

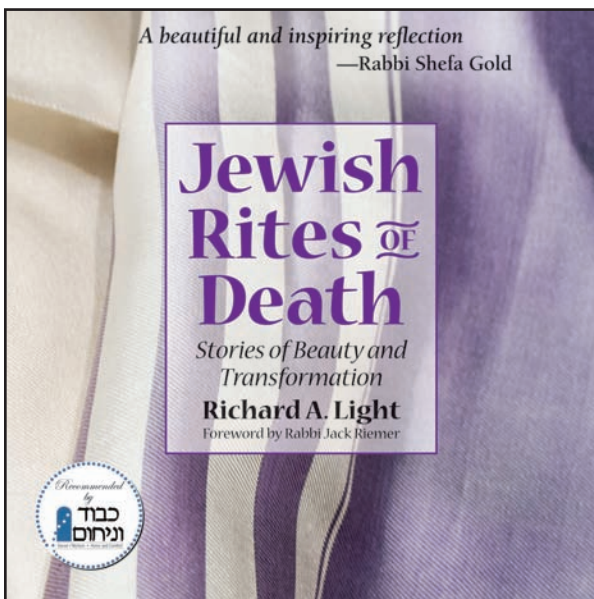
A Beautiful and Inspiring Reflection of Holy Work

Sogyal Rinpoche calls Death, “a mirror in which the entire meaning of Life is reflected.” *Jewish Rites of Death* is a beautiful and inspiring reflection, offering Jewish wisdom that illuminates the greatest mystery that we all must face. With unflinching courage and open-hearted tenderness, Rick Light faces Death, revealing its power to open us to the preciousness of Life. *Jewish Rites of Death* achieves the rare integration of practicality and poetry.

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—From the Foreword by Rabbi Jack Riemer, Editor of *Jewish Reflections on Death* and *Jewish Insights on Death and Mourning*



Jewish Rites of Death

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Accented by artistic black and white photography, this book is an introduction to an inter-world space, the boundary where death and life meet: the “space between worlds” that we encounter when we deal with the dead. We enter into it through a series of extraordinary processes in which the physical actions, the prayers, and the *kavanah* involved in Jewish death rituals open a window to give us a glimpse of this unique boundary. We can feel the experience of helping souls move from this world to the next through personal accounts, as this book explores the practices and rituals of the Jewish tradition in preparing the dead for burial. It is an invitation to touch the fine line separating realms of existence.

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