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Let Justice Well Up Like Water - Bennett Muraskin 2004

The Social Justice Torah Commentary - Rabbi Barry Block 2021-11-01 What does the Torah have to say about social justice? As the contributors to The Social Justice Torah Commentary demonstrate, a great deal. A diverse array of authors delve deeply into each week's parashah, drawing lessons to inspire tikkun olam. Chapters address key contemporary issues such as racism, climate change, mass incarceration, immigration, disability, women's rights, voting rights, and many more. The result is an indispensable resource for weekly Torah study and for anyone committed to repairing the world. Published by CCAR Press, a division of the Central Conference of American Rabbis

Black Zion - Yvonne Patricia Chireau 2000 This is an exploration of the interaction between African American religions and Jewish traditions, beliefs, and spaces. The collection's argument is that religion is the missing piece of the cultural jigsaw, and black-Jewish relations need the religious roots of their problem illuminated.

TRUTHS WHICH MY CHURCH NEVER TOLD ME - Jean Gesner Dieuvil 2012-04-25 In the first century AD, the Galilean foreigners who lived in the land of Israel conspired to destroy, with a new and destructive religious concepts, the lawful, moral, and traditional religion of the children of Israel. They tampered with the prophetic messages, the finest principles that applied to the scriptures to develop negativity, doubt, and fear that troubled the world. TRUTHS WHICH MY CHURCH NEVER TOLD ME is introduced today as an engaging book that gives the readers a toolbox of great ideas and the wisdom of humanity by proposing explanations and possibilities that are intriguing and debatable in the circles of truth seekers.

TRUTHS WHICH MY CHURCH NEVER TOLD ME covers a wide array of prophecies related to how the words of God, especially the most important ones come to be in the form they are. If your aim, as a student of the bible, is truth. In reading TRUTHS WHICH MY CHURCH NEVER TOLD ME you will be motivated to learn that no change or partition and no relation of space or time bear any reference to your God who is immutable, infinite and eternal. There will be any appearance or disappearance of the Lord God. Where would you do with the disappearance of your inner darkness? Remember, only the desire for truth, the love of truth that lies at the core of each man can free mankind from the falsity and lies of ego.

The Idea of Monotheism - Jack Shechter
Jack Shechter explores the idea of monotheism as it has evolved over the centuries: the belief in the existence of the One God who fashioned the world and remains involved in it and with humanity and its values.

King's Dream—Eric J. Sundquist 2009-01-06
“Sundquist’s careful, thoughtful study unearths new and fascinating evidence of the rhetorical traditions in King’s speech.”—Drew D. Hansen, author of The Dream: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Speech That Inspired a Nation “I have a dream”—no words are more widely recognized, or more often repeated, than those called out from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial by Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1963. King’s speech, elegantly structured and commanding in tone, has become shorthand not only for his own life but for the entire civil rights movement. In this new exploration of the “I Have a Dream” speech, Eric J. Sundquist places it in the history of American debates about racial justice—debates as old as the nation itself—and demonstrates how the speech, an exultant blend of grand poetry and powerful elocution, perfectly expressed the story of African American freedom. This book is the first to set King’s speech within the cultural and rhetorical traditions on which the civil rights leader drew in crafting his oratory, as well as its essential historical contexts, from the early days of the republic through present-day Supreme Court rulings. At a time when the meaning of the speech has been obscured by its appropriation for every conceivable cause, Sundquist clarifies the transformative power of King’s “Second Emancipation Proclamation” and its continuing relevance for contemporary arguments about equality. “The [‘I Have a Dream’] speech and all that surrounds it—background and consequences—are brought magnificently to life . . . In this book he gives us drama and emotion, a powerful sense of history combined with illuminating scholarship.”—The New York Times Book Review (Editor’s Choice)

First the Kingdom—Stephen A. Graham 1994
First the Kingdom traces the history and meaning of the disastrous schism in the Christian Church between conservative pentecostal charismatics and the advocates of liberal social justice. The authors illustrate the relationship between the two seemingly diverse groups, and call for repentance by both the conservative pentecostal charismatics for their neglect of the political and social dimensions of Christianity and by liberal social justice advocates for their ignorance of the reality and power of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Contents: Preface; Acknowledgements; The Past, Present and Future of the Charismatic Renewal Movement; An Assessment of the Charismatic Renewal Movement; Weaknesses of Liberals and Conservatives; Repentance and Renewal: One in Mind and Spirit; The Kingdom of God Recovered; The Disgraceful Disunity of the Church: The Root Problem, Critique of the Present Context, Origin of the Rift Between Our Two Factions; The Way Out of Disunity; Glossary; Bibliography; Index.

