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The Veracity of Torah Aug 24 2019 Eight decades ago, the Jewish people underwent genocide in Europe. This apocalyptic event, was followed almost immediately by astonishing Jewish political and theological resurrection and renewal. This unique book ponders the tumultuous vicissitudes of the modern Jewish condition. Part memoir, part scholarship, and part theological conjectures, the book posits that to be a modern Jew entails constantly oscillating between seemingly disparate and contradictory polarities such as logos and revelation, worldliness and eternity, tradition and modernity, continuity and change. To be a modern Jew, postulates the author, is both fate and destiny, historicity and vocationalism. The Jewish saga, argues Rabbi Dr. Tal Sessler, is emblematic of the human saga writ large, inasmuch as all of us are, in the words of Abraham, "residents and temporary dwellers" in this world. Despite the hitherto unrivaled mastery and dominion which humanity achieved in our epoch over the tangible and the concrete, man remains finite and ephemeral, and so are his victories. The song of the soul however, is perpetual and everlasting. For it is an echo of eternity, a sacred murmur, a glimmer of our untarnished inner core, our innermost subliminal longings. **REVIEWS and WORDS OF PRAISE** Rabbi Tal Sessler is an extraordinary combination of real soulfulness and great intellect. --Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks This beautiful book is a combination of erudition and intimacy--a companion that teaches and inspires, perfect for our challenging age. --Rabbi David Wolpe

Here All Along Jan 22 2022 A renowned political speechwriter rediscovers Judaism, finding timeless wisdom and spiritual connection in its age-old practices and traditions. "Sarah Hurwitz was Michelle Obama's head speechwriter, and with this book she becomes Judaism's speechwriter."—Adam Grant, New York Times bestselling author of Give and Take, Originals, and co-author of Option B After a decade as a political speechwriter—serving as head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama, a senior speechwriter for President Barack Obama, and chief speechwriter for Hillary Clinton on her 2008 presidential campaign—Sarah Hurwitz decided to apply her skills as a communicator to writing a book . . . about Judaism. And no one is more surprised than she is. Hurwitz was the quintessential lapsed Jew—until, at age thirty-six, after a tough breakup, she happened upon an advertisement for an introductory class on Judaism. She attended on a whim, but was blown away by what she found: beautiful rituals, helpful guidance on living an ethical life, conceptions of God beyond the judgy bearded man in the sky—none of which she had learned in Hebrew school or during the two synagogue services she grudgingly attended each year. That class led to a years-long journey during which Hurwitz visited the offices of rabbis, attended Jewish meditation retreats, sat at the Shabbat tables of Orthodox families, and read hundreds of books about Judaism—all in dogged pursuit of answers to her biggest questions. What she found transformed her life, and she wondered: How could there be such a gap between the richness of what Judaism offers and the way so many Jews like her understand and experience it? Sarah Hurwitz is on a mission to close this gap by sharing the profound insights she discovered on everything from Jewish holidays, ethics, and prayer to Jewish conceptions of God, death, and social justice. In this entertaining and accessible book, she shows us why Judaism matters and how its message is more relevant than ever, and she inspires Jews to do the learning, questioning, and debating required to make this religion their own. "Searching for meaning in the ancient scripture and traditions of Judaism, Sarah Hurwitz takes us along on an enriching journey of discovery. In *Here All Along*, she explores her birthright as a Jew and finds timeless and valuable life lessons."—David Axelrod, director of the University of Chicago Institute of Politics and former senior advisor to President Barack Obama

[Jewish Spiritual Practices](#) Jun 26 2022 The Jewish mystic path and its practices to attain God-consciousness.

Reclaiming Judaism as a Spiritual Practice Mar 12 2021 A fresh and delightful quest to rediscover spiritual meaning for life, focusing on Jewish holy days and Shabbat. Grounded in a context of religious pluralism with careful attention to tradition and cutting-edge developments across the spectrum of Judaism.

