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Fall 2006-Winter 2007

Dr. Eugene Borowitz and Frances W. Schwartz, *A Touch of the Sacred, A Theologian's Informal Guide to Jewish Belief* (Jewish Lights). An accessible, personal guide to the basic questions of God, prayer, and spirituality as Borowitz discusses the mix of faith and doubt, of knowing and not-knowing that we call "belief."

Rabbi William Cutter, Ph.D., ed. *Healing and the Jewish Imagination: Spiritual and Practical Perspectives on Judaism and Health* (Jewish Lights). (See page 35)

Dr. Lawrence Hoffman, *Rethinking Synagogues: A New Vocabulary for Synagogue Life* (Jewish Lights). Hoffman's 2006 analysis of the results of Synagogue 2000's ten years of work is a finalist in the National Book Awards in the subject of Jewish Identity.

Dr. Michael A. Meyer, ed., *Rebellious Rabbi: An Autobiography – The German and Early American Years*, by Joachim Prinz (Indiana University Press). A lengthy introduction by the editor presents a hitherto unknown autobiography about Prinz's life as a Liberal rabbi in Weimar and Nazi Germany, and his early activity as a rabbi in America.

Dr. Ben Zion Wacholder, *The New Damascus Document. The Midrash on the Eschatological Torah of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Reconstruction, Translation, and Commentary* (Brill). A new translation and commentary on twelve ancient and medieval manuscripts – ten from the caves at Qumran and the two so-called Damascus Documents from the Cairo Geniza, which open a new window into the understanding of the Jewish literary tradition during the period of the Second Temple, prior to the development of the Talmud and Christianity.

Edward Fram, *My Dear Daughter: Rabbi Benjamin Slonik and the Education of Jewish Women in Sixteenth-Century Poland* (Hebrew Union College Press). A case study on how a rabbi used the vernacular (Yiddish) to educate married women about the laws of *niddah* (family purity).

Recent Faculty Articles of Note

Dr. Isa Aaron, "The Longest Running Social Drama, Now Coming to a Congregation (of Learners) Near You," in *Journal of Jewish Education* (73:1).

Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, "The Changing Status of Women in Liberal Judaism: A Reflective Critique," in Moshe Halbertal and Donniel Hartman, eds., *Judaism and the Challenges of Modern Life* (Continuum).

Dr. Eugene Borowitz, "Understanding the Rav (Rabbi Joseph Baer Soloveitchik)," in the Yeshiva University *Commentator* (Spring 2007).

Dr. Steven M. Cohen, "Chabad Houses as an Exercise in Post-modern Jewish Education," in Barry Chazan and David Bryfman, "Home Away From Home," Chabad on Campus International Foundation, 2006; "Members and Motives: Who Joins American Jewish Congregations and Why," Los Angeles: S3K Synagogue Studies Institute, 2006; "A Tale of Two Jewries: The 'Inconvenient Truth' for American Jews," New York: Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation, 2006; "Gays, Lesbians, and the Conservative Movement: The JTS Survey of Conservative Clergy, Students, Professionals, and Lay Leaders," New York: Jewish Theological Seminary, 2007; (With Shuli Passow), "Full-Time Teachers for the Central Synagogue Religious School: Assessing an Experiment in Educational Innovation," New York: Central Synagogue, 2006.

Dr. Reuven Firestone, "Holy War in Modern Judaism? 'Mitzvah War' and the Problem of the 'Three Vows,'" in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74 (4) December, 2006, 954-982; "Jihad," in Andrew Rippin, ed., *Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an* (Blackwell), 308-320; "Thamud"

and "Tubba" in *The Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an* (Leiden: Brill, 2006), Vol. 5: 252-254, 389-390; "Who Broke Their Vow First? The 'Three Vows' in Contemporary Thinking about Jewish Holy War," in R. Joseph Hoffman, ed., *The Just War and Jihad: Violence in Judaism, Christianity and Islam* (Prometheus, 2006), 77-97.

Dr. Nili Fox, "Concepts of God in Israel and the Question of Monotheism," in Gary M. Beckman and Theodore J. Lewis, eds., *Text, Artifact, and Image: Revealing Ancient Israelite Religion* (Brown Judaic Studies, 2006), 326-345.

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, "The Use of Reason in Maimonides: An Evaluation by Ahad Ha-Am," in *Midstream*, Nov-Dec 2006, Vol. LII:6.

Dr. Alyssa Gray, "A Bavli *Sugya* and Its Two Yerushalmi Parallels: Issues of Literary Relationship and Redaction," in Matthew Kraus, ed., *How Should Rabbinic Literature Be Read in the Modern World?* (Gorgias, 2006), 35-77.

Dr. Lawrence Hoffman, "Illness and Inculturation: The Aiden J. Kavanagh Lecture, 2005," in the Yale Divinity School journal *Colloquium* (Spring 2007).

Dr. Adam Kamesar, Translated from the Italian and the Greek: Edmondo Lupieri, *L'Apocalisse di Giovanni*, in Lupieri, *A Commentary on the Apocalypse of John* (William B. Eerdmans, 2006).

Dr. Gary Zola, "The Ascendancy of Reform Judaism in the American South during the Nineteenth Century," in Marcie Cohen Ferris & Mark I. Greenberg, eds., *Jewish Roots in Southern Soil—A New History* (Brandeis University Press, 2006).

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