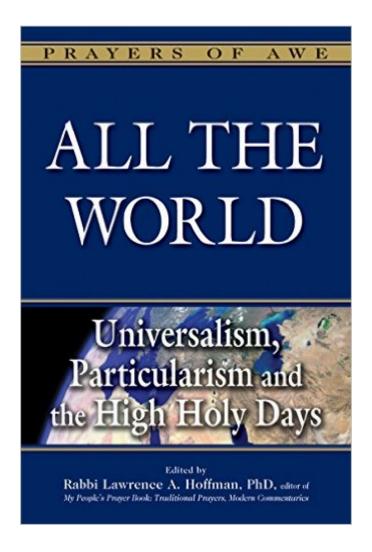
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Why be Jewish? A fascinating dialogue across denominations of the High Holy Days and their message of Jewish purpose beyond mere survival. Almost forty contributors from three continentsâ •men and women, scholars and poets, rabbis and theologians, representing all Jewish denominations and perspectives a •examine the tension between Israel as a particular People called by God, and that very calling as intended for a universalist end, furthering God's vision for all the world, not just for Jews alone. This balance of views arises naturally out of the prayers in the High Holy Day liturgy, coupled with insights from philosophy, literature, theology and ethics. This fifth volume in the Prayers of Awe series provides the relevant traditional prayers in the original Hebrew, alongside a new and annotated translation. It explores the question "Why be Jewish?" in a time when universalist commitment to our planet and its people has only grown in importance, even as particularist questions of Jewish continuity have become ever more urgent. Prayers of Awe: A multi-volume series designed to explore the High Holy Day liturgy and enrich the praying experience for everyoneâ •whether experienced worshipers or guests who encounter Jewish prayer for the very first time.ContributorsRabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, DHLRabbi Tony Bayfield, CBE, DDRabbi Will BerkovitzDr. Annette M. BoecklerDr. Erica BrownRabbi Lawrence A. Englander, CM, DHL, DDRabbi Lisa ExlerRabbi Shoshana Boyd GelfandRabbi Laura GellerRabbi Edwin Goldberg, DHLRabbi Andrew Goldstein, PhDDr. Joel M. HoffmanRabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, PhDRabbi Walter Homolka, PhD, DHLRabbi Elie Kaunfer, DHLRabbi Reuven Kimelman, PhDDr. Mark L. KligmanRabbi Noa KushnerRabbi Daniel LandesRabbi Asher LopatinCatherine MadsenRabbi Jonathan Magonet, PhDRabbi Dalia Marx, PhDRuth MessingerRabbi Charles H. Middleburgh, PhDRabbi Jay Henry MosesRabbi Rachel NussbaumRabbi Jack RiemerRabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin, DMinRabbi Marc Saperstein, PhDRabbi Dennis C. Sasso, DMinRabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, DMinRabbi Jonathan P. Slater, DMinRabbi David A. Teutsch, PhDRabbi Margaret Moers Wenig, DDRabbi Daniel G. ZemelDr. Wendy Zierler

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This is the fifth informative volume edited by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman that focuses on Jewish High Holiday prayers, the holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Many Jews recognize that these prayers are very important because of their history and content, although they know neither. Rabbi Hoffman collected several dozen rabbis and scholars who explain the prayers. The prior books focused on Unâ ™taneh Tokef, Kol Nidre, Ashamnu and Al Chet, and Yizkor. This volume contains articles written by thirty-seven rabbis and scholars of all Jewish denominations, men and women. The book is divided into five parts: universalism and particularism, views from philosophy and literature, the impact of a ceall the world, a • the liturgy, and interpretations. Among much else, the chapters discuss why be Jewish, universalism and particularism, the Jewish golden rule, being a â œlight unto the nations, â • is there one true religion, hope, repentance, what we can all believe, and one contains some significant High Holiday prayers in the original Hebrew with new translations and explanatory notes. For example, Rabbi Jack Riemer discusses the three Uvâ ™khen prayers, tells us why they remind him of the three-time repetition of the Beatles song, â œLet it be, let it be, let it be, a • and explains the three-part vision of the prayer: that all the world unite to serve God in love, the Jewish people be restored the dignity it deserves, and wickedness disappear so that the wicked can become good. Dr. Erica Brown focuses on vâ ™khol maâ ™aminim, â œeveryone believes, â • and the impact that the list of beliefs has upon congregants with more liberal ideas. Rabbi Andrew Goldstein discusses Israel Zangwillâ ™s Victorian rhyme that used to be sung in liberal synagogues in his youth, and tells us why the payer is no longer recited.

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