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Jewish Lights Publishing, United States, 2016. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 157 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. It is time to recover rabbinic lessons of late antiquity: God is a God of grace and love; human beings can aspire to goodness and promise; on Yom Kippur the two of them meet God's love energizes human potential and the world is reborn with hope restored. The God of Jewish tradition is far from the strict God of justice commonly understood to be the God of the Hebrew Bible. God's self-introduction to Moses atop Mount Sinai does indeed conclude with the image of punishment throughout the generations but begins with God merciful and gracious, the imagery that finds its way into rabbinic liturgy and lore as solely the God of grace and compassion, pardon and love. To arrive at this selective perception of biblical tradition, the Rabbis of the Talmud deliberately misread the biblical text, and then fashioned a myth of God who dresses up as a leader of prayer and promises pardon if Israel will only repeat these merciful attributes as part of its prayer ritual on that day. Ever since, the Thirteen Attributes as the list comes...



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