

## Three new books from Jewish Lights Publishing, 2006

*The Genesis of Leadership* – What the Bible Teaches us about Vision, Values and Leading Change  
by Nathan Laufer. Foreword by Senator Joseph I. Lieberman.  
Preface by Dr Michael Hammer.

*Witnesses to the One* – Spiritual History of the Sh'ma by Rabbi Joseph B. Mezler. Foreword by  
Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.

*Rosh Hashanah Readings* – Inspiration, Information, Contemplation.  
Edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins with section introductions from  
Arthur Green's *These Are The Words*.

*The Genesis of Leadership* is in some ways just another self-help guide for those who wish to be effective managers and leaders in their chosen field; but in other ways it is very different for it is written by a rabbi and informed and under-pinned not by meaningless management speak but by the stories, principles and teachings of the Hebrew Bible. The book is divided into four sections, In the Beginning...: Relationships, Responsibility and the Primacy of Values in Leadership; The Ten Guiding Principles of Leadership; The Challenges of Leadership; and The Legacy of Leadership. Each section is divided into sub-sections, all touching base with biblical incidents and individuals. This is a thought provoking read, and not just for managers either!

*Witness to the One* is an inspiring consideration of the Shema in terms of its impact on Jewish history and thought as seen through the life and experience of 9 individuals: Moses, Akiba, Saadia Gaon, Maimonides, Haim Vital, Moses Luzzatto, Rav Kook, Leo Baeck and Heschel with a final chapter that ties all the preceding together and invites the reader to actualise the message and power of the Shema in their own lives. This is a marvellous source text for adult education, in terms of the Shema itself, but also as access to the thought of the author's exemplars.

*Rosh Hashanah Readings* is Dov Peretz Elkin's accompanying volume to that for Yom Kippur, previously published by Jewish Lights Publishing.

There are some seventeen sections to the anthology, each comprising material on the major themes, prayers, services, ritual acts and more of Rosh Hashanah. Each section has a commencing paragraph by Art Green, which complements as well as introduces, what follows, and the material, as with its companion volume, is taken largely from modern writers, rabbis and laity, interspersed with a few texts from classical sources. This is a worthy accompanying text to Yom Kippur Readings and will doubtless sustain many intellectually and spiritually through the Ten Days of Penitence.

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