Record Nr. UNINA9910393959203321 Autore Novak David Titolo Halakhah in a Theological Perspective / David Novak Pubbl/distr/stampa Brown Judaic Studies, 2020 Chico:,: Scholars Press,, 2020 ©2020 **ISBN** 1-951498-62-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xi, 174 p.) Collana Brown Judaic studies: : 68 Soggetti **Judaism** Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali The text of this book is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International License: https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/. To use this book, or parts of this book, in any way not covered by the license, please contact Brown Judaic Studies, Brown University, Box 1826, Providence, RI 02912. Nota di contenuto Can Halakhah Be Both Authoritative and Changing? -- The Conflict Between Halakhah and Ethics: The Case of Mamzerut -- Annulment in Lieu of Divorce in Jewish Law -- Divorce and Conversion: Is a Traditional-Liberal Modus Vivendi Possible? -- Women in the Rabbinate? -- Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the Perspective of Jewish Tradition -- Judaism and Contemporary Bioethics -- The Threat of Nuclear War: Jewish Perspectives -- The Logic of the Covenant: An Essay in Systematic Jewish Theology. This volume examines the ideas of Rabbi Moses ben Nahman (1194-Sommario/riassunto 1270), the Ramban, Nahmanides in the European literature. An exegete, epistemologist of Jewish history and experience, and pioneer of Kabbalistic reasoning, Nahmanides was the spokesperson of embattled Spanish Jewry at the ominous Barcelona disputation before King James of Aragon in 1263. Novak surveys the canon of

Nahmanides' writings-commentaries, discourses, sermons, even the record made by the Ramban of his Barcelona disputation-to elicit the

structure of a systematic theology. As Novak shows, he often subordinated perfect consistency to the nuances he discovered in a text. He willingly sacrificed the chance to enlarge some favorite speculative theme to the material message he found in tradition.