Record Nr. UNINA9910796394503321 Autore Benor Ehud Titolo Ethical monotheism: a philosophy of Judaism / / Ehud Benor New York, N.Y.:,: Routledge,, 2018 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-351-26394-3 1-351-26395-1 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (108 pages) Routledge Jewish Studies Collana Disciplina 296.36 Jewish ethics - Philosophy Soggetti Religion and ethics Monotheism God (Judaism) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references at the end of each chapters and Nota di contenuto chapter Introduction -- Holistic study of Judaism / Ehud Benor -chapter 1 The tree of knowledge -- Limits of God's power over chaos / Ehud Benor -- chapter 2 Afflictions of love -- Rabbinic moral psychology / Ehud Benor -- chapter 3 Cosmological Halakha --Maimonides's ethico-theology / Ehud Benor -- chapter 4 Theosophic Torah -- A kabbalist theory of justice / Ehud Benor -- chapter 5 Before the law -- Buber and Levinas - totality vs. transcendence / Ehud Benor -- chapter 6 Concluding Reflections / Ehud Benor -- chapter Postscript -- Can Judaism become archaic? / Ehud Benor. Sommario/riassunto "The term Ethical Monotheism is an important marker in Judaism's tumultuous transition into the modern era. The term emerged in the context of culture-wars concerning the question of whether or not Jews could or should become emancipated citizens of modern European states. It appeared in arguments whether or not Judaism could be considered a Religion of Reason--a symbolic, motivational representation of a universal morality, and in debates about whether or not Judaism could or should reform itself into a Religion of Reason.

This book is both a decisive departure from such discussions and an attempt to add a further, post-modern, statement to their ongoing

development. As departure, it refuses to take for granted a philosophical conception of Religion of Reason as the standard for Ethical Monotheism according to which Judaism was to be evaluated or reformed. As continuation, the book undertakes a phenomenology of Jewish modes of ethical religiosity that allows it to inquire what kind of ethical monotheism Judaism might be. Through sophisticated analysis of select "snapshots," or "fragments of a hologram," guided by a robust theory of religion, the author discloses Judaic ethical monotheism as an ongoing wrestling with the meaning of justice. By closely examining five main "snapshots" of this long process--the Bible, rabbinic Judaism, Maimonides, The Zohar, and the modern philosophers, Buber and Levinas--the author offers his own constructive philosophy of Judaism and his own distinctive philosophy of religion"--