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Sidney Gendin's review of Richard Schwartz's book, Judaism and Vegetarianism and of Rabbi Bleich's article in Animal Sacrifices: Religious Perspectives on the Use of Animals in Science is premised on the mistaken idea that what separates Richard Schwartz's involvement in vegetarianism and animal rights from Rabbi Bleich's apparent indifference to them is that the former represents the Reform position in Judaism while the latter represents the Orthodox posture.

To begin with, Richard Schwartz himself is not a Reform Jew. Though he eschews labels like "Orthodox" or "Conservative" and prefers to call himself simply "committed," the congregation he belongs to is Orthodox, and his practice would be described by others as Orthodox. The second edi-
The immediate strategy for Jews, like myself and myself and myself, for Prof. Gendin's despair: "For an ecumenical Judaism, go vegetarian."