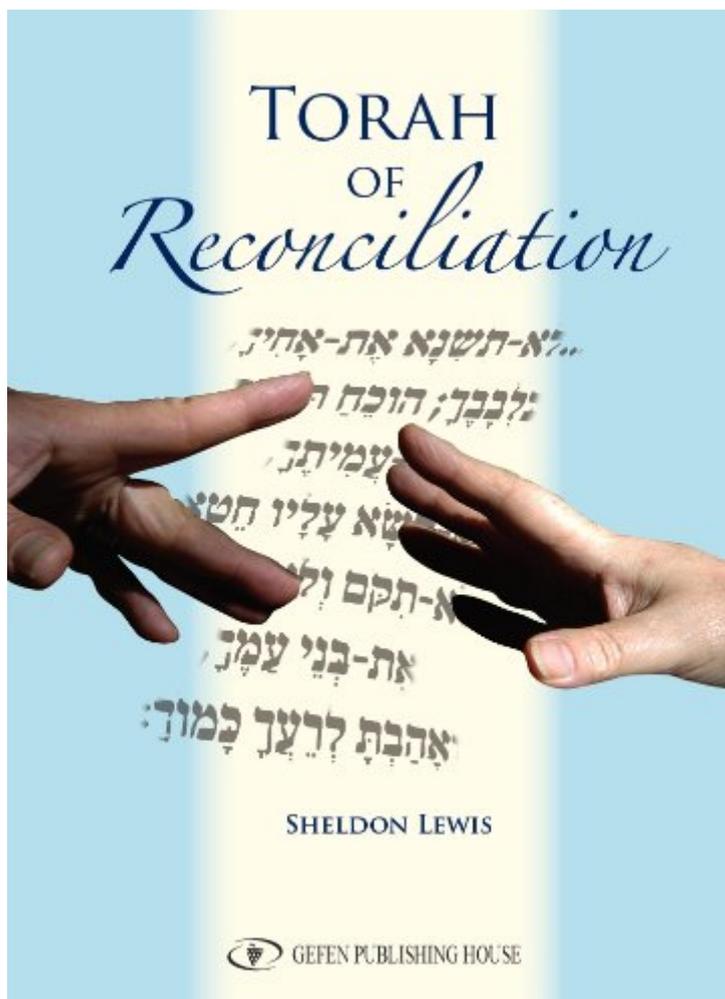


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Synopsis

In the aftermath of 9/11, Rabbi Sheldon Lewis sought solace and a path to reconciliation in Jewish texts. Peacemaking is arguably the key pillar among Jewish values, and Torah of Reconciliation seeks to reveal this primary value in diverse scriptural and rabbinical texts. Following the annual cycle of Torah readings, thematic verses or passages are interpreted and expanded through the lens of rabbinic commentary and the author's personal reflections, revealing the rich, wise resources available in Judaism for the crucial task of peacemaking in the modern world.

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Peace Love Ukulele Rabbi Lewis has penned an insightful guide into Jewish Torah ("Instructional") leadership and morality, aimed at producing a state of Shalom, complete peace, not a mere cessation of hostilities. He comprehends and replicates the great, inclusive spirit of Hillel, transcending the thoughts of Ezra, Bar Kochba, and the like. It is useful for those who have ever been turned off by certain passages in the Five Books attributed mythically to Moses and the shallows and Judeophobia of certain "New Testament" passages. It has encouraged me in my work to help

bring about a "tikkun olam" ("repair of the world", more precisely "time-space", as Arthur Waskow translates olam). Peace be upon the readers of this review. Peace

Sheldon Lewis, a rabbi and student of Abraham Joshua Heschel (the great 20th century rabbi and social justice activist), has assembled an impressive group of resource materials - Talmudic and contemporary - focusing on the themes of peace and reconciliation in the Torah. I strongly recommend this as resource material for the study of Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible), not as a read-through book.

Rabbi Lewis has done a wonderful job at looking at what scripture tells us about conflict among humans and paths towards reconciliation. Individual conflicts, conflicts in communities and conflicts between nations are discussed.

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