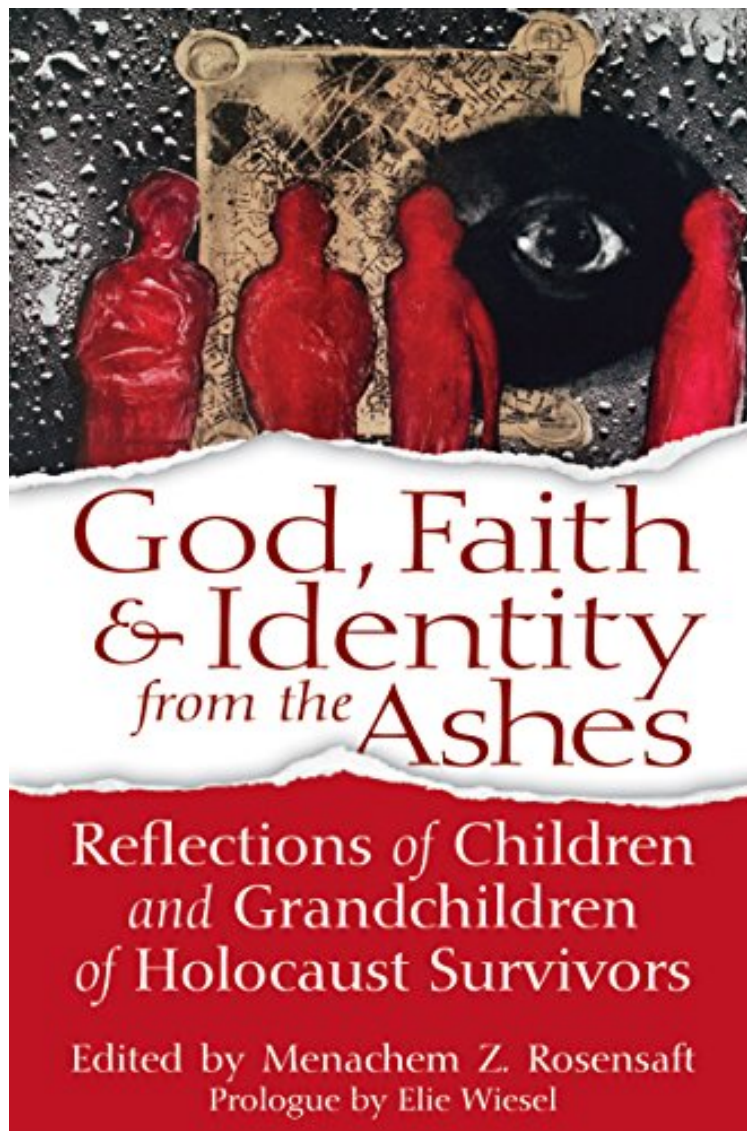


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A Powerful, Life-Affirming New Perspective on the HolocaustAlmost ninety children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivorstheologians, scholars, spiritual leaders, authors, artists, political and community leaders and media personalitiesfrom sixteen countries on six continents reflect on how the memories transmitted to them have affected their lives. Profoundly personal stories explore faith, identity and legacy in the aftermath of the Holocaust as well as our role in ensuring that future genocides and similar atrocities never happen again. There have been many books and studies about children of Holocaust survivorsthe so-called second and third generationswith a psycho-social focus. This book is different. It is intended to reflect what they believe, who they are and how that informs what they have done and are doing with their lives. From major religious or intellectual explorations to shorter commentaries on experiences, quandaries and cultural, political and personal affirmations, almost ninety contributors from sixteen countries respond to this question: how have your parents' and grandparents' experiences and examples helped shape your identity and your attitudes toward God, faith, Judaism, the Jewish people and the world as a whole? For people of all faiths and backgrounds, these powerful and deeply moving statements will have a profound effect on the way our and future generations understand and shape their understanding of the Holocaust. Praise from Pope Francis for Menachem Rosensaft's essay reconciling God's presence with the horrors of the Holocaust: "When you, with humility, are telling us where God was in that moment, I felt within me that you had transcended all possible explanations and that, after a long pilgrimage sometimes sad, tedious or dull you came to discover a certain logic and it is from there that you were speaking to us; the logic of First Kings 19:12, the logic of that 'gentle breeze' (I know that it is a very poor translation of the rich Hebrew expression) that constitutes the only possible hermeneutic interpretation." Thank you from my heart. And, please, do not forget to pray for me. May the Lord bless you." His Holiness Pope Francis Contributors: Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada Historian Ilya Altman, cofounder and cochairman, Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center, Moscow New York Times reporter and author Joseph Berger, New York Historian Eleonora Bergman, former director, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw Vivian Glaser Bernstein, former cochief, Group Programmes Unit, United Nations Department of Public Information, New York Michael Brenner, professor of Jewish history and culture, Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich; chair in Israel studies, American University, Washington, DC Novelist and poet Lily Brett, winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize Award, New York New York Times deputy national news editor and former Jerusalem bureau chief Ethan Bronner, New York Stephanie Butnick, associate editor, Tablet Magazine, New York Rabbi Chaim Zev Citron, Ahavas Yisroel Synagogue and Yeshiva Ohr Elchonon Chabad, Los Angeles Dr. Stephen L. Comite, assistant clinical professor of dermatology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York Elaine Culbertson, director of a program taking American high school teachers to study Holocaust sites, New York Former Israeli Minister of Internal Security and Shin Bet director Avi Dichter, Israel Lawrence S. Elbaum, attorney, New York Alexis Fishman, Australian actor and singer Shimon Koffler Fogel, CEO, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, Ottawa Dr. Eva Fogelman, psychologist and author, New York Associate Judge Karen "Chaya" Friedman of the Circuit Court of Maryland Natalie Friedman, dean of studies and senior class dean, Barnard College, New York Michael W. Grunberger, director of collections, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC David Harris, executive director, American Jewish Committee, New York Author Eva Hoffman, recipient of the Jean Stein Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, London Rabbi Abie Ingber, executive director, Center for Interfaith Community Engagement, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH Josef Joffe, editor-publisher, Die Zeit, Germany Rabbi Lody B. van de Kamp, author; former member of the Chief Rabbinate of Holland and the Conference of European Rabbis, Holland Rabbi Lilly Kaufman, Torah Fund

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The continuing effect of the Holocaust has been the subject of much study. This volume gives voice to a broad range of children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors who describe the ways this legacy continues to impact their worldview and their work in the world. These are heart-felt and moving testimonies. The editor imposes order but not an orthodoxy to these responses. The four themes under which these responses are collected are guideposts that help the reader understand the variety of responses. If there is one common theme, it is that these are individuals who have used their legacy to move positively into the world. This is not the first such anthology, nor will it be the last. It is a reminder that the horrors of 70-plus years ago continue to reverberate in our world. It should also be a reminder that the other atrocities that have shaken the world in the last century continue to shape the lives of millions, and would that we had a way to hear their testimony as well. These reflections are enlightening and engaging. I would recommend them more as the stuff for occasional contemplation than for a straight read through the book. -- Rabbi Louis A. Rieser (Rabbi Louis A. Rieser Congregational Libraries Today)  
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Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, who survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald, has been the preeminent voice

of conscience and Holocaust memory throughout the seven decades since the end of World War II. In 1984, Professor Wiesel delivered the keynote address at the First International Conference of Children of Holocaust Survivors in New York City, and he has graciously allowed us to publish excerpts from that address as his charge to the post-Holocaust generations as we explore who we are, what we believe and what we stand for in the pages of this book.