrs. Peters wrote a brilliant book . . . When I learned midrash, I instinctively used most of her methodology. But by systematizing it, she makes it easy to do and, significantly, makes it much harder to miss important details. Without exaggeration, this is one of the most fabulous books I’ve read in a long time.”

– Rabbi Gil Student, Hirhurim blog

Urim Publications, 2004
Hardcover, 310 pages, $26.95 (100 NIS)

Torah Conversations with Nechama Leibowitz
by Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur

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.

Urim Publications, 2013
Hardcover, 127 pages, $23.95 (80 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-069-6
Reclaiming Humanity
A Guide to Maintaining the Inner World of the Child Facing Ongoing Trauma

by Norman J. Fried

The inner world of a healthy child is filled with wonder, awe, and faith in a fair and just world. But for some children, a belief in the benevolence of the world and its people is often too hard to claim. In this unique guidebook, Dr. Norman Fried gives valuable insights into the lives of children who have been victimized by chaos and disease, and teaches how to help them grow within the context of a loving, accepting, and ethical bond.

Reclaiming Humanity teaches that when the service of the heart is present in all that we do, the inner world of the hurt child, and the humanity of the world at large, can eventually be reclaimed.


From Mourning to Morning
A Comprehensive Guide to Mourning, Grieving, and Bereavement, with Special Emphasis on the Shiva Call

by Rabbi Simeon Schreiber

Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Senior Staff Chaplain at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, translates his many years of experience into a greater understanding of the emotions surrounding death, grieving, mourning, and bereavement in Judaism. From Mourning to Morning presents these principles in a comprehensive format. Focusing on the Shiva, the seven day period of mourning in Judaism, Rabbi Schreiber explains the foundation of visiting a house of mourners, and suggests proper etiquette in conducting a visit. With sensitivity and expertise, Rabbi Schreiber provides unique and practical advice on how to cope with death, mourning, and the related issues that we all will inevitably face.


The Dawn of Redemption
What the Books of Ruth and Yona Teach about Alienation, Despair and Return

by Rabbi Dr. Meir Levin

“Levin’s goals combine with his chosen interpretative strategies to create a blend that is unique and often refreshing. In addition, he is forthright about methodology, stating exactly what methodological choices he is making and why he makes them. Levin makes extensive use of rabbinic literature to elucidate the texts of both biblical books, although this tendency is more pronounced in his commentary to Ruth. This choice means that, in addition to his own considerable talents, Levin has placed the textual, psychological, historical and spiritual wisdom of the entire rabbinic tradition at his disposal, and his commentary is much richer for it.”

–Mattan Erder, Jewish Bible Quarterly

Urim, 2005 Softcover, 235 pages, $19.95 (60 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-022-1
Six Days of Cosmology and Evolution
A Scientific Commentary on the Genesis Text with Rabbinic Sources
by Daniel Langer

“Society cannot thrive without a robust commitment to the scientific method. Yet, many religious communities feel threatened by science’s view of creation. Daniel Langer combines his lifetime experience of teaching science with his commitment to rigorous Torah study in this important volume. Containing clear discussions of scientific concepts, a comprehensive overview of traditional Jewish views, and a discussion of their interplay, this book contributes a great deal towards identifying compatibilities between traditional religious belief and contemporary theories of cosmology.”
–Dr. Amitai Bin-Nun, Harvard University

“It is hard to imagine a better teacher and companion in the study of Genesis’s challenging opening.”
–Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt

Urim Publications, 2017
Hardcover, $24.95 (100 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-272-0

The Seventh and the First
The Divine Thread of the Torah
by Daniel Langer

“The exactness of the Biblical language is fundamental in our study of the text; the use of one word instead of another of similar meaning is, simply, significant . . . The precise use of word parallels can reveal a deeper meaning across the Biblical text, and this comparison of Biblical episodes can further our understanding of the uniqueness of specific words.”
–Rabbi Benjamin Hecht

Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, 176 pages, $22.95 (80 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-087-0

Paradise
Breathtaking Strolls Through the Length and Breadth of Torah
by Rabbi Elchanan Shoff