Common Ground—Andrew M. Greeley 2008
What happens when two prolific religious scholars sit down and, together, read sacred texts of their different religions?


Mishkan T'filah For Gatherings—Elyse D. Frishman 2016-05-20 A lightweight edition of Mishkan T'filah, combining weekday and Shabbat services. Perfect for meetings, conferences, kallot, and retreats.

How to Read the Bible—Marc Zvi Brettler 2010-01-01 Master Bible scholar and teacher Marc Brettler argues that today's contemporary readers can only understand the ancient Hebrew Scripture by knowing more about the culture that produced it. And so Brettler unpacks the literary conventions, ideological assumptions, and historical conditions that inform the biblical text and demonstrates how modern critical scholarship and archaeological discoveries shed light on this fascinating and complex literature. Brettler surveys representative biblical texts from different genres to illustrate how modern scholars have taught us to "read" these texts. Using the "historical-critical method" long popular in academia, he guides us in reading the Bible as it was read in the biblical period, independent of later religious norms and interpretive traditions. Understanding the Bible this way lets us appreciate it as an interesting
text that speaks in multiple voices on profound issues. This book is the first "Jewishly sensitive" introduction to the historical-critical method. Unlike other introductory texts, the Bible that this book speaks about is the Jewish one -- with the three-part TaNaKH arrangement, the sequence of books found in modern printed Hebrew editions, and the chapter and verse enumerations used in most modern Jewish versions of the Bible. In an afterword, the author discusses how the historical-critical method can help contemporary Jews relate to the Bible as a religious text in a more meaningful way.

**The Torah Revolution** - Reuven Hammer 2011
The Torah is the foundation stone of Jewish existence. Embedded within these teachings of Moses are core concepts that radically transformed the important religious insights of the patriarchs into a dynamic new religion that would go on to influence the world. This religion of Israel yielded a new way of understanding God and the meaning of the human life. Some of these concepts have never been fully realized, some have gone unrecognized, and many are obscured under so many layers of interpretation that the original vision is difficult to discern. In this accessible look at these revolutionary teachings of Moses, Dr. Reuven Hammer presents fourteen radical ideas found in Torah, explains their original intentions, and shows how understanding these "truths" can help you better understand the narrative and laws of Judaism. Dr. Hammer shows you that when taken together, these value concepts present a picture of the world and human life that is surprisingly modern and relevant: humani


**Keeping Faith with the Psalms** - Daniel F. Polish 2005-09-01
Explore your spiritual life. Create a personal theology. Challenge and test your faith--all using the Book of Psalms. The Book of Psalms has been beloved by generations of readers. It offers solace in times of trouble, holds out hope for rescue and redemption and helps to answer some of the difficult questions raised by faith. The Book of Psalms is more personal than other books of the Bible; instead of telling stories with God as the central actor, the psalmists talk to--and about--God. Keeping Faith with the Psalms leads you into the Bible to discover ways you can use the Psalms to shape your own personal spiritual outlook. Daniel Polish does not give any simple solutions, but reveals how you can discover answers for yourself through the Psalms. You will explore: Meeting God in Nature Finding God in Torah Finding God through the Historical Experience of the Jewish People The Problem of Evil in Our World Facing Our Mortality Finding Our Relationship with God Jerusalem as Symbol and Reality What Does the Lord Require? The Call to Social Justice Through the threads of meaning, questions, and perspectives offered in the psalms themselves, Rabbi Polish's guide offers an intimate look at the issues that touch and influence your personal theology.

**The Bible** - 2004-04 Once called the original modern-language Bible, Moffatt's translation began the trend of popular English translations geared toward the general Christian reader.

**The Compassionate Community** - Jonathan Miller 2014-11-25
Kentucky State Treasurer Jonathan Miller shows the ten nonpartisan values--ranging from Opportunity to Security--that all Americans share, and uses Old Testament stories to highlight them, in The Compassionate Community: Ten Values to Unite America. As an elected official in a "red" and largely Christian state, he has come to understand that although faith is often the source of divisiveness, the language of faith can bring Americans together. Inspiring stories from the Hebrew Bible illustrate Miller's plan to form a compassionate community. He shows that these lessons have the power to strengthen our country for future generations.