The God Upgrade Feb 20 2022 Looks at how the concept of the Jewish God has evolved over the centuries and shows how Judaism can be made more meaningful and relevant to one's life.

The Jewish Self Feb 29 2020

Making a Difference Oct 26 2019 Note: This product is printed when you order it. When you include this product your order will take 5-7 additional days to ship. Presents both ethical and ritual mitzvot as well as practical and creative suggestions on how to observe them.

Spiritual Judaism May 26 2022 In the first comprehensive guide of its kind, a noted Judaic scholar applied Jewish spiritual principles to daily life.

The Cambridge History of Judaism: Volume 2, The Hellenistic Age Aug 17 2021 Vol. 4 covers the late Roman period to the rise of Islam. Focuses especially on the growth and development of rabbinic Judaism and of the major classical rabbinic sources such as the Mishnah, Jerusalem Talmud, Babylonian Talmud and various Midrashic collections.

The Spirituality of Welcoming Sep 05 2020 Synagogues should be effective and relevant centers of Jewish life but too often the focus is on programs not people, on revenue not relationships. The end result is frequently a corporate atmosphere where membership lacks commitment, core leadership and spiritual fulfillment. In this empowering, practical guide, Dr. Ron Wolfson shows you how to transform your synagogue congregation into a sacred community by focusing on strategies for successful change. Using a case-study format for creating an inviting spiritual center, Wolfson defines the welcoming congregation and the fundamental materials that are involved in building one. He addresses the services a welcoming congregation should provide, the themes the congregation should focus on, and the standards that a vital spiritual community should uphold. Tapping into his experiences as co-developer of Synagogue 2000, the transdenominational project designed to envision and implement the ideal synagogue of the spirit for the twenty-first century, Wolfson also provides essential problem-solving tools that you can use to alleviate roadblocks along the way.

The Rhythms of Jewish Living Sep 29 2022 With his engaging overview of the sacred times, places and ideas of Judaism, Rabbi Marc Angel gently reclaims the natural, balanced and insightful teachings of Sephardic Judaism that can and should imbue modern Jewish spirituality, drawing on classic sources from the Golden Age of Spanish Jewry and the great mystics of Safed.

Judaism for the World Mar 31 2020 An internationally recognized scholar and theologian shares a Jewish mysticism for our times Judaism, one of the world's great spiritual traditions, is not addressed to Jews alone. In this masterful book, Arthur Green calls out to seekers of all sorts, offering a universal response to the eternal human questions of who we are, why we exist, where we are going, and how to live. Drawing on over half a century as a Jewish seeker and teacher, he shows us a Judaism that cultivates the life of the spirit, that inspires an inward journey leading precisely toward self-transcendence, to an awareness of the universal Self in whose presence we exist. As a neo-hasidic seeker, he is both devotional and boldly questioning in his understanding of God and tradition. Engaging with the mystical sources, he translates the insights of the Hasidic masters into a new religious language accessible to all those eager to build an inner life and a human society that treasures the divine spark in each person and throughout Creation.

Recovery, the 12 Steps and Jewish Spirituality Jul 04 2020 Claim the Spiritual Freedom That Waits Beyond the Suffering and Slavery of Addiction "One of the important similarities between AA and Jewish spirituality is the statement in Step 12, 'to practice these principles in all our affairs....' There is no dichotomy of sacred versus secular. Jewish spirituality applies to how we eat, sleep, work, socialize and recreate. There is nothing that is external to the relationship of human being to God."—from the Foreword A major new Jewish contribution to 12-Step spirituality. This easy-to-read exploration from a Jewish perspective is the first comprehensive approach to successfully integrate classic Jewish spirituality with the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and other recovery resources. With clarity and passion, Rabbi Paul Steinberg masterfully weaves traditional Jewish wisdom with the experience, strength and hope of AA. He draws on Jewish resources— theological, psychological and ethical—that speak to the spiritual dimension of the disease, and shows how the principles of Jewish spiritual recovery directly align with those of the AA 12 Steps. Along

the way, he courageously shares his own personal struggles with alcoholism and addiction in a way that will help others find guidance and a new life path—and stay on it.

