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The Talmud of Relationships Guides Readers Through Encounter with Core Jewish Text

October 2018—How can I tame my ego? Balance work and family? Honor difficult parents? Cope with painful suffering? Control my anger? These are among the conversations in the Talmud that reveal rabbinic wisdom for the interpersonal relationships in our lives. Yet roadblocks of language and style have prevented many eager students from diving into this primary text of Judaism.

Innovative teacher Rabbi Amy Scheinerman invites readers of all levels to continue the Jewish values-based conversation begun 2,000 years ago with the two-volume set *The Talmud of Relationships* (JPS, Nov. 2018). Volume 1 focuses on “God, Self, and Family” and Volume II explores “The Jewish Community and Beyond.” (Each volume is also available for individual purchase.)

Scheinerman devotes every chapter to a different Talmud text about relationships – from how one relates to God and self to how one relates to one’s family, Jewish community and world – explaining the logic of each passage and offering full textual translations. Through historical context, explanatory commentary, anecdotes, and discussion questions, she invites readers to weigh multiple perspectives and draw their own conclusions.

Building their confidence in grappling with these timeless texts, Jews and non-Jews, students and teachers, individuals and families alike will emerge with new insights into their connections to others, as they also cultivate a new relationship with the Talmud.

For more information about The Talmud of Relationships Vols. I and II, visit jps.org. To contact the author, email Suzanne Selengut, sselengut@jps.org. For a review copy, contact Anna Weir, aweir@unl.edu.

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