

"Rabbi Naomi Levy shares her loving spirit, her inspirational stories of *Einstein and the Rabbi* whose grief he sought to assuage, and her lessons on hearing the voice of your soul.

This remarkable book spoke to me as I am sure it will speak to you."

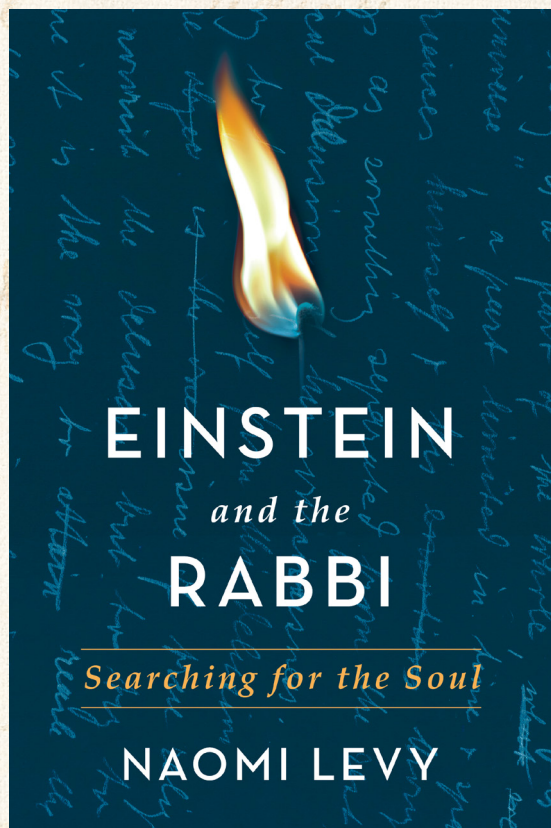
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"With keen insight, an open heart, and the graceful, accessible wisdom for which she is widely known, Rabbi Naomi Levy has written a book that will be a balm and a provocation for all who read it. It made me cry. It made me think. To read it is to be gently guided into a deeper place."

— Dani Shapiro, author of *Devotion* and *Hourglass*

"Drawing on poignant personal stories, Jewish life and traditions, and a spiritual letter from Einstein to a grieving father, Naomi Levy's book outlines an inspiring guide on how to live a meaningful and connected life."

— Alan Lightman, author of *Einstein's Dreams*



EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI: Searching for the Soul

By Naomi Levy

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"Part candid and moving memoir, part accounting of an inspiring spiritual quest, this unusual volume is also a page-turner."

— Wendy Mogel, Ph.D.,

author of the *New York Times*

bestseller *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

Naomi Levy is the author of the national bestseller *To Begin Again*, as well as *Talking to God* and *Hope Will Find You*. She is the founder and leader of Nashuva, a groundbreaking Jewish spiritual outreach movement based in Los Angeles. Levy was named one of the top fifty rabbis in America by *Newsweek* and has appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Today*, and on NPR.



Advanced Praise For **EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI**

“It is the task of the rabbi to articulate the wisdom and power of the Jewish religion in all its profundity, mystery, and earthy relevance. Naomi Levy performs the task spectacularly; she speaks from deep within the Jewish soul and gives the spiritual gifts of Judaism not only to Jews but to the world at large. It is difficult to overestimate her contribution.

Einstein and the Rabbi is worthy of the matriarchs from whom originated the blessing of Jewish womanhood and who continue, through such as her, to bless it still.”

—**Marianne Williamson**, author of *A Return to Love* and *Everyday Grace*

“Everyone needs to read this book. It is a book for the times we live in now...capturing the human spirit through historic journeys, present-day gestures of kindness, and understanding. Naomi Levy writes with a clear, easy style that allows us to fall into her narrative, bearing witness to the soul life.”

—**Julianna Margulies**, actor/producer

“Do not miss this unique work combining wisdom, inspiration, a mystery about the world’s greatest scientist, and a modern search for the soul. The combination will enchant your mind and make your spirit sing.”

—**Rabbi David Wolpe**, author of *David: The Divided Heart*

“Naomi Levy examines life’s polarities: birth and death, love and loss, faith and doubt. With keen insight, she shows how each duality is connected by the vital force we call ‘the soul.’ This is a lovely, tender book that will illuminate and inspire.”

