Standing again at sinai judaism from a feminist perspective [PDF]

the author encourages the reader to rethink key jewish issues and ideas from a feminist perspective issues are addressed through the central jewish categories of torah israel and god this volume of essays is concerned with ancient and modern jewish and christian views of the revelation at sinai the theme is highlighted in studies on the dead sea scrolls paul josephus rabbinic literature art and philosophy the contributions demonstrate that sinai as the location of the revelation soon became less significant than the narratives that developed about what happened there those narratives were themselves transformed not least to explain problems regarding the text s plain sense miraculous theophany anthropomorphisms the role of moses and the response of israel were all handled with exegetical skills mustered by each new generation of readers furthermore the content of the revelation especially the covenant was rethought in philosophical political and theological ways this collection of studies is especially useful in showing something of the complexity of how scriptural traditions remain authoritative and lively for those who appeal to them from very different contexts noble laureate s y agnon brings together what has always been at the heart of jewish religious consciousness the sinai event the revelation as both memory and continuously renewed experience a treasury of religious thought and faith places the symbolic world of the bible in its original context this work criticizes the terms pseudepigraphy and rewritten bible which presuppose conceptions of textual fidelity foreign to ancient judaism it develops the concept of a discourse whose creativity and authority depend on repeated
returns to the exemplary figure of a founder the powerful magnetic words of irving bunim illuminate the teachings of pirkei avos for everyone now this bestselling work is available in convenient pocket format so you can bring this treasurehouse of inspiration and wisdom for living along with you wherever you go 3 volume boxed set sold as a set only individual volumes not sold separately first established 150 years ago chicago sinai is one of america s oldest reform jewish congregations its founders were upwardly mobile and civically committed men and women founders and partners of banks and landmark businesses like hart schaffner marx sears roebuck and the giant meatpacking firm morris co as explicitly modern jews sinai s members supported and led civic institutions and participated actively in chicago politics perhaps most radically their sunday services introduced in 1874 and still celebrated today became a hallmark of the congregation in sundays at sinai tobias brinkmann brings modern jewish history immigration urban history and religious history together to trace the roots of radical reform judaism from across the atlantic to this rapidly growing american metropolis brinkmann shines a light on the development of an urban reform congregation illuminating chicago sinai s practices and history and its contribution to christian jewish dialogue in the united states chronicling chicago sinai s radical beginnings in antebellum chicago to the present sundays at sinai is the extraordinary story of a leading jewish reform congregation in one of america s great cities written by the orthodox historian rabbi berel wein the oral law of sinai is an extraordinary and beautifully illustrated book that explores the talmud a law book that is a faithful transmission of the oral law of sinai as rabbi wein explains the talmud is two separate books comprising the oral law this work offers an explanation of the first book of the talmud the mishnah series the sacred land an examination of the evidence that the festival of weeks was the occasion for the celebration of the renewal of the covenant in the second temple period encompassing chapters on the hebrew bible book of jubilees qumran scrolls and the new testament luke acts and ephesians 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, DC. The book includes a selection of Rabbi Fred Reiner's high holy day sermons, Purim messages, scholarly papers, and additional writings that comment on key moments in his tenure. The result reflects Rabbi Reiner's 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? Although termed the little Genesis, The Book of Jubilees is significantly engaged with Exodus. It reworks key Exodus narratives, develops modules of Exodus law, and highlights Exodus motifs. The most fundamental connection to Exodus is the grounding of the two narrational structures of Jubilees in the scenario of Moses receiving a revelation on Mount Sinai in the frame. An anonymous narrator develops the Mount Sinai setting of the work in the body. An angel employs that setting as the present time pivot for a retrospect that moves backward and forward in time, focusing on the intersection of structure and content. The study explores the relationship between the retrospective design of the angel narration and the exegesis. The approach is a literary one that treats Jubilees as a unitary text that may reflect the work of a single author or of a final editor. The analysis draws particular attention to manipulations of temporal and textual perspective that transform Exodus narratives. Facilitate the hermeneutical elaborations of Exodus law and effect cohesion in the revelation that is the Book of Jubilees. Halpern Amaru's study makes a significant contribution to our understanding of biblical interpretation in Second Temple Judaism. For example, the reading of the Jubilees narrative of the Exodus as a revelation of how God uses His heavenly forces I.e., Mastema and his demons as well as the angels of the presence on behalf of Israel has implications for the understanding of strategies that temper dualism in Second Temple Judaism. In this marvelous anthology of 24 stories about women in the Bible, Rabbi Jill Hammer draws...
