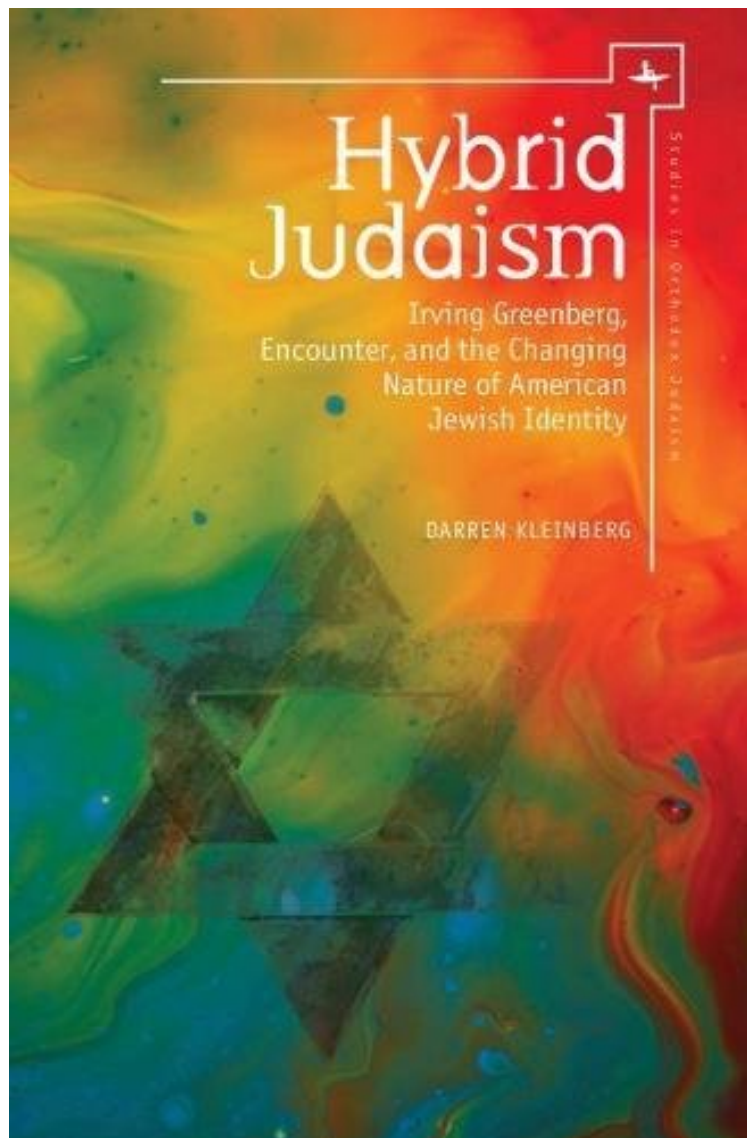


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American Jewish identity has changed significantly over the course of the past half century. During this time, Irving Greenberg developed a unique theology that anticipated David Hollinger's notion of postethnicity and represents a compelling understanding of contemporary American Jewish identity. Greenberg's covenantal theology and image of God idea combine into what Kleinberg refers to as Hybrid Judaism. Central to Greenberg's theology is recognition of the transformative power of encounter in an open society, heavily influenced by his own encounters across Jewish denominational boundaries and through his participation in the Christian-Jewish dialogue movement. Presented here for the first time, Greenberg's theology of Hybrid Judaism has great relevance for our understanding of American Jewish identity in the twenty-first century.

"Darren Kleinberg offers a masterful integration and analysis of the theology of Yitz Greenberg. Sophisticated, holistic, and insightful, I highly recommend this work." (Aaron J. Hahn Tapper, PhD, Mae and Benjamin Swig Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, University of San Francisco. Author of *Judaisms: A Twenty-First-Century Introduction to Jews and Jewish Identities*)
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"In Hybrid Judaism, Darren Kleinberg presents a comprehensive and sophisticated analysis of Rabbi Irving Greenberg's mature thoughts on a host of subjects crucial to modern Jewish life and religious thought, and does so by situating him against the larger backdrop of American religious history and sociology. In this insightful and compelling portrait of Greenberg, Kleinberg has helped us understand how this preeminent Jewish thinker was shaped by the American setting as well as the critical role Greenberg has played in defining the nature and overall directions of modern Judaism. This book is required reading for anyone who wishes to understand Judaism in the modern world as well as American religion as it moves on into the 21st Century." (David Ellenson, Director, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University and Chancellor-Emeritus, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)
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