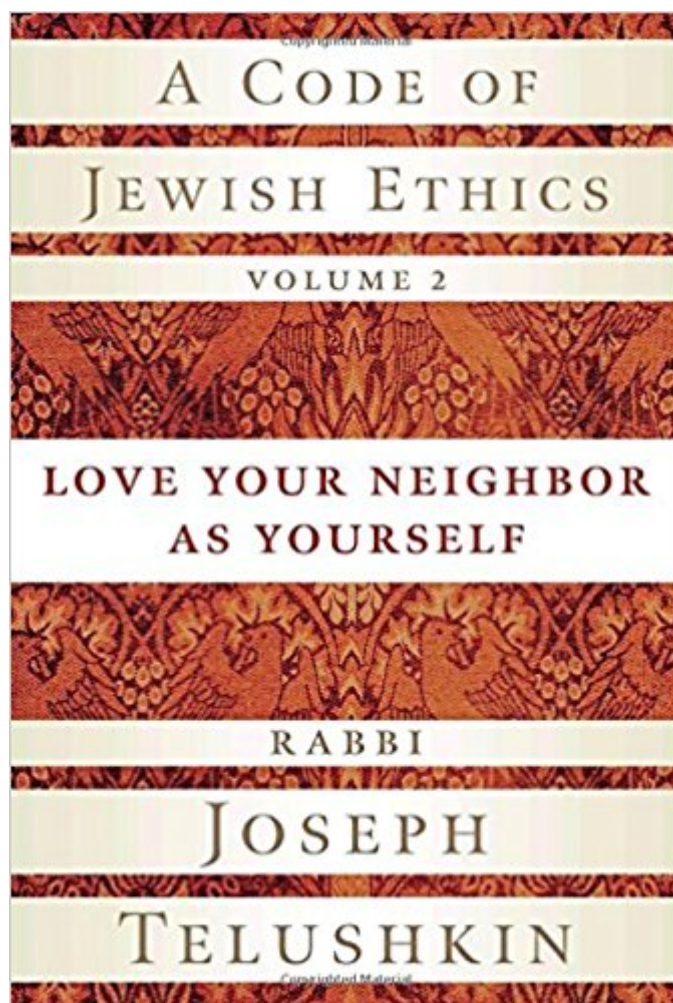


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# A Code Of Jewish Ethics, Volume 2: Love Your Neighbor As Yourself



## Synopsis

“Jewish thinkers don’t talk all that much about love. All too often we leave that to Christian theologians. But in this excellent volume, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin puts the commandment to love at the center of Jewish theology and experience. This is a book that will change the way you think about and practice Judaism.” —Professor Ari L. Goldman, Columbia University, and author of *The Search for God at Harvard* “Love your neighbor as yourself” is the best-known commandment in the Bible. Yet we rarely hear anyone talk about how to apply these words in daily life. In this landmark work, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, one of the premier scholars and thinkers of our time, gives both Jews and non-Jews an extraordinary summation of what Jewish tradition teaches about putting these words into practice. Writing with great clarity and simplicity as well as with deep wisdom, Telushkin covers topics such as love and kindness, hospitality, visiting the sick, comforting mourners, charity, relations between Jews and non-Jews, compassion for animals, tolerance, self-defense, and end-of-life issues. This second volume of the first major code of Jewish ethics written in the English language is breathtaking in its scope and will undoubtedly influence readers for generations to come. It offers hundreds of practical examples from the Torah, the Talmud, the Midrash, and both ancient and modern rabbinic commentaries as well as contemporary anecdotes—all teaching us how to care for one another each and every day. *A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 2: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself* is a consummate work of scholarship. Like its acclaimed predecessor, which received the National Jewish Book Award, it is rich with ideas to contemplate and discuss, while being primarily a book to live by. Nothing could be more important in these strife-torn times than learning how to love our neighbors as ourselves. The message of this book is as vital and timely now as it has been since time immemorial.

