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Emily A. Filler is a PhD candidate in Jewish Studies, as well as an adjunct instructor in Judaism at the University of Mary Washington. Her dissertation explores modern Jewish philosophical responses to problematic biblical passages, and the potential for rabbinic study practices to respond to the hermeneutical and ethical challenges posed by such texts. Emily is also interested in questions of pedagogy and the ethico-political responsibilities of the academic community. She is the president of the Graduate Religious Studies Association, and a graduate rep to the GSAS Council.

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With the publication of “Deuteronomy: Renewal of the Sinai Covenant”, Maggid Books, the division of contemporary Jewish thought of Koren Publishers Jerusalem, is proud to announce the completion of Covenant & Conversation: A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. The Covenant & Conversation series consists of multiple essays on every Torah portion. Like the preceding volumes, “Deuteronomy: Renewal of the Sinai Covenant” fuses Jewish tradition, Western philosophy and literature to explore the biblical narrative as it relates to universal concerns of freedom, lo. In this first volume, Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks focuses and comments on the book of Genesis. Through this book, one can experience and discover the author's brilliant and enlightening approach to the Bible.

I have read Genesis: The Book of Beginnings and have found the readings to come alive for me, my faith is strengthened as is my understanding and respect for the Jewish people not just for their struggle and sacrifice through the ages but their adherence to protecting the words and traditions of their forefathers. I ordered the book, read it, and realized immediately that I was reading the insights of people who understood the problems and pressures of leadership better than anyone else I had encountered. Not
only did they make sense of what I was feeling at the time, they also helped me understand Torah, and the Hebrew Bible as a whole"