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Review

Aron, Cohen, Hoffman and Kelman map out the journey from functional, cash-for-service synagogues to compelling, purposeful, and visionary Jewish communities. It's easy to kvetch about what's not working in the Jewish world; this study demonstrates the transformative power of dissatisfaction when harnessed by creative and bold leaders committed to real, sustainable change. (Rabbi Sharon Brous, IKAR)

Sacred Strategies is a vital book that must be read by all who are concerned with the future of Judaism in North America and the role that synagogues can and must play in that future. Challenging and insightful, this book provides models for the creation of vibrant Jewish congregations that will speak to the minds and souls of contemporary Jews. The visions this work presents and analyzes offer inspiration and hope for our community. (Rabbi David Ellenson Ph.D, President, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

Sacred Strategies tells how eight American synagogues became visionary congregations—'entrepreneurial, experimental, and committed to engaging members'—and serves as a primer for other congregations seeking to join them. Anyone who leads or attends a synagogue will be inspired by this book. It is a refreshingly optimistic study of how synagogues can change for the better. (Jonathan D. Sarna, Brandeis University)

Can liberal congregations transform themselves from functional institutions primarily geared to the consumerist wants of their members to become sacred communities offering something far more meaningful—a religious vision, serious prayer, learning opportunities for all and a means to engage in acts of kindness? In an age when many have come to despair for the future of synagogues, the authors of this wise and probing book answer with a resounding 'yes'—and then show us how it can be done. This is an indispensable resource for all engaged in the vital task of congregational renewal. (Jack Wertheimer, Provost and Professor of American Jewish History, Jewish Theological Seminary)

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