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In 2006, Telushkin, a scholar, writer, lecturer, teacher and rabbi, presented the first of his projected three-volume series on Jewish ethics. Subtitled *You Shall Be Holy*, the initial contribution focused on character development. This second volume uses the biblical commandment, love your neighbor as yourself, to explore ethical behavior in interpersonal relationships. Among the topics considered are hospitality, visiting the sick, obligations to the dead, comforting mourners, kindness, advice-giving, charity, relationships between Jews and non-Jews, treatment of animals, self-defense, justice and tolerance. Masterfully presented, Telushkin's straightforward opinions are supported by enlightening anecdotes drawn from the Bible, Talmud and Midrash as well as contemporary Jewish and non-Jewish thinkers. While this superlative compendium focuses on Jewish ethics, people of all faiths will find the precepts so unambiguously presented here to have significant value. (Feb.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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"Rabbi Joseph Telushkin has done it again! An amazing task, clarifying and elaborating upon the essential elements of Judaism. To present a most scholarly work in a reader-friendly format is truly an achievement. This is a book that should be in every Jewish home."  
—Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, M.D., author of *Do Unto Others*  
"An extraordinary work by one of the most knowledgeable and committed writers of our time. This twenty-first-century Jewish ethical master knows the texts of our tradition and, with wit and care, weaves together sources and stories, providing us with a powerful guide for action in today's world."  
—Ruth W. Messinger, president, American Jewish World Service  
"This stunning volume, filled with three thousand years of wisdom drawn from Judaism's holiest books and most insightful teachers, shows us the way to become kinder, more perceptive, and more compassionate, no matter what our faith. Rabbi Telushkin's examples and anecdotes moved me to tears. It is, perhaps, the most important

book for **Â** everyone who cares about one of the most important issues we all face**Â** **Â** how to become a more **Â** loving person.**Â** **Â** Rabbi David Woznica, Stephen S. Wise Temple**Â** **Â** "With psychological sensitivity and a personal warmth that radiates through the erudition of his pages, Rabbi Telushkin reveals the vast moral insights contained in the rabbinic **Â** tradition. The abstract commandment to **Â** love one**Â** **Â** neighbor as oneself**Â** **Â** is brought down to earth in a web of compassionate moral dictates that bear witness to a civilization at a state of inspiring moral development. In doing justice to this arching achievement, this work itself achieves a moral grandeur.**Â** **Â** Rebecca Goldstein, MacArthur Fellow and author of *Betraying Spinoza*

I own both *A Code of Jewish Ethics: Volume 1: You Shall Be Holy* and *The Book of Jewish Values: A Day-by-Day Guide to Ethical Living* so I was looking forward to this volume after reading Volume 1. You don't have to be any particular kind of Jew (Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Reform...) or even a Jew to appreciate Rabbi Telushkin's wisdom. His wisdom is trans-denominational and often not specific to Judaism. He gives a liturgical basis to his opinions while infusing them with contemporary and personal knowledge. I usually read through his books at least once and then on a regular basis, look at specific chapters or sections to get another (respected) opinion. I do not necessarily agree with everything he writes, but based on how he phrases his commentary and his explanations for his decisions, I respect what he says. This is a book worth owning as part of a personal or family spiritual library.

Rabbi Telushkin has an incredible way of presenting information in a clear, concise manner with pertinent examples including many from his own life.

Yes, Rabbi Teluskin's stories in d book have influenced my thinking n treatment towards all who are created in d image of God

Bought the book for our adult study group. I love the topics covered in the book. Easy read. The chapters are short but filled with helpful advise.

Excellent text. Makes context and content of Jewish ethical teachings very accessible.

Excellent book. The only thing I did not like was that the pages were not trimmed and looked like it

was a bargain bin special.

If you're Christian then please read this book and others by the author. This is the third book I've read by this author, and I've learned so much about the Jewish faith and ethics.

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