“Rabbi Elchanan Shoff has the unique ability to reach the hearts of his readers with the beauty of Torah. His phenomenal success in educating our next generation speaks for itself. His brilliance will excite you, as will his far-reaching mastery of the Talmudic, Midrashic and esoteric teachings of our rich tradition.”
–Rabbi Aaron Kaufman

Urim Publications, 2013
The Day I Met My Father
Isaac at the Supermarket
And Other Encounters with Biblical Tales and Teachings
by Rabbi Jack Riemer

“Thank you so much for sharing Rabbi Jack Riemer’s sermon about why I retired with me. Your rabbi is obviously a person with much understanding of the human situation, and I am much impressed with what he said and with how he said it.”

–Sandra Day O’Connor, former United States Supreme Court Justice

“Jack Riemer’s words are songs of hope and faith. Listen to them, as I do.”

–Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize Laureate

KTAV, 2017
Softcover, $19.95 (80 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-270-6

Professors on the Parashah
Studies on the Weekly Torah Reading
edited by Leib Moscovitz

“Anyone interested in Bible study will be captivated by the new insights.”

–Alex Grobman, Lifestyles Magazine

“This will be of interest for laymen and scholars, rabbis and scientists.”

–David B. Levy, Jewish Book World

Urim Publications and Bar-Ilan University, 2005
Hardcover, 359 pages, $27.95 (100 NIS)

Wisdom From All My Teachers
Challenges and Initiatives in Contemporary Jewish Education
edited by Jeffrey Sacks and Susan Handelman

“Just as the topics are first-rate, so are the contributors . . . combines erudition with deep concern for the challenges facing the field of Jewish education in the contemporary world.”

–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,
Chizkuni Torah Commentary
by Rabbi Chizkiyahu ben Rabbi Manoach

This commentary was supposedly prompted by the author wishing to commemorate his father who had lost his right hand while performing an act of Kiddush hashem, steadfastness in observing Jewish law against all odds... 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.

2013, 4 Vols., Hardcover Boxed Set, $160 (600 NIS)
ISBN 978-1602-802-612

Torah Commentary by
Samuel David Luzzatto (Shadal)

Samuel David Luzzatto, Padua, Italy (1800–1865)

This Torah commentary by Shadal reflects both the author’s profound belief that Torah is of Divine origin, as well as a thoroughly critical examination of its text.

2012, 4 Vols., Hardcover Boxed Set, $160 (650 NS)

Kedushat Levi
by Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev

A commentary on the Torah by the famous Chassidic rabbi, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev (1740–1810).

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.

2009, 3 Vols., Hardcover, Boxed Set, $99.95 (380 NIS)

Published by Lambda Publishers
Classic Torah Commentaries
translated and annotated by Eliyahu Munk

Tur on the Torah
by Rabbi Yaakov ben Rabbeinu Asher (R’osh)
4 Vol. Hardcover Boxed Set, $140.00 (600 NIS)

Shney Luchot Habrit
by Rabbi Isaiah Horowitz
3 Vol. Hardcover Boxed Set, $105.00 (400 NIS)

Akeydat Yitzchak
Commentary of Rabbi Yitzchak Arama
| on the Torah
2 Vol. Hardcover Boxed Set, $70.00 (300 NIS)

Midrash of Rabbi Moshe Alshich on the Torah
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Classic Torah Commentaries
translated and annotated by Eliyahu Munk

Ohr HaChayim
Commentary on the Torah by Rabbi Chayim ben Attar
5 Vol. Hardcover Boxed Set, $175.00 (650 NIS)

Hachut Hameshulash
Commentaries on the Torah by Rabbeinu Chananel, Rash’bam, R’dak & Seforno
4 Vol. Hardcover Boxed Set, $160.00 (650 NIS)

Torah Commentary by Rabbi Bachya ben Asher
7 Vol. Hardcover Boxed Set, $245.00 (900 NIS)

Tzror Hamor
by Rabbi Avraham Saba
2008, 5 Vols., Hardcover, Boxed Set, $195 (650 NIS)

Published by Lambda Publishers
Torah Ethics
of Interpersonal
Relationships
Middot LeDorot
by Rabbi Yakov Hilsenrath

Using Midrashic and Talmudic texts, Rabbi Hilsenrath provides thoughts and perspectives that offer guidance and direction to many of life’s perplexing interpersonal challenges. His application of rabbinic texts, based on verses in Genesis and Exodus, are refreshing and insightful. Parents raising a family, adult children dealing with aging parents, spouses, and community leaders will find this book a powerful source of spiritual guidance and sage counsel.

