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Books for the High Holy Days 5775

In our Jewish tradition, the study of Jewish texts is considered as important as prayer. Why not begin the High Holy Days season with a look at one of the books below, available at the Temple's Stettenheim Library. Contact Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler at (212) 744-1400, ext.360 or establer@emanuelnyc.org for information.

All the World: Universalism, Particularism and the High Holy Days

Edited by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, Ph.D. (Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2014.) "Why be Jewish anyway?" is one of the ultimate questions raised during the High Holy Days. In his new book, award-winning author Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman highlights prayers that prove troublesome to modern worshipers. It is what all of us need to convert the marathon of High Holy Days worship into the memorable and meaningful experience we desire. (NOTE: Rabbi Hoffman will discuss his book at a free lecture on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. RSVP to EmanuelSkirballNYC.org or (212) 508-9580.)

Days of Awe: A Treasury of Jewish Wisdom for Reflection, Repentance and Renewal on the High Holy Days.

Edited by S.Y. Agnon; foreword by Arthur Green; introduction by Judah Goldin.

(New York: Schocken Books, c1995.)

A classic and beloved source of inspiration and information.

Rosh Hashanah / Yom Kippur Survival Kit

By Shimon Apisdorf. (Baltimore, MD: Leviathan Press, 2005.) *An invaluable resource and guide to the synagogue services.*

Who by Fire, Who by Water — Un'taneh Tokef

Edited by Lawrence A. Hoffman. (Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2010.) The first of a series taking a close look at the prayers we say during the High Holy Days; subsequent titles include:

May God Remember: *Yizkor*: Memory and Memorializing in Judaism We Have Sinned: Sin and Confession in Judaism: *Ashamnu* and *Al Chet*

All These Vows: Kol Nidre

A Faithful Heart: Preparing for the High Holy Days A Study Text Nased on the Midrash Maaseh Avraham Avinu

By Benjamin Levy; foreword by Norman Cohen. (New York: UAHC Press, 2001.) Examine High Holy Days themes such as t'shuvah [repentancer], belief in God, the efficacy of prayer and making ethical decisions through the lens of Abraham's character.

Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holy Days

Edited by Gail Twersky Reimer and Judith A. Kates. (New York: Simon & Schuster, c1997.) Illuminating commentaries on the texts read on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper by a number of contemporary female authors, scholars, theologians and educators.