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christian atheist jewish and anything in between to search relentlessly for the place where they belong the book s point of departure is the return from the exile which is presented as an opportunity for jews primarily those in judah to interpret anew the relationship between god and israel the relationship had traditionally been thought of as a covenant and central to the book s thesis is that post exilic writers used a paradigm that was essentially that of the pre exilic mosiac covenant i e a pact between god and humanity conditioned by the latter s observance of the law the first part of the book describes the process whereby the mosaic covenant was renovated and its content brought up to date in this discussion familiar topoi of second temple judaism such as penitential prayer creation theology and kinship ethos are shown to be integral to a contemporary concept of creation the second part of the book explores a paradox on the one hand the fact that the mosaic covenant was articulated in the discourse of kinship marked it with an insularity that in turn made this covenant attractive to sectarian groups here evidence is adduced largely from the dead sea scrolls on the other hand as the dominant paradigm the mosaic covenant had ascribed to it a high level of normativity as seen in the work of tradents such as the priestly editors and the author of jubilees ultimately the mosaic covenant was invoked at the center and the periphery as both a normative theological concept and a cipher to sectarian self identity the book concludes that by the end of the second temple period although the mosiac covenant was normative in terms of a covenantal nomism that was incumbent upon the jews the covenant s sectarian tendenz made its precepts non binding and optional winner of the 2016 goldstein goren award for the best book in jewish thought this volume describes a participatory theory of revelation as it addresses the ways biblical authors and contemporary theologians alike understand the process of revelation and hence the authority of the law benjamin sommer maintains that the pentateuch s authors intend not only to convey god s will but to express israel s interpretation of and response to that divine will thus sommer s close readings of biblical texts bolster liberal theologies of modern
judaism especially those of abraham joshua heschel and franz rosenzweig this bold view of revelation puts a premium on human agency and attests to the grandeur of a god who accomplishes a providential task through the free will of the human subjects under divine authority yet even though the pentateuch s authors hold diverse views of revelation all of them regard the binding authority of the law as sacrosanct sommer s book demonstrates why a law observant religious jew can be open to discoveries about the bible that seem nontraditional or even antireligious the unfolding tradition jewish law after sinai presents different approaches to understanding how jewish law should be interpreted and applied in our time as articulated by leading rabbis of the conservative movement the book includes readings by zacharias frankel solomon schechter mordecai kaplan robert gordis jacob agus abraham joshua heschel david m gordis louis jacobs joel roth neil gillman edward feld alana suskin raymond scheindlin and gordon tucker as well as theorists on the right and the left of the conservative movement teh book also compares jewish and american law and asks questions about the nature of legal systems the relationship between law and religion and the evolution of law destination sinai is the spiritual journey of two former christians to traditional judaism it is also the story of two people who met when they were teenagers and forged a friendship that lasted nine years before finally marrying during those nine years each journeyed on a different path through relationships engagements and spiritual highs and lows from traditional christianity to the jews for jesus messianic movement they finally converted to traditional orthodox judaism since their conversion asher and elisheva thomas have had four children they have traveled from community to community phoenix to milwaukee and now las vegas sharing their story and commitment to god as they continue to find their way in a religion and culture that has forever changed their lives and the lives of their family and closest friends based on the biblical account a fully illustrated book for young people about the encounter the jewish people had with god at mount sinai after the exodus from egypt along with an explanation of the celebration of the jewish festival of shavuot that
commemorates the receiving of the 10 commandments and the torah at that time includes the appropriate biblical verses with citations and translations as well as a glossary of terms excerpt from the law of sinai and its appointed times to my christian fellow countrypmen i would say the english are a business people while they devote their genius and their energy to the elaboration of practical science they give little attention to abstract truths they rather leave these to the few whose peculiar profession it is to deal with them thus religion and its necessary adjunct biblical research are for the most part taken for granted as they are expounded by the representatives of the church in this way judaism has come to be entirely misunderstood it has been so universally described as a thing of obsolete forms and custom as incompatible with progress as the associate of a low standard of morality as the obstacle preventing the approach to heaven rather than the ladder reaching thither that the world has grown to believe what few have taken the trouble to contradict and still fewer to deem inconsistent with a dispensation acknowledged as divine the bible which might serve as a guide has been so spiritualized that even they who read it scarcely allow their judgment to interfere with interpretations which they have been accustomed to regard as authoritative it has been so mistranslated that even they who desire to judge are prevented by want of proper materials about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks.com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works presents the historical background of the bar bat mitzvah celebrating the ceremony a chapter on being commanded ways of sanctifying the reception and a chapter on life after the bar bat mitzvah the information appendix includes a sample synagogue bar bat