—**Jerome Groopman**, Recanati Professor at Harvard University and author of *The Anatomy of Hope*

“Naomi Levy writes from my heart. She brings together my Judaism and my social science and my current spiritual path of love.”

—**Ram Dass**

“Read about Naomi Levy’s spiritual journey at the risk of having her take you deeper into yourself. *Einstein and the Rabbi* takes you on the journey of journeys.”

—**Norman Lear**

“What is the soul?” This question has been on the tips of the tongues of seekers, saints and prophets from the beginning of time. ‘Are there words to describe the ineffable?’ This question has been on the tips of the pens of poets across the ages and the continents. Rabbi Naomi Levy takes on these questions in *Einstein and the Rabbi*, and she does so with humility, mastery, and poetry in a book that reads like mystery novel. I couldn’t put it down.”

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“Rabbi Naomi Levy has done something extraordinary. Inspired by one of the most famous letters written by Einstein, she has, through meticulous research uncovered the utterly unexpected background to Einstein’s letter, words written to a saintly rabbi who had just undergone the worst suffering a parent can experience. Naomi Levy, who decades earlier had undergone the worst suffering a child can experience, has united the words of Einstein, the story of Rabbi Robert Marcus, and of herself and her own father in a way that makes us all realize that the soul truly can see what eyes cannot. With Naomi Levy as our guide we too can learn to see with our souls, and thereby bless the lives of those around us and our own lives as well.”

—**Rabbi Joseph Telushkin**, author of *Jewish Literacy*, *Rebbe*, and *Words that Hurt, Words that Heal*

“Levy offers us a blessing—which indeed comes true as one travels through her luminous book: ‘I am praying that something sacred will happen to you. Something unexpected. A turning. An awakening.’ And it does; all of that and more.”

—**Abigail Pogrebin**, author of *My Jewish Year* and *Stars of David*



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EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI

**is a breathtaking journey full of wisdom, empathy, and humor
that challenges us to become the people we were born to be**

“In these bewildering and often implausible times, Naomi Levy’s book provides a vital and necessary antidote. Without stooping to easy remedies or spiritual jargon and drawing on centuries of Jewish thought, Levy shows us a soulful way to navigate a materialist world. *Einstein and the Rabbi* is a heartwarming and lucid reflection on balancing your life and schooling your heart.”

—**Daphne Merkin**, author of *This Close to Happy: A Reckoning with Depression*

“A great read both for those who love the science of Einstein and the soul of the Zohar. The history of Einstein’s correspondence with Rabbi Marcus is fascinating and brings together science and soul.”

—**Alan Dershowitz**, author of *Taking the Stand: My Life in the Law*

“Naomi Levy weaves together a series of stories from her perspective as a rabbi, her personal journey through illness, and a remarkable search for a letter to Einstein that results in describing the indescribable—the nature of our souls.”

—**Stephen Tobolowsky**, actor and author of *My Adventures with God* and *The Dangerous Animals Club*

Albert Einstein was once the most famous person on the planet. Today, his work remains integral to scientific study, to the physics of our world, and to the way we conceptualize our very existence. His quotes on all manner of subjects litter the walls of college dorms and university classrooms alike, but there’s one Einstein quote that is unlike any other: a letter in response to a grieving father who had just lost his young son. In **EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI: Searching for the Soul** (Flatiron Books; on sale September 5, 2017; \$27.99), Rabbi Naomi Levy dives into the mystery of what prompted one of the greatest scientific minds in history to write so eloquently about the human condition, and what it says about our own interconnectedness.

Einstein’s description of our place in the universe sounds like a passage from an ancient mystical text, but instead it comes from a physicist convinced of the unity of all existence, who visualizes the links between matter, time, and space. As Rabbi Levy digs deeper in **EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI**, she discovers that Einstein’s letter was a response to Robert S. Marcus, a grieving father and a rabbi whose remarkable story Levy pursues and finally uncovers.

What emerges is an inspiring, deeply affecting book for people of all faiths filled with universal truths that will help readers reclaim their own souls and glimpse the unity that has been eluding them. We all long to see more expansively, to live up to our gifts, to understand why we are here. In **EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI**, Levy leads us on a breathtaking journey full of wisdom, empathy and humor, challenging us to wake up and heed the voice calling from within—a voice beckoning us to become who we were born to be.