Jewish Mysticism and the Spiritual Life Apr 12 2021 In this thoughtful and lucid exploration of the Jewish mystical tradition, leading scholars and teachers come together to share their favorite texts—many available in English for the first time—and explore why these materials are meaningful and relevant to contemporary life.

Israel—a Spiritual Travel Guide Nov 27 2019 The only travel guide to Israel that will help you to prepare spiritually for your visit. Combining ancient blessings, medieval prayers, biblical references, and modern poetry—in quick reference format—it helps today's pilgrim tap into deep spiritual meaning of the ancient—and modern—sites of the Holy Land. For each of the twenty-five major tourist destinations—from the Western Wall to Masada to a kibbutz in Galilee—it gives guidance in sharply focused four-step sections: ? Anticipation: To read in advance. Information to help orient you in the site's historical context. ? Approach: To read on the way there. Readings from traditional and modern sources to orient you in the site's spiritual context. ? Acknowledgment: To read at the site. A prayer or blessing to integrate the experience into your spiritual consciousness. ? Afterthought: Journaling space for writing your own thoughts and impressions.

Thorsons Principles of Jewish Spirituality Sep 17 2021 Discusses different aspects of Jewish spirituality including festivals, feasts, fasting, the Jewish calendar, and Kabbalah

Meditation from the Heart of Judaism Nov 19 2021 Techniques explained by the masters—for today's spiritual seeker. Meditation is designed to give you direct access to the spiritual. Whether it's through deep breathing during a busy day, listening to the quiet after turning off the car radio, chanting in prayer, or ten minutes of visualization exercises each morning, meditation takes many forms. But it is always a personal method of centering our spiritual self. Meditation has long been practiced in the Jewish community as a powerful tool to transcend words, personality, and ego and to directly experience the divine. Inspiring yet practical, this introduction to meditation from a Jewish perspective approaches it in a new and illuminating way: As it is personally practiced by today's most experienced Jewish meditators from around the world. A ?how to? guide for both beginning and experienced meditators, *Meditation from the Heart of Judaism* will help you start meditating or help you enhance your practice. Meditation is a Jewish spiritual resource for today that can benefit people of all faiths and backgrounds—and help us add spiritual energy to our lives. Contributors include: Sylvia Boorstein ? Alan Brill ? Andrea Cohen-Keiner ? David Cooper ? Avram Davis ? Nan Fink ? Steve Fisdell ? Shefa Gold ? Lynn Gottlieb ? Edward Hoffman ? Lawrence Kushner ? Alan Lew ? Shaul Magid ? Daniel C. Matt ? Jonathan Omer-Man ? Mindy Ribner ? Susie Schneider ? Rami M. Shapiro ? Shohama Wiener ? Sheila Peltz Weinberg ? Laibl Wolf ? David Zeller

The Voice of Sarah Jan 28 2020 This popular hardcover is now in Biblio paperback. It attracts traditional women readers, students, rabbis, women's groups & feminists seeking spiritual understanding.

Jewish Spirituality Oct 31 2022 In a book targeted to Christians, Rabbi Kushner explores Jewish spirituality and mysticism and explains some of the essential differences between Judaism and Christianity.

Six Jewish Spiritual Paths Jan 10 2021 A rabbi offers an objective discussion of the many ways through which seekers can gain enrichment within the framework of Judaism, delineating each path's rituals, prayers, meditations, acts of transcendence, and more. Original.

The Shema Dec 09 2020 Explores the relationship between spirituality and law in Judaism. It also represents an extensive commentary on the words of the Shema, drawing upon a wide range of traditional sources and the author's own reflections.

Jewish Spiritual Parenting Jun 02 2020 Spiritually nourishing approaches to help you become more insightful, inspired parents and raise soulfully engaged children. Kipnes and November share their hard-won parenting techniques and spirit-filled activities, rituals and prayers to help you cultivate strong Jewish values and cherished spiritual memories in your own family.