KTAV Publishing and Urim Publications, 2018
Hardcover, $26.95 (100 NIS)

Second Chances
Transforming Bitterness to Hope
and the Story of Ruth
by Rabbi Levi Meier

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD 2005
FINALIST WINNER
in the category of
CONTEMPORARY JEWISH
LIFE & PRACTICE

“His book is both an informative retelling of the story of Ruth and an ongoing extrapolation from it: Throughout his account, Meier will tell about an incident in Ruth’s life and then relate it to common life problems.”

—David Brandes, Jewish Journal of LA

“A wonderful mix of deep spiritual insight and practical wisdom. Rabbi Meier’s profound observations are at once illuminating and inspirational. Ruth like you never before experienced.”

—Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka

“Dr. Meier’s wise and compassionate rendering of this ancient biblical tale provides us with a profound lesson in optimism.”

—Estelle Frankel, author of Sacred Therapy

Urim Publications, 2005
Hardcover, 159 pages, $19.95 (60 NIS)

www.UrimPublications.com
Memoirs of a Hopeful Pessimist
A Life of Activism Through Dialogue
by Debbie Weissman

"An engaging memoir of a much-travelled life. Weissman tells of her involvement in many historic movements: Jewish education, Zionism, orthodox feminism, and inter-faith work, as well as the founding of a progressive Orthodox synagogue community in Jerusalem. She describes the development of a religious and political consciousness 'dancing,' as she puts it, between opposite poles of tradition and liberalism. An often wry humor marks her account of the personal and the public dimensions of her career. Both idealistic and pragmatic, her memoir is a fitting testimony to a life of commitment and achievement."
—Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg, author, The Beginning of Desire: Reflections on Genesis

“Rich with deeply honest insights into the personal and professional life of a woman who has made a real difference in the world.”
—Blu Greenberg, author, On Women and Judaism: A View From Tradition

Walking the Exodus
My Journey in the Footsteps of Moses
by Margaret Malka Rawicz

“When, in one individual, an intrepid spirit meets an insatiable appetite for discovery, some delightful odyssey is bound to be the outcome.

Malka (Margaret) Rawicz has pioneered creative ways of discovering and presenting facets of Torah that would daunt other students and seasoned educators. She also has a knack for blithely embarking on jaw-dropping journeys, from the African bush to the Antarctic.

In this book, which reads like a cross between a camel-back adventure story and a piece of meticulous research, the author shares with the reader both these fascinating facets of herself.

It is particularly refreshing that the research takes the Biblical account of the Exodus and the subsequent journeys of the Israelites at its word. It seeks to verify that account by geographical, physical, and linguistic evidence.”
—Rabbi Levy Wineberg

Urim Publications, 2017
Exodus and Emancipation
Biblical and African-American Slavery
by Kenneth Chelst

“Drawing on slave narratives, published letters, eyewitness accounts, and recorded interviews of former slaves, together with historical, sociological, economic and political analyses of this era, Chelst weaves the two sets of narratives into a collage of parallel and contrasting experiences.”

–Shofar Journal of Jewish Studies

“Dr. Kenneth Chelst, a distinguished academic and a wide-ranging and profound scholar of Jewish thought, has produced a compelling and utterly original study comparing the biblical account of the enslaved Israelites with the experience of African-American slavery…”

–Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Urim Publications, 2009, Hardcover, 446 pages
(includes a dozen pages of b/w photos and an index)
$34.95 (80 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-020-7

The Biblical View of Man
by Leo Adler

“In The Biblical View of Man, the late Rabbi Dr. Leo Adler produced a rare and moving account of how the Hebrew Bible views the human condition under the sovereignty of God. Erudite, profound and inspiring, it is marvelous that this work is now available to an English readership through the superb translation of Professor Daniel Schwartz. Adler reminds us compellingly that the Bible is not man’s book of God but God’s book of mankind. This is a work that deserves to be widely read by Jew and non-Jew alike.”

–Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Urim Publications, 2007, Hardcover, 141 pages, $12.95 (50 NIS)

Accepting the Yoke of Heaven
Commentary on the Weekly Torah Portion
by Yeshayahu Leibowitz

“Each short essay leaves the reader with an intellectual smile of satisfaction. If you would like to experience a few minutes of “oneg Shabbat” (Sabbath enjoyment) while being stimulated to think deeply, I would heartily recommend reviewing the weekly Torah portion in this wonderful little volume…”

–Dr. Steve Bailey, Australian Jewish News

“Though Leibowitz’s reflections revolve around the singular notion of pure religious service, readers will enjoy original insights into questions of free will versus determination, totalitarianism, political leadership, and the relationship between the Written Torah and the Oral Torah…”

–Michael Fagenblat, The Jerusalem Report

Urim Publications, 2006, Softcover, 203 pages, $19.95 (90 NIS)

www.UrimPublications.com 69
The Serpent’s Skin
Creation, Knowledge, and Intimacy in the Book of Genesis
by Marc Klein

By extending some of the techniques long used by authors writing in the exegetical genre of Midrash, *The Serpent’s Skin* shows how Genesis might have been read and understood by its earliest readers or listeners, thus illuminating the text for a modern reader in unexpected ways.

“A clear and engaging study of literary patterns in the Torah, accessible to a wide variety of readers – both those who know Hebrew, and those who do not, but are interested in how the original text works.”
–Professor Marc Zvi Brettler, author of *How to Read the Jewish Bible*

Urim Publications, 2011, Hardcover, 207 pages, $24.95 (70 NIS)

Jacob’s Family Dynamics
Climbing the Rungs of the Ladder
by Gad Dishi

Why doesn’t Jacob divorce Leah and demand justice upon discovering Leah in the morning? Why doesn’t Esau chase Jacob to Haran? Why is Jacob silent during the Dinah crisis? . . . *Jacob’s Family Dynamics*, Gad Dishi revives familiar terrain with a fresh perspective as Jacob’s emotional odyssey is textually tracked to reveal newfound treasures of understanding integral to the Biblical story.

“The genre of Biblical commentary is inundated with two kinds of books: vaguely irrelevant academic treatises on the one hand, and collections of light sermonics on the other. Dishi offers a fresh alternative: Analysis that is accessible and relevant without sacrificing intellectual rigor. His take on Biblical narratives is fresh, thought-provoking, surprising, and uplifting.”
–Rabbi David Fohrman


Reflections of an Honest Skeptic
An Unorthodox Approach to Genesis
by Michael Malina

With his personal and somewhat idiosyncratic approach to the Torah text, Michael Malina comments on the familiar Genesis stories with an eye to asking the questions that the text invites, but that the traditional commentaries rarely attempt to answer. This analysis reveals a deep respect for the ancient tradition, yet a fresh skepticism and twenty-first century sensibility concerning the rabbis’ efforts to square the Torah’s words with the doctrines of rabbinic Judaism as they evolved over time.

Intergalactic Judaism
An Analysis of Torah Concepts Based on Discoveries in Space Exploration, Physics and Biology
by Rabbi David Lister, Foreword by Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

“[Intergalactic Judaism] is fascinating from a scientific perspective and enlightening and inspiring from a Torah perspective.” –Rabbi Zev Leff

“Here is a work that combines dazzling erudition in astronomy, theoretical physics and various other scientific disciplines, together with a fine knowledge of Jewish mysticism and biblical commentary, and – what is truly rare – an ability to combine them seamlessly into a view of the world that is both spiritual and humane.” –Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Urim Publications, 2011
Hardcover, 320 pages, color photos, $29.95 (110 NIS)

Chronicles
News of the Past (3-volume set)
edited by Dr. Israel Eldad and Moshe Aumann

The Idea: to retell the ancient, hallowed story of the Bible as if the ancients had been in possession of all the facilities and know-how connected with the production of a modern newspaper!

