

Praise for
A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE
UNDER HEAVEN



"*A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven* teaches the Jewish wisdom of time, including the wisdom to understand how we are in a new time, and what that means for our ancient traditions. Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman are treasures of the Jewish community, and they have shown in their lives, as they show in this book, how we can learn from the great old ways, and how we can dance in the new."

—Rodger Kamenetz,
author of *Stalking Elijah* and *The Jew in the Lotus*

"Arthur Ocean Waskow and Phyllis Ocean Berman have written for everyone longing for a Judaism of the soul, body, and intellect. All those who wish to sanctify their lives in the joyousness of Jewish spiritual life will find gentle and inspiring guidance in this book."

—Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College,
editor of *On Being a Jewish Feminist* and
Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity

"Able to make the old new, Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman have worked their magic again, this time with the life cycle. Spiritual, courageous, and a joy—this is a book to bring wholeness and insight, as we all spiral along life's bounteous path."

—Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson,
Dean and Vice President, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies,
University of Judaism

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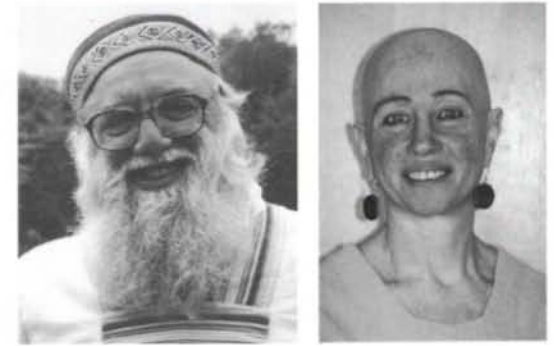
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More than twenty years ago, Arthur Ocean Waskow published a book, *Seasons of Our Joy*, that followed the flow of Jewish festivals through the year. It became a classic. Now, in *A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven*, Rabbi Waskow and his wife, Phyllis Ocean Berman, have brought us a book for the other great cycle of Jewish life—from birth to death. They have woven handbook and history, spiritual guide and their own personal experience, ancient ceremonies and those brought forward by Jewish women today, into a single pattern for a well-lived life—a unity.

The book moves from a new “Covenant of Washing”—the ritual act of parents washing a newborn daughter’s feet to celebrate her arrival—to an examination of how *k’tubot*, or marriage contracts, could be revised to affirm the commitments partners today need to make with each other, to ceremonies that celebrate the transformations of midlife, to enriching the rituals of grief in order to walk mourners through their own next spiral in the path of their lives.

A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven will resonate both with observant Jews looking to broaden their experience of their faith and with those who are looking for new ways to reconnect with Judaism and make it a vital part of their lives again.



Philadelphians ARTHUR OCEAN WASKOW and PHYLLIS OCEAN BERMAN are leaders of the Jewish renewal movement. Waskow directs the Shalom Center and wrote *Godwrestling—Round 2*. Berman directs Elat Chayyim’s Summer Program and is coauthor of *Tales of Tikkun*.

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