mitzvah programme sample parent speeches places for one's tzedakah a checklist book resources for further study orah and haftarah summaries and a glossary of terms some two thousand years ago a group of Jews settled in Ethiopia and was for millennia cut off from the rest of world Jewry preserving its heritage with great self-sacrifice when this community the Beta Israel ultimately made its way to Israel to rejoin its brethren in the late twentieth century a host of complex dilemmas emerged should the Beta Israel shed its venerated customs based on ancient pre rabbinic Jewish law and adopt the rabbinic halakhah of modern day Jewry or is there a place for the unique legacy of the Ethiopian Jews within the umbrella of the wider Jewish community Rabbi Shalom S startlingly original Shulhan Ha Orit delves into the history customs and law of the Beta Israel codifying the ancient cultural heritage of Ethiopian Jewry for the first time and contrasting it with Orthodox rabbinic law he offers suggestions for honoring Beta Israel tradition while fully participating in the greater Jewish community this book provides an invaluable service to Jews of Ethiopian descent on how to practically conduct themselves throughout the Jewish year but more than that it is a fascinating meditation on the tension each of us faces between individual practice and group togetherness between difference and unity for anyone who has ever pondered the balance between communal belonging and being true to one's own self this is a mesmerizing read Passover and Shavuot are two acts in the same drama the Exodus on Passover remains incomplete without the revelation on Shavuot charting the fifty day count of the Omer between the two holidays Senator Joe Lieberman together with Rabbi Ari Kahn presents fifty short essays on the interplay of law and liberty in our lives drawing on the Bible and rabbinic literature US politics and modern legal theory Jewish humor and American folklore the authors follow the annual journey from Egypt to Sinai illustrating that there can be no liberty without law no freedom without justice in this short book Peter Sloterdijk clarifies his views on religion and its role in pre modern and modern societies he begins by returning to the Mount Sinai episode in the Book of Exodus where he identifies the emergence of what he calls the Sinai schema at the core of
monotheism is the logic of belonging to a community of confession of being a true believer this is what sloterdijk calls the sinai schema to be a member of a people means that you submit to the beliefs of the community just as you submit to its language monotheism is predicated on the logic of one god who demands your utmost loyalty hence at the core of monotheism is also the fear of apotheosis of heresy of heterodoxy so monotheism is associated first and foremost with a certain kind of internal violence Ð namely a violence against those who violate their membership through a break in loyalty and trust on the basis of this analysis of the inner logic of monotheism sloterdijk retraces its historical legacy and shows how this account enables us to understand why we react so nervously today to all forms of fundamentalism whether that of radical islamists the catholic pius brotherhood or evangelical sects in the usa women rabbis are changing the face of judaism discover how their interpretations of the torah can enrich your perspective rich and engaging makes available to a wide readership the collective wisdom of women who have changed the face of judaism judith plaskow author standing again at sinai judaism from a feminist perspective professor of religious studies manhattan college here for the first time women s unique experiences and perspectives are applied to the entire five books of moses offering all of us the first comprehensive commentary by women in this groundbreaking book more than 50 women rabbis come together to offer us inspiring insights on the torah in a week by week format included are commentaries by the first women ever ordained in the reform reconstructionist and conservative movements and by many other women across these denominations who serve in the rabbinate in a variety of ways this rich resource offers new perspectives to inspire all of us to gain deeper meaning from the torah and a heightened appreciation of judaism a major contribution to modern biblical commentary the gift of choice for every young woman s bat mitzvah and for anyone wanting a new exciting view of torah contributing rabbis rebecca t alpert lia bass miriam carey berkowitz elizabeth bolton analia bortz sharon brous judith gary brown nina beth cardin diane aronson cohen sandra j cohen cynthia a
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published before regarding the oral tradition that has been passed down from the time of Sinai. Hoffmeier finds evidence to support biblical narratives for the years spent by the Israeli tribes in the wilderness explores alternative theories on the location of Mount Sinai.