The Result: a well-founded, authentic and sometimes amusing portrayal of the people and events of the Biblical era. The perusal of any one issue in Chronicles will give the reader a fresh insight into the life of our ancestors.

The Reuveni Foundation, 2004
3 volumes, hardcover in slip-case, $75.00 (350 NIS)

The Family Rashi Book
by Shalom Hammer

“Through his latest installment, The Family Rashi Book, Rabbi Shalom Hammer can be credited with preserving the study of Rashi within the Jewish people. He presents a tool that can be utilized by Jewish educators and all Jewish families who wish to educate themselves and their children with an appreciation of the timeless words of this eternal teacher of Torah to Israel. This sefer is a marvelous addition to the Jewish home and, through its stimulating questions, it will enhance Torah knowledge and advance its study.” –Rabbi Berel Wein

Devora Publishing, 2010
The Poverty of Secularism
An Open World Governed by the Creator versus a Closed, Imaginary World that Develops on Its Own
by Professor Benjamin Fain

In this book the author presents two worldviews. The first is a theocentric worldview, one of divine providence: God is at the center of the world. He governs the world and is involved in what takes place in it. The other, atheistic-materialistic, secular worldview, regards the abundance of different life forms, human society, economics, beliefs and emotions as the product of one factor: matter and its movements. Through an analysis of the foundations and assumptions of the secular worldview, the author demonstrates its weakness and lack of rational basis.

Urim Publications, 2013
Softcover, 332 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)

Law and Providence
by Professor Benjamin Fain

“Law and Providence shows that the religious world view of Classic Judaism is fully compatible with the most advanced scientific understanding of our time while restoring science (physics and mathematics in particular) as a source of religious insight and a revelation of God’s Creation...”
–Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg

“Law and Providence is a major and important contribution in which Professor Fain has succeeded in improving our understanding of both Torah and science.”
–Rabbi Professor Nahum Eliezer Rabinovich

Urim Publications, 2011
Hardcover, 331 pages, $26.95 (80 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-058-0

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.

“Rabbi Bedzow possesses a rare combination of lomdus and profound philosophical knowledge. His work compels a reexamination of the most fundamental ideas of the Mesorah. A must read.”
–Rabbi Fishel Todd

Urim Publications, 2009
To Play With Fire
One Woman’s Remarkable Odyssey
by Tova Mordechai

“While her story is intensely personal, it is also universal in her search for a relationship with the God of her ancestors. A must-read for all spiritual seekers, To Play With Fire earns the WordWeaving Award for Excellence.”

–Cindy Penn, WordWeaving.com

“To read this book is to embark on an extraordinary journey.”

–Professor Livia Bitton Jackson, The Jewish Press

“. . . intriguing and loving.”

–Publishers Weekly

“In her remarkable memoir, To Play with Fire, Tova Mordechai describes her unique spiritual journey from her life as a young Pentecostal minister and prophetess to a life as an Orthodox, practicing Jew. . . .”

–Sandra Tarling, womenwriters.net

Urim Publications, 2006

Who by Fire, Who by Sword
The Journals of Four Courageous Jewish Women in Turbulent Times
by Toby Orlander

“The author has brought together four generations of persecution in our history, in one fascinating tapestry, viewed through the lens of four teenaged girls. She has also done us a wonderful service by sharing the true story of her mother within this framework. This is sure to provide many hours of interesting and informative reading.”

–Rebbitzen Chaitchi Knopfler, London

“What an amazing testimony of “Netzach Yisroel lo yishaker” – our indisputable, miraculous survival throughout the Galus. Thank you . . . it was very enjoyable reading.”