**Handbook of Human Rights** - Thomas Cushman 2012-02-20
In mapping out the field of human rights for those studying and researching within both humanities and social science disciplines, the Handbook of Human Rights not only provides a solid foundation for the reader who wants to learn the basic parameters of the field, but also promotes new thinking and frameworks for the study of human rights in the twenty-first century. The Handbook comprises over sixty individual contributions from key figures around the world, which are grouped according to eight key areas.
of discussion: foundations and critiques; new frameworks for understanding human rights; world religious traditions and human rights; social, economic, group, and collective rights; critical perspectives on human rights organizations, institutions, and practices; law and human rights; narrative and aesthetic dimension of rights; geographies of rights. In its presentation and analysis of the traditional core history and topics, critical perspectives, human rights culture, and current practice, this Handbook proves a valuable resource for all students and researchers with an interest in human rights.

The Biblical View of Man-Leo Adler
2015-02-01 The Biblical View of Man argues cogently that the Bible is more about human beings than about God and insists that, in the biblical view, what human beings need is not so much wisdom or grace but rather their own free will to fulfill the obligations that a loving God has bestowed upon them in order to allow them to prove and improve themselves. According to Rabbi Leo Adler, the exercise of such free will, rather than implying a lack of need for God, actually requires a firm commitment to God. First published in German in 1965, this engaging interpretation of the Bible appears in English for the first time.

Prophets and Markets-M. Silver 2013-03-09 5 by predations of the sea peoples. However, the weakening of Mycenean seapower, the destruction of the Hittite kingdom, and finally, the limitation on Philistine strength resulting from the alliance between David and the king of Tyre in the eleventh century, combined to open up "for the Phoenicians, in the first quarter of the first millennium B. C. E. vast overseas trading areas" (Oded 1979a, p. 228). By the end of the eleventh century, pottery from Cyprus, after a long absence could once again be found in Israelite-occupied sites (Albright 1960, p. 47). The expansion of the sea trade in the Mediterranean in which, judging by the song of Deborah (Judg. 5), the northern tribes of Asher and Dan (?) (see figure 1-2) would have participated, was accompanied by the inauguration of camel caravans trans porting the goods of southern Arabia to and through Israel (see Bulliet 1975, especially p. 36). Military victories over the Philistines and Syrians, receipts of tribute, and the collection of tolls from the control of trade routes together with the general revival of trade all contributed to Israel’s growing wealth. Indeed, the David-Solomon period (most of the tenth century) is often portrayed as the peak of Israelite economic development. In fact there is precious little extra biblical evidence supporting this portrayal. For example, in spite of the reported activity of David and Solomon’s scribes, only one example of 6 "Hebrew" writing from this period, the Gezer Calendar, has been found.

Standing at Sinai: Sermons and Writings-Fred N. Reiner 2011-06-28 Standing at Sinai: Sermons and Writings captures the trends and the struggles of 25 years at Temple Sinai, a large Reform Jewish synagogue in Washington, D.C. The book includes a selection of Rabbi Fred Reiners High Holy Day sermons, Purim messages, scholarly papers, and additional writings that comment on key moments in his tenure. The result reflects Rabbi Reiners religious and intellectual journey, as well as the history of Temple Sinai during years of challenge, expansion, and growth. Standing at Sinai grapples with the questions confronting the congregation and the larger Jewish community at the turn of the 21st century: Can our Jewish community maintain its integrity as it continues to assimilate? What role does Israel play in our lives? What are the beliefs and values that help to shape us as post-modern American Jews?

Let Justice Roll-Neal Riemer 1996 Written by prominent scholars from a wide range of disciplines, this diverse collection of essays discusses the contemporary relevance of the prophetic mode and challenges in the areas of religion, politics, and society. The contributors critically investigate the creative interaction between the religious and secular domains and explain how the prophetic mode can provide solutions to pressing problems such as war, oppression, poverty, hunger, and discrimination. The essays explore possibilities of achieving an integration of prophetic ethics, social scientific understanding, and democratic and constitutional statecraft and they describe how the prophetic mode currently manifests itself in political philosophy, history, religion, and literature.

Why Call It God?-Ralph Mecklenburger
2020-11-25 Why Call It God? contends that God is the order of the universe, including "divine intangibles" such as love, justice, beauty, and compassion, which correctly give us faith that our lives have purpose and meaning. The age-old problem of evil, science increasingly explaining how the world works when we used to turn to God and religion for answers, and rampant secularism have produced a decline in religion, though less a rebellion than simply a drifting away. We need to understand that God is the order of the universe and thus the ultimate source of life, meaning, and spirituality. Since no one fully understands the divine, all God talk is metaphorical and approximate. Many moderns mistakenly think they are religious doubters when in fact they are just holding on to personal metaphors for God as "king" and "judge" when they could, and most often do, believe in the awe-inspiring order of being, a conviction enhanced by science, religion, ethics, and the arts.

