

Traces of God - Seeing God in Torah, History and Everyday Life
by Neil Gillman. Jewish Lights Publishing 2006.

Neil Gillman's latest Jewish Lights publication stems from a weekly column to which he has contributed for over half a century in *The Jewish Week*, a New York Jewish publication. Together with two others Gillman has written every third week, focussing on Jewish theology, and in *Traces of God* he has selected for his readers' delectation and delight the best third of his work.

The book is divided into four sections, *Seeing God*, *Images of God*, *Revelation and Law* and *Suffering, Death and Redemption*. In each of these Rabbi Gillman presents his readers with a plethora of ideas on the Deity and means both practical and intellectual of approaching the divine. The author's genuineness, and the strength of his quiet faith, shines though in every chapter, and some, particularly those in the last section, pack a powerful emotional punch too.

Rabbi Gillman is fast becoming my favourite writer in the area of popular theology and *Traces of God* is a marvellous, ready made source of study, debate, and inner contemplation.

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