–Rebbitzen Malkie Honig, Antwerp

Urim Fiction, 2013

A Rational Approach to Judaism and Torah Commentary
by Rabbi Dr. Israel Drazin

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–Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokolow, Ten Daat

Urim Publications, 2006, Hardcover, 237 pages, $23.95 (70 NIS)
And You Shall Tell Your Children
A Chronicle of Survival – Lessons of Life for Today
by Dr. Ida Akerman-Tieder

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–Professor Susan Handelman

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Devora Publishing, 2011
Softcover, 285 pages (includes 52 b/w photographs)
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Every Day I Bless You
Reflections on the Healing Power of Shiva
by Norman J. Fried

“He echoes many of the common questions that all people who have suffered a loss ask and provides the reader with many of the standard historical answers. The book also includes a nine page section with helpful suggestions in a common area of confusion—how to pay a proper call during shiva (the seven day period of mourning).”

–Nathan Rosen, AJL Reviews

In this beautifully written book, Dr. Norman Fried brings deep insights to the nature of the healing process provided by shiva.”

– Professor David Pelcovitz

Urim Publications, 2012

Living in the Shadow of Death
A Rabbi Copes with Cancer
by Rabbi Stuart G. Weinblatt

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–U.S. Congressman Dave Camp

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KTAV Publishing, 2015
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“This book is a masterpiece! It is must-reading for those who want to fully appreciate the mitzvah of Sefirat HaOmer. Each page is full of wisdom and inspiration, with exercises that the entire family can participate in to make these 49 days truly full of meaning. I enjoyed it thoroughly.”
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“Mrs. Hermelin has designed a program for the entire family and includes a wide variety of material appropriate for different ages.”
– Yonoson Rosenblum, Mishpacha

Urim, 2014, Hardcover, 498 pages, $29.95 (100 nis), ISBN 978-965-524-159-4

Pardes Moshe
Living the Jewish Holidays
by Moshe Eichhorn, foreword by Rabbi Yisroel Reisman

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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The Jewish Holidays
Precursor to Redemption
by Rabbi Yosef Gabay

The Jewish Holidays – Precursor to Redemption will fascinate the reader with challenging concepts written in an essay format presented for each Jewish holiday, Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh. Rabbi Yosef Gabay explains that, in our intricate relationship with God, man’s essence is mostly defined by his deeds rather than by his theoretical knowledge.

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– Rabbi Dovid Schustal

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– Rabbi Zev Leff

Penina Press, 2011
Hardcover, 208 pages, $24.95 (90 nis), ISBN 978-1-934440-42-1
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Urim Publications, 2013
Hardcover, 224 pages, $24.95 (80 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-130-3

The Shidduch Crisis
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by Michael J. Salamon, Ph.D.

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

Seven Steps to “Mentschhood”
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Penina Press, 2012
Softcover, 144 pages, $18.95 (50 NIS), ISBN 978-1-936068-23-4
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Urim Publications, 2011, Hardcover, $23.95 (80 NIS)
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illustrations by Aitana Perlmutter

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–Steve Lipman, *NY Jewish Week*

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–Rabbi Jack Riemer, *South Florida Jewish Journal*

Urim Publications, 2014, 297 pages
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Devora Publishing and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 2010
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Urim Publications, 2002
Hardcover, 159 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)

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Penina Press, 2012
Softcover, 168 pages, $21.95 (60 NIS), ISBN 978-965-524-120-4

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KTAV Publishing and Mechon Hadar, 2016, Hardcover, $25.95 (100 NIS)

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–Sarah Breger, *Nextbook*

Urim Publications, 2008
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ISBN 978-965-524-007-8

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

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Peter settles in Palestine and begins his exploration of the extraordinary continuity and survival, against all odds, of the Jewish people over the millennia. His search ultimately leads to his conversion to the Jewish faith. Fighting in the Israel War of Independence, he is wounded in battle and receives a Field Commission. Some years later, Peter is honored with the Israel Prize for his achievements as a professor of linguistics at Tel Aviv University.

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Penina Press, 2017
Softcover, 246 pages, $23.95 (70 NIS)

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Urim Fiction, 2011, Hardcover, 527 pages
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–Jane Mushabac, Midstream

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—Hadassah Magazine


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Penina Press, 2012
Softcover, 151 pages, $19.95 (60 NIS), ISBN 978-1-936068-25-8

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Devora Publishing, 2010
Hardcover, 95 pages, $18.95 (50 NIS)
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