Being Jewish Jul 16 2021 Discussing the tenets and practice of Judaism from both a contemporary and a historical perspective, a comprehensive and insightful exploration of the nature of Judaism, its spiritual heritage, and its rituals offers a non-ideological framework for its viewpoint. Reprint. 17,500 first printing.

Spirit in Nature Aug 05 2020 Examine the beauty and wonder of nature—through Jewish eyes. Divided into six chapters—including *Trees: The Torah of Life*, *Opening Our Eyes to Miracles*, and *Ma'ariv Aravim: Blessing the Night*—27 activities are designed to enhance environmental awareness from a Jewish perspective. Through these activities, hikers of all ages will come alive to the miracle of God's creations. They focus on the marvels of nature: hosts of tiny creatures living in the soil, the rainbow of colors embellishing fields and trees and stones, the intricate interdependence of plants and animals. Each discovery celebrates the divine spark that exists within every living creature and every object found in the natural world. Building on Jewish sources and Jewish tradition, *Spirit in Nature* fosters respect for flora, fauna, and natural phenomena and shows how to sanctify them with the appropriate prayer, such as the blessing recited upon seeing a rainbow or upon smelling a fragrant plant. This pioneering work will awaken hikers to the wisdom of Jewish tradition in its dedication to safeguarding and preserving the bounty of God's creation. An index highlighting the connection between key Jewish values and the environment makes *Spirit in Nature* an effective classroom tool. A must-have for camp directors, counselors, teachers, rabbis, parents, youth group leaders, and community center workers.

Radical Judaism Nov 07 2020 How do we articulate a religious vision that embraces evolution and human authorship of Scripture? Drawing on the Jewish mystical traditions of Kabbalah and Hasidism, path-breaking Jewish scholar Arthur Green argues that a neomystical perspective can help us to reframe these realities, so they may yet be viewed as dwelling places of the sacred. In doing so, he rethinks such concepts as God, the origins and meaning of existence, human nature, and revelation to construct a new Judaism for the twenty-first century.

Foundations of Sephardic Spirituality Jun 14 2021 Explores the teachings, values, attitudes, and cultural patterns that characterized Judeo-Spanish life over the generations and how the Sephardim maintained a strong sense of pride and dignity, even when they lived in difficult political, economic, and social conditions. Focuses on what you can learn from the Sephardic sages and from their folk wisdom that can help you live a stronger, deeper spiritual life.

The Messianic Idea in Judaism Dec 21 2021 Gershom Scholem was the master builder of historical studies of the Kabbalah. When he began to work on this neglected field, the few who studied these texts were either amateurs who were looking for occult wisdom, or old-style Kabbalists who were seeking guidance on their spiritual journeys. His work broke with the outlook of the scholars of the previous century in *Judaicæ Wissenschaft des Judentums*, the Science of Judaism—whose orientation he rejected, calling their ?disregard for the most vital aspects of the Jewish people as a collective entity: a form of ?censorship of the Jewish past.? The major founders of modern Jewish historical studies in the nineteenth century, Leopold Zunz and Abraham Geiger, had ignored the Kabbalah; it did not fit into their account of the Jewish religion as rational and worthy of respect by ?enlightened? minds. The only exception was the historian Heinrich Graetz. He had paid substantial attention to its texts and to their most explosive exponent, the false Messiah Sabbatai Zevi, but Graetz had depicted the Kabbalah and all that flowed from it as an unworthy revolt from the underground of Jewish life against its reasonable, law-abiding, and learned mainstream. Scholem conducted a continuing polemic with Zunz, Geiger, and Graetz by bringing into view a Jewish past more varied, more vital, and more interesting than any idealized portrait could reveal. ?from the Foreword by Arthur Hertzberg, 1995

The Jewish Book of Grief and Healing Jun 22 2019 This companion in sorrow offers compassionate guidance for putting the insights of Judaism into practice and finding new strength in ancient traditions. Beloved and respected spiritual leaders from across the Jewish denominational spectrum share insights from their experience, Jewish tradition and their personal encounters with grief and healing.

