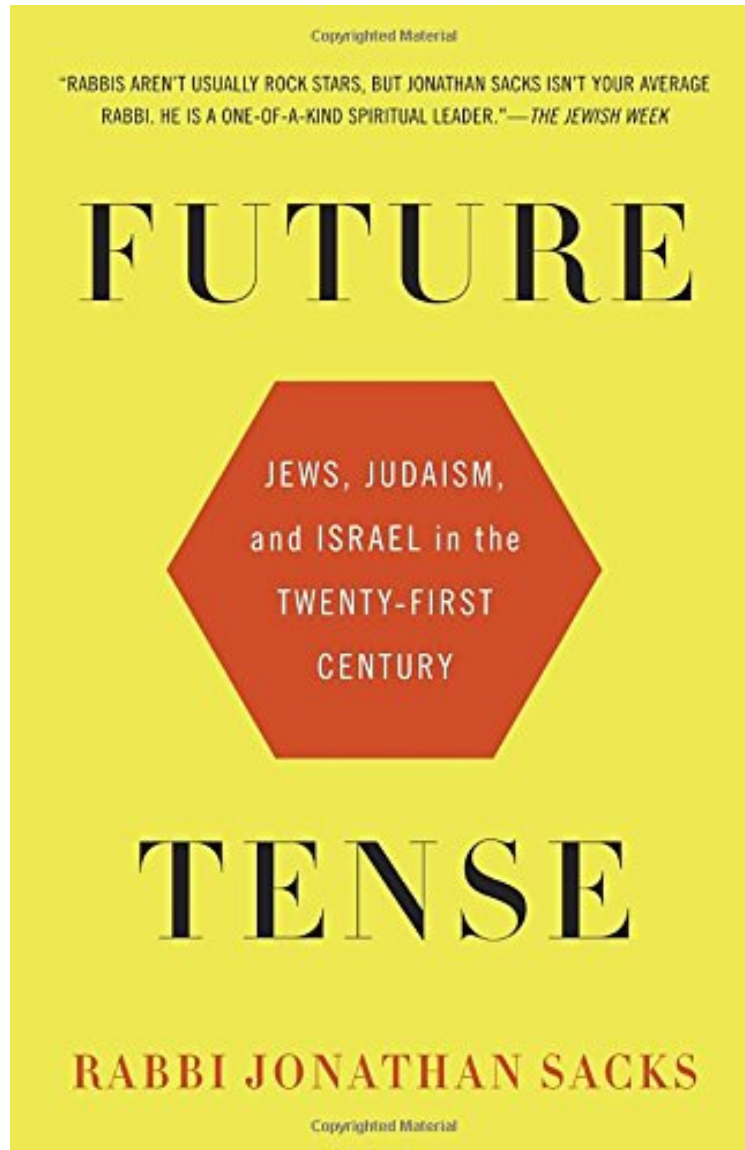


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We are in danger, says Rabbi Sacks, of forgetting what Judaism's place is within the global project of humankind. The Jewish people exist for a reason, and it is not for themselves alone. They must recommit themselves to their foundational purpose: to the task of creating a just world in which the divine presence can dwell among us all. Without compromising one iota of Jewish faith, Rabbi Sacks declares, Jews must stand alongside their friends Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and secular humanist in defense of freedom against those who desecrate life. And they should do this not to win friends or the admiration of others but because it is what a people of God is supposed to do. Rabbi Sacks's powerful message of tikkum olam using Judaism as a blueprint for repairing an imperfect world will resonate with people of all faiths.

From Publishers Weekly British chief rabbi Lord Sacks (Will We Have Jewish Grandchildren?) laments what he sees as a virulent new strain of anti-Semitism plaguing Western Europe as well as serious divisions within the Jewish world that make it difficult to speak of Jews as one people with a shared fate and a collective identity. To combat anti-Semitism, Sacks encourages Jews to work closely with people of other faiths and to recognize that not only Jews face prejudice and hate. He urges his fellow Jews to be both particularist and universalist, to hold fast to their Jewish identity while passionately embracing the modern world and becoming a source of inspiration to others. Sacks believes that criticism of Israel is legitimate but denial of its right to exist is not; he supports a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, but explains how the Palestinians have thwarted every Israeli move to establish peace. Although controversial, articulate, and well intended, the book is wordy, digressive, and familiar. Blending abundant Hebrew phrases with references to Spinoza, Thomas Paine, and Greek tragedy, Sacks is preaching to an audience of already committed yet worldly Jews who nevertheless may feel inspired by a leader who shares their views. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. In clear language Sacks sets forth the arguments put forward by atheists, respectfully demolishing them in favor of the religious stance that he forthrightly espouses. The range and depth of his familiarity with authorities in both camps are most impressive [and] his erudite position is largely compelling . . . Essential reading because of Sacks's splendid range of knowledge and his powerful ability to tackle tough issues. Publishers Weekly A brilliant exposition of the possibility of science and religion, each in its own way, contributing to a better world. Kirkus's (starred review) Rabbis aren't usually rock stars, but Jonathan Sacks isn't your average rabbi. He is a one-of-a-kind spiritual leader. The Jewish Week Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is one of the most engaged and engaging thinkers and commentators of our time . . . His writings are always thought-provoking and often profound, and this latest volume is no exception. The Times (London) "Future Tense demonstrates once again Rabbi Sacks's ability to construct a compelling forward-looking vision of Judaism from classical texts . . . that inspires many on both sides of the Atlantic." The Forward Rabbi Sacks argues for a Judaism that engages with the world, that emphasizes the radical Jewish belief in human freedom. Its sorely needed. The Guardian About the Author Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of Great Britain and the Commonwealth and has received honorary degrees from universities around the world. He is the award-winning author of more than twenty books, writes frequently for The Times (London) and other periodicals, and is heard regularly on the BBC. Lord Sacks was made a Life Peer in 2009.