**Righteous Indignation**-Or N. Rose 2009-11-15
Rich and passionate essays on specific social justice issues from leading rabbis, intellectuals and activists. Will inspire you to consider your obligations as a Jew and as a global citizen while challenging you to take thoughtful action in the world.

**The Star and the Stripes**-Michael N. Barnett 2018-07-10 An incisive account of the foreign policy beliefs of American Jews from the nineteenth century to the present. How do American Jews envision their role in the world? Are they tribal—a people whose obligations extend solely to their own? Or are they prophetic—a light unto nations, working to repair the world? The Star and the Stripes is an original, provocative interpretation of the effects of these worldviews on the foreign policy beliefs of American Jews since the nineteenth century. Michael Barnett argues that it all begins with the political identity of American Jews. As Jews, they are committed to their people's survival. As Americans, they identify with, and believe their survival depends on, the American principles of liberalism, religious freedom, and pluralism. This identity and search for inclusion form a political theology of prophetic Judaism that emphasizes the historic mission of Jews to help create a world of peace and justice. The political theology of prophetic Judaism accounts for two enduring features of the foreign policy beliefs of American Jews. They exhibit a cosmopolitan sensibility, advocating on behalf of human rights, humanitarianism, and international law and organizations. They also are suspicious of nationalism—including their own. Contrary to the conventional wisdom that American Jews are natural-born Jewish nationalists, Barnett charts a long history of ambivalence; this ambivalence connects their early rejection of Zionism with the current debate regarding their attachment to Israel. And, Barnett contends, this growing ambivalence also explains the rising popularity of humanitarian and social justice movements among American Jews. Rooted in the understanding of how history shapes a political community's sense of the world, The Star and the Stripes is a bold reading of the past, present, and possible future foreign policies of American Jews.

**Seasons of the Mind**-Bernard S. Raskas 2001-01-01 Rabbi Bernie Raskas has been living and teaching his faith for over 50 years. He offers witty, yet practical, commentary on life, faith, and spirituality.

**Scriptures and the Guidance of Language**-Steven Smith 2018-10-18 Focusing on the guidance function in scripture and in language generally, this book evaluates scriptural religion in global perspective.

**Chapters of the Heart**-Sue Levi Elwell 2013-11-01 Chapters of the Heart: Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives invites readers into the lives of twenty women for whom Jewish language and texts provide a lens for understanding their experiences. The authors don’t just use religious words (texts, theologies, or liturgies) like a cookbook. Instead they serve readers something closer to a real meal, prepared with love and intention. Each essay shares one piece of its writer’s heart, one chapter of experience as refracted through the author’s particular Jewish optic. The authors write about being daughters, mothers, sisters, partners, lovers, and friends. They share their experiences of parenting, infertility, and abortion. One describes accompanying her young husband through his life-threatening illness. Another tells of her daughter’s struggle with an eating disorder. Still another reflects on long decline of a parent with Alzheimer’s. All these writers wrestle with Jewish texts while growing as
rabbis, as feminists, and as interfaith leaders. They open their hearts and minds, telling when Jewish tradition has helped make meaning and, on occasion, when it has come up empty. The results are sometimes inspiring, sometimes provocative. Readers will find new insights into God, into Judaism, and into themselves.

Entering Torah-Reuven Hammer 2009 For the believing Jew today, no less than for those in the past, the study of the weekly Torah portion is a religious experience. For this reason it is customary to consider the section along with its traditional commentaries. It is important to know not only what the Torah meant when it was written, but also what it has meant within Judaism since then. It is also important for intellectual honesty to distinguish between the two. Moderns also have the advantage of using the results of linguistic studies and comparative studies of other ancient texts as well as archaeological finds to help us better understand the text. The Torah reflects an entire worldview concerning the nature of God and of human beings, the task of Israel and the way in which we are to live. Thus it is an ancient text that is ever new and always renewing itself. One studies it not only to learn what was, but also to discover what we are and how we are to live. These prefices are meant to complement and enrich your study of the portion by pointing out important ideas found therein and raising problems and questions for consideration. Enter into the Torah text with this insightful companion and experience the full impact of the age-old and totally new weekly portion.


Essential Figures in the Bible-Ronald L. Eisenberg 2012-08-31 Essential Figures in the Bible compiles thorough but manageable entries on the figures most vital to an understanding of the Bible and its teachings. In this valuable reference, Dr. Ronald L. Eisenberg catalogs and explains the importance of more than 250 figures who are most vital to an understanding of the Hebrew Bible and its teachings. For these figures selected from the more than 3,000 names found in the Hebrew Bible, Eisenberg provides summaries of the narratives relevant to each figure discussed along with illustrative quotations from the Bible and supplementary material from rabbinic literature when appropriate.

