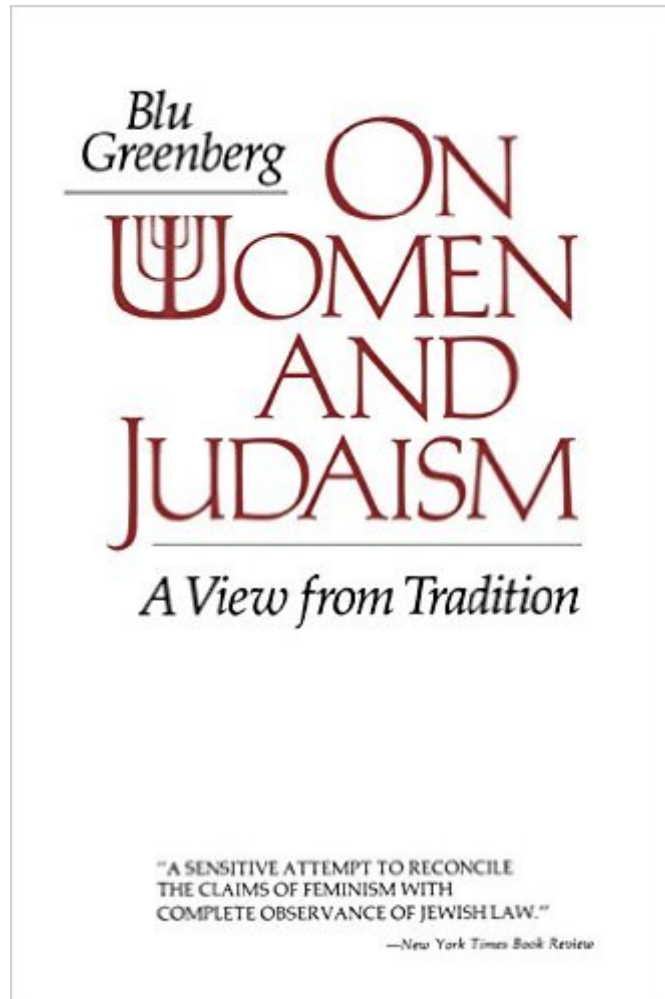


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# On Women And Judaism: A View From Tradition



## Synopsis

A classic for more than 20 years, this thought-provoking volume explores the role of Jewish women in the synagogue, in the family, and in the secular world. Greenberg offers ways to change present Jewish practices so that they more readily reflect feminine equality.

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In a moving series of essays, Blu Greenberg seeks to reconcile her new-found commitment to feminism with her life-long commitment to Orthodox Judaism. Several of the essays focus on specific themes such as taharat ha-mishpachah or women's role in prayer services. This book was published in the early 1980s and is now somewhat dated (as the political landscapes of both feminism and Judaism have changed so much), but it's still touching and thought-provoking. I wish Greenberg would publish a new edition with an additional essay or two reflecting on women and Judaism in the last twenty years!

I really enjoyed this book, in which Blu Greenberg discusses the ways that she reconciles feminism and traditional Judaism. Her thoughts were very influential for me, and still affect the way that I see many issues. Unfortunately, the book is not meaty enough. She speaks in generalities rather than tackling the texts. Books providing more textual details are those of Judith Hauptman, Joel Wolowelsky, Avi Weiss, and Eliezer Berkovits.

When I was first recommended this book, I was unsure how I would react to it, but ended up

enjoying it greatly. Though my own theology is much closer to Reform, I found Greenberg's balance between feminism and Orthodox tradition quite interesting. Though at many times I disagreed with Greenberg, reading her essays has made me reflect on my own religious feminism.

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