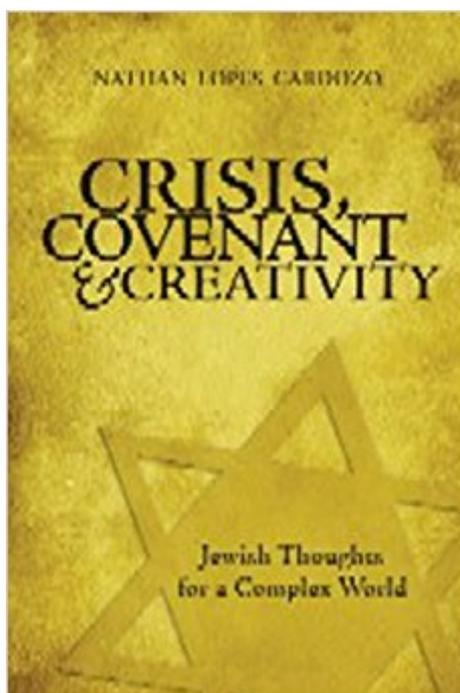


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# Crisis, Covenant And Creativity: Jewish Thoughts For A Complex World



## Synopsis

Crisis, Covenant and Creativity deals with some of the most widely discussed issues in contemporary Jewish religious life. How do religious people deal with tolerance of different beliefs? How can devout living lead to a greater awareness of the mystery and beauty of life? What is the meaning of Jewish authenticity and identity in light of anti-Semitism?

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For all who have undergone or are undergoing a religious quest for illumination. This little compass (book) is an instrument you will marvel at using. It doesn't matter what your religious history or background is, this treasured booklet will lead you into an oasis of thoughts to ponder and reflect on. Come and drink from the wellspring.

Rabbi Lopes-Cardozo is a Jewish religious thinker who has knowledge of the Western philosophical tradition, and the cultural challenges facing the Jewish world today. This present work is another effort to extend his reading of the Jewish Tradition in such a way that it will also appeal to the non-observant.

While religious folks often live with an isolated world view, Rabbi Cardozo offers a path to consider their opinions while still living in the real world. In a series of short essays, Cardozo speaks clearly to people of faith and also gives non-religious readers a peek into the beauty and depth of Jewish thought.

Nathan Lopes Cardozo, who writes from a modern Orthodox perspective, expresses several fascinating and novel ideas about spirituality, contemporary life, and the Jewish tradition. Unfortunately, the book will not reach a broad audience. It assumes far too much detailed, even arcane, knowledge of Jewish texts and interpretations -- knowledge that many or most of Lopes Cardozo's intended readers will not have. There are artful ways of popularizing the Jewish religion without dumbing it down, but Lopes Cardozo does not try. As a result, thoughtful readers familiar with Western philosophy and literature but not with rabbinic views of Jewish tradition will not find the book useful. This is too bad because Lopes Cardozo delivers fascinating insights into such matters as the significance of Sabbath observance, the importance of dialogue with Conservative and Reform Jews, and modern man and woman's need for ritual. This book reads like a set of transcribed sermons and should have gone through a painstaking editing process.

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