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## **Classic JPS Reference:**

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Jewish Religious Thought* (Arthur A. Cohen and Paul Mendes-Flohr, eds.)

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2. Conservative Judaism	<i>Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew</i> (Neil Gilman)
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4. Reconstructionist Judaism	<i>Judaism as a Civilization: Toward a Reconstruction of American-</i> <i>Jewish Life</i> (Mordecai Kaplan)
5. Covenant Theology	<b>Renewing the Covenant: A Theology of the Postmodern Jew</b> (Eugene Borowitz)
6. Feminist Theology	<b>Engendering Judaism: An Inclusive Theology and Ethics</b> (Rachel Adler)



7. Zionism	<b>The Zionist Idea: A Historical Analysis and Reader</b> (Arthur Hertzberg)
8. Jewish Debates	<i>Judaism's Great Debates: Timeless Controversies from Abraham</i> <i>to Herzl</i> (Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz)
9. Jewish Spirituality	<i>The Heart of the Matter: Studies in Jewish Mysticism and</i> <i>Theology</i> (Arthur Green)
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