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HOW CAN A NEW GENERATION OF THEOLOGICAL VOICES INSPIRE THE JEWISH COMMUNITY?

At every critical juncture in Jewish history, Jews have understood a dynamic theology to be essential for a vital Jewish community. This important collection sets the next stage of Jewish theological thought, bringing together a cross section of interesting new voices from all movements in Judaism to inspire and stimulate discussion now and in the years to come. Provocative and wide-ranging, these invigorating and creative insights from a new generation's thought leaders provide a coherent and inspiring picture of Jewish belief in our time.

“Anyone engaged in constructing a contemporary Jewish theology must proceed carefully so as not to try to shove the square pegs of modern thought and experience into the cylindrical holes of classical Jewish life and thinking,” writes Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove, PhD, in **JEWISH THEOLOGY IN OUR TIME: A New Generation Explores the Foundations & Future of Jewish Belief** (Jewish Lights / August 2010 / Hardcover / \$24.99). Nevertheless, an awareness of all these challenges should not discourage the project and progress of Jewish theology, but rather serve to mark the path along which the journey should proceed. It is not an easy or identifiable road. Flipping through the pages of this book, you will readily see that we live in an age when the boundaries of what constitutes Jewish theological thought are as wide as they are sometimes imperceptible.”

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“Demonstrates that there is not only a future to the Jewish theological enterprise in America but an exciting, fully realized, and challenging future. Abraham Joshua Heschel and Mordecai Kaplan would be thrilled. This book belongs on the shelf of every serious student of Jewish thought.”

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—**Rabbi Laura Geller**, senior rabbi, Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills

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