**Standing Again at Sinai 1990**

The author encourages the reader to rethink key Jewish issues and ideas from a feminist perspective. Issues are addressed through the central Jewish categories of Torah, Israel, and God.

**The Significance of Sinai 2008**

This volume of essays is concerned with ancient and modern Jewish and Christian views of the revelation at Sinai. The theme is highlighted in studies on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Paul, Josephus, Rabbinic literature, art, and philosophy. The contributions demonstrate that Sinai as the location of the revelation soon became less significant than the narratives that developed about what happened there. Those narratives were themselves transformed not least to explain problems regarding the text’s plain sense, miraculous theophany, anthropomorphisms, the role of Moses, and the response of Israel. Furthermore, the content of the revelation especially the covenant was rethought in philosophical, political, and theological ways. This collection of studies is especially useful in
showing something of the complexity of how scriptural traditions remain authoritative and lively for those who appeal to them from very different contexts

**The Law of Sinai, and Its Appointed Times 1858**

noble laureate s y agnon brings together what has always been at the heart of jewish religious consciousness the sinai event the revelation as both memory and continuously renewed experience

**Present at Sinai 2002-01-01**

a treasury of religious thought and faith places the symbolic world of the bible in its original context

**From Central Park to Sinai 2000**
this work criticizes the terms pseudepigraphy and rewritten bible which presuppose conceptions of textual fidelity foreign to ancient judaism it develops the concept of a discourse whose creativity and authority depend on repeated returns to the exemplary figure of a founder

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**Ethics from Sinai 2002**

written by the orthodox historian rabbi berel wein the oral law of sinai is an extraordinary and beautifully illustrated book that explores the talmud a law book that is a faithful transmission of the oral law of sinai as rabbi wein explains the talmud is two separate books comprising the oral law this work offers an explanation of the first book of the talmud the mishnah

**Sundays at Sinai 2012-06-26**

series the sacred land
The Oral Law of Sinai 2008-12-17

an examination of the evidence that the festival of weeks was the occasion for the celebration of the renewal of the covenant in the second temple period encompassing chapters on the hebrew bible book of jubilees qumran scrolls and the new testament luke acts and ephesians

From Central Park to Sinai 2017-06

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**Sinai and Zion 1990-11-01**

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**Sin at Sinai 2008**
the book's point of departure is the return from the exile which is presented as an opportunity for Jews primarily those in Judah to interpret anew the relationship between God and Israel. The relationship had traditionally been thought of as a covenant and central to the book's thesis is that post-exilic writers used a paradigm that was essentially that of the pre-exilic Mosaic covenant i.e., a pact between God and humanity conditioned by the latter's observance of the law. The first part of the book describes the process whereby the Mosaic covenant was renovated and its content brought up to date. In this discussion, familiar topoi of Second Temple Judaism such as penitential prayer, creation theology, and kinship ethos are shown to be integral to a contemporary concept of creation. The second part of the book explores a paradox: on the one hand, the fact that the Mosaic covenant was articulated in the discourse of kinship marked it with an insularity that in turn made this covenant attractive to sectarian groups. Here, evidence is adduced largely from the Dead Sea Scrolls. On the other hand, as the dominant paradigm, the Mosaic covenant had ascribed to it a high level of normativity as seen in the work of Hellenists such as the priestly editors and the author of Jubilees. Ultimately, the Mosaic covenant was invoked at the center and the periphery as both a normative theological concept and a cipher to sectarian self-identity. The book concludes that by the end of the Second Temple period, although the Mosaic covenant was normative in terms of a covenantal nomism that was incumbent upon the Jews, the covenant's sectarian tendencies made its precepts non-binding and optional.

Standing at Sinai: Sermons and Writings 2011-06-28
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**Ever Since Sinai 1977**

the unfolding tradition jewish law after sinai presents different approaches to understanding how jewish law should be interpreted and applied in our time as articulated by leading rabbis of the conservative movement the book includes readings by zacharias frankel solomon schechter mordecai kaplan robert gordis jacob agus abraham joshua heschel david m gordis louis jacobs joel roth neil gillman edward feld alana suskin raymond scheindlin and gordon tucker as well as theorists on the right and the left of the conservative movement teh book also compares jewish and american law and asks questions about the nature of legal systems the
relationship between law and religion and the evolution of law

**The Perspective from Mt. Sinai: The Book of Jubilees and Exodus 2015-09-16**

destination sinai is the spiritual journey of two former christians to traditional judaism it is also the story of two people who met when they were teenagers and forged a friendship that lasted nine years before finally marrying during those nine years each journeyed on a different path through relationships engagements and spiritual highs and lows from traditional christianity to the jews for jesus messianic movement they finally converted to traditional orthodox judaism since their conversion asher and elisheva thomas have had four children they have traveled from community to community phoenix to milwaukee and now las vegas sharing their story and commitment to god as they continue to find their way in a religion and culture that has forever changed their lives and the lives of their family and closest friends

