

Righteous Indignation – A Jewish Call for Justice.
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As Jews become more focussed on ritual observance and their own inner spirituality there is a heightened possibility that they will forget that Judaism's demand for Social Justice, which is as old as the Torah and was the chief message of many of the prophets, is a core value of as much, if not more, importance in the 21st century.

Righteous Indignation seeks to set the balance right by setting out a range of essays covering the spectrum of social action issues in a clear and forthright way, and although it has been published with the American Jewish community as its primary focus, there is much in it which is just as applicable to Jews everywhere else.

Righteous Indignation is divided into seven parts: Judaism, Justice and American Life, Renewing Creation: Judaism and the Environment, The Temple of the Spirit: The Human Body, The Yoke of Oppression: Social and Economic Justice. Klal Yisrael: Creating an Inclusive Community, Seeking Peace: Israel, Palestine and American Jewry, The Seventy Nations: Global Concerns.

The essays in each section are of manageable length, written in a clear and concise style, and perfect for adult or adolescent discussion groups, as well as personal reflection. This is a valuable addition to the Jewish Lights corpus of books on Tikkun Olam issues, as well as an eloquent expression of all that is best in American Judaism.

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