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Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality Feb 08 2021 The only comprehensive volume of Jewish women's spiritual writing from the sixteenth century to the present

Expecting Miracles Dec 29 2019 "Expecting Miracles" is a collection of refreshingly honest and inspiring interviews with traditionally observant Jewish mothers about their diverse experiences of pregnancy and childbearing. It is about the ways in which mothers have managed to make these important stages in their lives into a time for personal growth, spirituality and real-life miracles.

Everyday Holiness Oct 19 2021 Mussar is an illuminating, approachable, and highly practical set of teachings for cultivating personal growth and spiritual realization in the midst of day-to-day life. Here is an accessible and inspiring introduction to this Jewish spiritual path, which until lately has been best known in the world of Orthodox Judaism. The core teaching of Mussar is that our deepest essence is inherently pure and holy, but this inner radiance is obscured by extremes of emotion, desire, and bad habits. Our work in life is to uncover the brilliant light of the soul. The Mussar masters developed transformative teachings and practices—some of which are contemplative, some of which focus on how we relate to others in daily life—to help us to heal and refine ourselves. To learn more about the author, visit his website: www.mussarinstitute.org

Wisdom to Heal the Earth Apr 24 2022 In *Bringing Heaven Down To Earth*, Tzvi Freeman explored an original means to deliver the wisdom of a great sage of our times, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known universally as simply "the Rebbe." Using pithy yet highly readable, brief meditations, that book unveiled for us a deeper meaning

to life and provided practical guidance to weather its waves and storms. It is a book that changed tens of thousands of lives. Now, in *Wisdom to Heal the Earth*, Freeman continues with that winning format, this time along with complementary brief essays. But now he takes us yet further, peering toward the Rebbe's vision of a world towards which all humanity is headed, and demonstrating how the details of our everyday lives are vital, crucial, and today especially urgent in reaching that grand and ultimate destiny. In Jewish parlance we call this *Tikun Olam*—the notion that we all enter this world with a mission to accomplish: to repair and perfect our assigned share of the world, so that it can become the world its Creator meant it to be.

The Journey Home Jul 24 2019 A guide to Jewish spirituality explores the insights of Jewish tradition, its rituals and liturgies, the excitement of textual study, its rootedness in sacred land, and its emphasis on honesty and humanity.

The Rituals & Practices of a Jewish Life May 02 2020 Inspiring, practical information and advice to enrich a Jewish spiritual life with traditional rituals and practices. Each chapter explores a different ritual or practice in depth and explains the why, what, and how to do it. Contents: Tefillin; Tallit and Tallit Katan; Kashrut; Shabbat; Daily Prayer; Talmud Torah; Blessings throughout the Day; Covering the Head; Upon Rising and Going to Bed; Mikvah.

A Book of Life Jul 28 2022 Charts a path to a spiritually rich Judaism, explaining traditional rituals and offering new ones for modern life. Encourages daily spiritual awareness as we seek the two fundamental goals of Judaism: to become better humans and to be in God's presence.

Finding a Spiritual Home Sep 25 2019 The author offers a penetrating analysis of the American Jewish community, challenging American synagogues to respond to a generation of seekers and the satisfy the spiritual hunger of the "New American Jew."

These are the Words May 14 2021 Judaism itself is a language, a group's way of expressing beliefs, longings, aspirations and dreams. The vocabulary of Jewish life is the framework that Jews use to hand their past down to their children. It is, also, the vocabulary that people of other faiths need to know to understand Judaism and Jewish life. In this revised edition of the ultimate Jewish primer, one of the greatest spiritual teachers of our time takes readers on a historical and spiritual journey through Judaism.

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Healing and the Jewish Imagination Mar 24 2022 Through unique--and sometimes controversial--perspectives, a group of celebrated thinkers pushes the boundaries of Jewish knowledge, investing the search for healing with new ideas and new ways to look at old texts.