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**AMERICAN JEWS REFLECT ON UPCOMING  
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ISRAEL**  
**Collection of Voices Offers Broad Perspective on  
What Role Israel Plays in Their Lives**

In May 2008, the Jewish world will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel. As anti-Israel sentiment spreads around the world—from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to former President Jimmy Carter—it has never been more important for American Jews to share their feelings and thoughts about Israel, and foster a connection to Israel in the next generation of Jewish and Christian adults. What keeps American Jews connected to Israel? How does Israel fit in their sense of what it means to be Jewish and American?

“In recent years, various polls and surveys have revealed that American Jewish attitudes toward Israel are in the process of a troubling transformation,” writes Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin in the Introduction to **A DREAM OF ZION: American Jews Reflect on Why Israel Matters to Them** (Jewish Lights / January 2008 / Hardcover / \$24.99). “I decided to create this book ... [as] a tool for American Jews to use to strengthen their faith in the State of Israel, to me the greatest Jewish enterprise of modernity.”

Inspirational, **A DREAM OF ZION** features the insights of top scholars, business leaders, professionals, politicians, authors, artists, and community and religious leaders covering the entire denominational spectrum of Jewish life in America today. It also offers a glimpse into the history of Zionism in America with statements from Jews who saw the movement come to life. It encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to think about what Israel means to them and, in particular, helps young adults jump start their own lasting, personal relationship with Israel. Presenting a diversity of views, it explores:

- **Identity and Heritage**
- **Refuge**
- **Faith and Covenant**
- ***Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World)**

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**Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin** is recognized as one of the most thoughtful Jewish writers and teachers of his generation. He is also the author of *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah* and *Being God's Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work*, with an introduction by Norman Lear (all Jewish Lights). He has served as the co-chair of the Commission on Outreach for the Union for Reform Judaism and on its board, as well as on the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

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