

*Who Stole My Religion?* is a thought-provoking and timely call to apply Judaism's powerful teachings to help shift our imperiled planet onto a sustainable path. While appreciating the radical, transformative nature of Judaism, Richard Schwartz argues that it has been "stolen" by Jews who are in denial about climate change and other environmental threats and support politicians and policies that may be inconsistent with basic Jewish values. Tackling such diverse issues as climate change, world hunger, vegetarianism, poverty, terrorism, destruction of the environment, peace prospects in Israel, and American foreign policy, he offers practical suggestions for getting Judaism back on track as a faith based on justice, peace, and compassion. He urges the reader to reconsider current issues in line with Judaism's highest values in an effort to meet the pressing challenges of today's world.

"At a time when Judaism has become largely irrelevant, when, as Rabbi Heschel put it, 'the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendor of the past,' *Who Stole My Religion?* is an eye-opener, showing how the application of Jewish values can produce a more compassionate, just, peaceful, and environmentally sustainable world. In order to leave a decent world for future generations, it is essential that its challenging, thought provoking messages be widely read and heeded."

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– Professor Alon Tal, Ben Gurion University, author of *Pollution in the Promised Land*

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