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam-Francis E. Peters 1990 Compares and contrasts texts from the three religions as they deal with their origins, their role in society, the law, worship and the spiritual life, and the end of the world.

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: The Classical Texts and Their Interpretation, Volume III-F. E. Peters 2018-06-05 Invoking a concept as simple as it is brilliant, F. E. Peters has taken the basic texts of the three related--and competitive--religious systems we call Judaism, Christianity, and Islam and has juxtaposed them in a topical and parallel arrangement according to the issues that most concerned all these "children of Abraham." Through these extensive passages, and the author's skillful connective commentary, the three traditions are shown with their similarities sometimes startlingly underlined and their well-known differences now more profoundly exposed. What emerges from this unique and ambitious work is a panorama of belief, practice, and sensibility that will broaden our understanding of our religious and political roots in a past that is, by these communities' definition, still the present. The hardcover edition of the work is bound in one volume, and in the paperback version the identical material is broken down into three smaller but self-contained books. The third, "The Works of the Spirit," focuses on spirituality and worship and contains material on monasticism, theology, mysticism, and the "End Time." Throughout the work we hear an amazing variety of voices, some familiar, some not, all of them central to the primary and secondary canons of their own tradition: alongside the Scriptural voice of God are the words of theologians, priests, visionaries, lawyers, rulers and the ruled. The work ends, as does the same author's now classic Children of Abraham, in...
what Peters calls the "classical period," that is, before the great movements of modernism and reform that were to transform Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

**Pathways Through the Bible**-Mortimer J. Cohen 2002-02-01 JPS first published Pathways Through the Bible in 1946, selling over 250,000 copies. It featured selections from the 1917 translation of the JPS Tanakh, "bridged" by narrative summaries written by Rabbi Cohen. Rabbi Stein replaced the 1917 JPS translation with the 1985 translation and has updated the prose and made the language gender-sensitive. This new edition shares the same essential features as the original, especially the core principle that Pathways Through the Bible, in Cohen's words, "is not intended to replace The Holy Scriptures...it is rather to be regarded as preparatory to the reading of the Bible itself.... Its purpose is to open for you pathways into the magic realm of the greatest literature ever written." 24 gold-framed sepia illustrations

**Jews and Human Rights**-Michael Galchinsky 2008 In the wake of the Holocaust, a Jewish lawyer coined the term "genocide" and Jews played a major role in drafting UN human rights initiatives. Through tracing Jewish responses to Soviet treatment of Jews and non-Jewish mass killings, Galchinsky explains the lack of activists' conflict between their support for international human rights, Jewish nationalism, and domestic pluralism--the three "weddings" of the title. Appendices include a summary table of genocides up to the present Darfur situation, and human rights treaties adopted by Israel.

**The Israelites**-Antony Kamm 2002-01-04 Antony Kamm presents an accessible, user-friendly introduction to the people of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah from earliest times up to AD 135. Charting the history of the Israelites, Kamm discusses their origins, land, society, culture and religion, as well as their relationship to the Roman world and their legacy. An appendix provides: * a chronology * the Hebrew alphabet * weights, measures and coins * the Jewish calendar * a guide to further reading for easy reference.

**Music in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity**-Mr John Arthur Smith 2013-01-28 In Music in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity, John Arthur Smith presents the first full-length study of music among the ancient Israelites, the ancient Jews and the early Christians in the Mediterranean lands during the period from 1000 BCE to 400 CE. He considers the physical, religious and social setting of the music, and how the music was performed. The extent to which early Christian music may have retained elements of the musical tradition of Judaism is also considered. After reviewing the subject's historical setting, and describing the main sources, the author discusses music at the Jerusalem Temple and in a variety of spheres of Jewish life away from it. His subsequent discussion of early Christian music covers music in private devotion, monasticism, the Eucharist, and gnostic literature. He concludes with an examination of the question of the relationship between Jewish and early Christian music, and a consideration of the musical environments that are likely to have influenced the formation of the earliest Christian chant. The scant remains of notated music from the period are discussed and placed in their respective contexts. The numerous sources that are the foundation of the book are evaluated objectively and critically in the light of modern scholarship. Due attention is given to where their limitations lie, and to what they cannot tell us as well as to what they can. The book serves as a reliable introduction as well as being an invaluable guide through one of the most complex periods of music history.

**The Divine Symphony**-Israel Knohl 2010-01-01 Ground-breaking scholarship about how the Torah became the Jewish canon.

**??????**-Michael A. Fishbane 2002-06-01 Written by one of the most noted scholars in the field, this commentary has Hebrew text and the new JPS English translation at the top of the page and a critical line by line commentary at the bottom.