

Jewish Theology in Our Time: A New Generation Explores the
Foundations and Future of Jewish Belief.
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One of the strongest areas of Jewish Lights' output has been the anthologies which bring together many contributors, reflecting on different aspects of the same subject. They provide the reader with an opportunity to hear many different voices, and hopefully to find one that resonates strongly with them.

Jewish Theology in Our Time is divided into five sections: The God in Process, The Gods of the Text, Ways of Talking about God, A Quest for God, The God In Between. The contributors will be familiar to all devotees of Jewish Lights anthologies, with one or two welcome additions.

Inevitably, in a collection such as this, and on the most challenging subject of all, some of the essays will resonate more strongly than others depending on the baggage each reader brings to the text. For me *Spiritual Mappings* by Rabbi Or N. Rose, *Towards a New Jewish Theological Lexicon* by Rabbi Michael Marmur and *Radically Free and Radically Claimed* by Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi stand out from the rest, (though that may say more about me than it does about them) and other readers will doubtless have their own favourites.

Ultimately, however, what anthologies such as this do is challenge those Jews who dismiss difficult aspects of their ancestral faith as being irrelevant to their 'modern' lives to re-engage with them, in the confident expectation that they will learn something valuable thereby. If this is correct then *Jewish Theology in Our Time* more than fulfils that purpose.

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