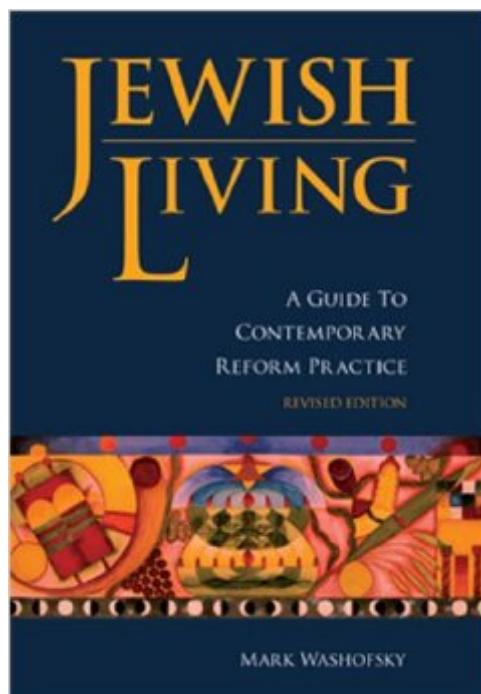


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Perhaps more than in any other century of Jewish history, the Jewish people of today are heavily divided over matters of faith, religious observance, and the best way to preserve Jewish continuity in an ever changing world. Modern values are contrasted against ancient narratives, and Jews of today are deeply concerned that the Judaism known and practiced for millenia is slowly disappearing for reasons often defined by one's own perspective on the issues. Jews on the right feel that Judaism must become even more strict in its adherence to ancient customs and rabbinic law if Judaism is to survive. Jews on the left say that ancient customs stifle the true worth of Judaism, which are its moral values, while blind adherence to the ritual customs and ancient laws of Jewish religion turn Jews away from Judaism itself. Many orthodox Jews, in effect, think that Progressive Judaism is kind of an anti-Judaism, and that progressive Jews have no sense or respect for Jewish

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