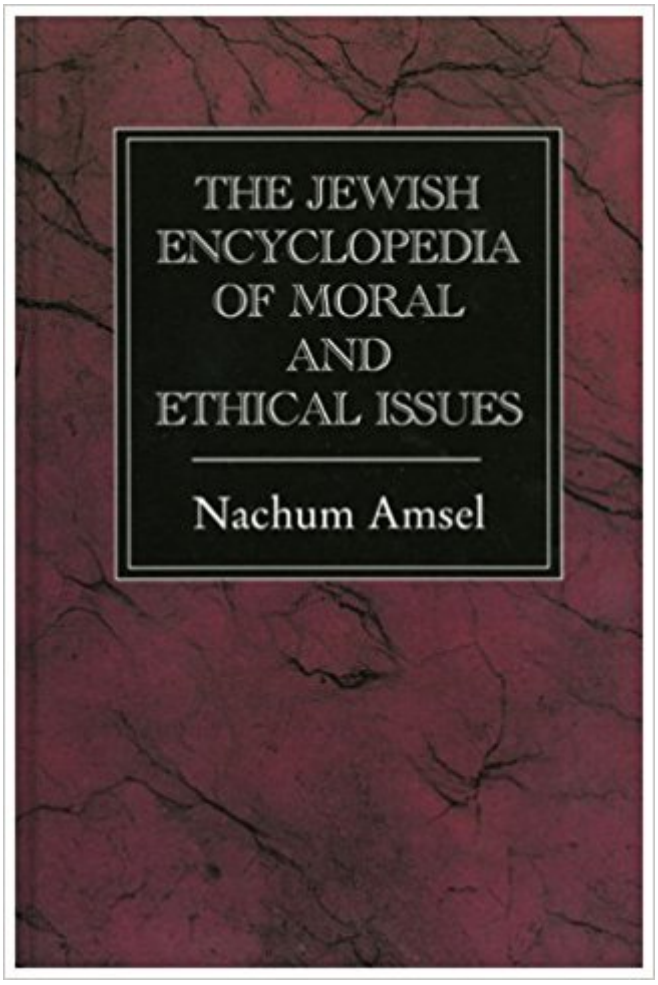
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As a highly regarded rabbi and teacher, Rabbi Nachum Amsel has written The Book of Jewish Values, a book that so many educators and individuals have been waiting for. Rabbi Amsel provides clear, articulate, thoughtful and concise essays filled with authoritative information on 75 basic human values. In each essay he answers the questions "What does Jewish tradition say bout this subject?" Topics include money, sex, honesty, family life, charity, friendship, etc. -- Midwest Book Review --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This is a remarkable book. It takes a whole list of complicated moral issues and presents the Jewish normative view in regard to them. It is written in a very clear way, with a certain mastery of the traditional sources. Rabbi Amsel also brings to this work his experience as teacher and educator and his knowledge of the modern world, and modern moral dilemnas is great indeed. I have for some time now been learning from this book each morning, reading one of the fifty or so essays on various moral topics. Whether it is the subject of ' priorities in helping others, Triage' or the subject of the proper Jewish attitude toward caring for aging parents, or for educating children Rabbi Amsel always provides a broad perspective enriched with telling examples. He also will bring a variety of opionions on a subject and without pretending to be a Posek himself tell what the Tradition has told. In a confused and difficult world often filled with darkness this work is a light to guide us toward a better path.

Nachum Amsel has written a gem. He very clearly, succinctly, and thoroughly examines the Jewish view on 71 issues--from advertising and animals to war and zero population growth. Most of the topics reflect popular social and political controversies, but about a dozen (e.g. the chapter comparing Judaism and Christianity) focus on religion itself. Each subject is covered separately in just a few pages, so readers can study a single issue thoroughly even in their spare moments. The author provides full citations from the Torah, the Talmud, and other sources to support his explications, and has an appendix with Hebrew sources for learned readers. This book will be very useful for students writing papers on controversial matters, and for any one who wants to examine the various subjects more thoroughly. The chapters focusing specifically on Judaism will provide valuable insights for most readers and a review for even advanced scholars. Like several books by Joseph Telushkin, this book provides a wonderful introduction to many issues. It differs from the Telushkin books by focusing on fewer topics in more depth, and in addressing many points of general and not just Jewish interest. I first used it in a library, and then bought it because it is such a valuable reference.

Rabbi Amsel has done almost a miracle, in explaining the most complicated moral issues in Judaism, in a easy to read, easy to understand language, suitable for readers from teenage years to great grandparents. This book could be literally THE handbook on Jewish moral and ethics.

This book is a must for all Jewish educators, Jewish scholars and Jewish students who were not privileged with the knowledge of the Hebrew language. Anybody who wants to know more about Judaism in general and Jewish moral ethics - this is the book to get!

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