**Sisters at Sinai 2010-01-01**
based on the biblical account a fully illustrated book for young people about the encounter the jewish people had with god at mount sinai after the exodus from egypt along with an explanation of the celebration of the jewish festival of shavuot that commemorates the receiving of the 10 commandments and the torah at that time includes the appropriate biblical verses with citations and translations as well as a glossary of terms

Sinai & Zion 1987

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Since Sinai 2022-06-15

some two thousand years ago a group of jews settled in ethiopia and was for millennia cut off from the rest of world jewry preserving its heritage with great self sacrifice when this community the beta israel ultimately made its way to israel to rejoin its brethren in the late twentieth century a host of complex dilemmas emerged
should the beta israel shed its venerated customs based on ancient pre rabbinic jewish law and adopt the rabbinic halakhah of modern day jewry or is there a place for the unique legacy of the ethiopian jews within the umbrella of the wider jewish community rabbi shalom s startlingly original shulhan ha orit delves into the history customs and law of the beta israel codifying the ancient cultural heritage of ethiopian jewry for the first time and contrasting it with orthodox rabbinic law he offers suggestions for honoring beta israel tradition while fully participating in the greater jewish community this book provides an invaluable service to jews of ethiopian descent on how to practically conduct themselves throughout the jewish year but more than that it is a fascinating meditation on the tension each of us faces between individual practice and group togetherness between difference and unity for anyone who has ever pondered the balance between communal belonging and being true to one s own self this is a mesmerizing read

Glory and Power, Ritual and Relationship 2009-09-01

passover and shavuot are two acts in the same drama the exodus on passover remains incomplete without the revelation on shavuot charting the fifty day count of the omer between the two holidays senator joe lieberman together with rabbi ari kahn presents fifty short essays on the interplay of law and liberty in our lives drawing on the bible and rabbinic literature us politics and modern legal theory jewish humor and american folklore the authors follow the annual journey from egypt to sinai illustrating that there can be no liberty without law no freedom without justice
Revelation and Authority 2015-01-01

in this short book peter sloterdijk clarifies his views on religion and its role in pre modern and modern societies he begins by returning to the mount sinai episode in the book of exodus where he identifies the emergence of what he calls the sinai schema at the core of monotheism is the logic of belonging to a community of confession of being a true believer this is what sloterdijk calls the sinai schema to be a member of a people means that you submit to the beliefs of the community just as you submit to its language monotheism is predicated on the logic of one god who demands your utmost loyalty hence at the core of monotheism is also the fear of apotheosis of heresy of heterodoxy so monotheism is associated first and foremost with a certain kind of internal violence namely a violence against those who violate their membership through a break in loyalty and trust on the basis of this analysis of the inner logic of monotheism sloterdijk retraces its historical legacy and shows how this account enables us to understand why we react so nervously today to all forms of fundamentalism whether that of radical islamists the catholic pius brotherhood or evangelical sects in the usa

The Unfolding Tradition 2005

women rabbis are changing the face of judaism discover how their interpretations of the torah can enrich your perspective rich and engaging makes available to a wide readership the collective wisdom of women
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this book is for those sincere questioners whose main obstacle is their struggle with the issue of the
authenticity of the oral tradition and god given authority of its torch bearers the talmudic sages it will show
how between the orthodox jewry and their critics it is simple and uncomplicated for an objective person to
identify whose historical and religious perspective is rooted in fact and whose is not as believers descendants
of believers the jews trusted their tradition and held fast to it however as history progressed and knowledge
advanced to the enlightenment era secular society and its ways of thinking became very attractive even to the
poor and middle classes of jewry without a clue as to how advanced the torah s wisdom is containing secrets
that the scientific world is only beginning to discover they dropped out of torah observance in droves it was
no help that in response to the challenge of the enlightenment in europe the ultra orthodox world turned
inwards adopting an anti scientific stance thank god that has changed scholars became highly proficient in
torah as well as science and mathematics and dedicated outreach programs prevented the assimilation of
those within the fold and also began to attract quality truth seekers from the outside they follow in the
tradition of rambam moses maimonides 1135 1204 who wrote the guide for the perplexed for those who
struggled to maintain their faith in light of general scientific knowledge in their own day bar ron presents
more sophisticated and resilient points of evidence including arguments that have never been published
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