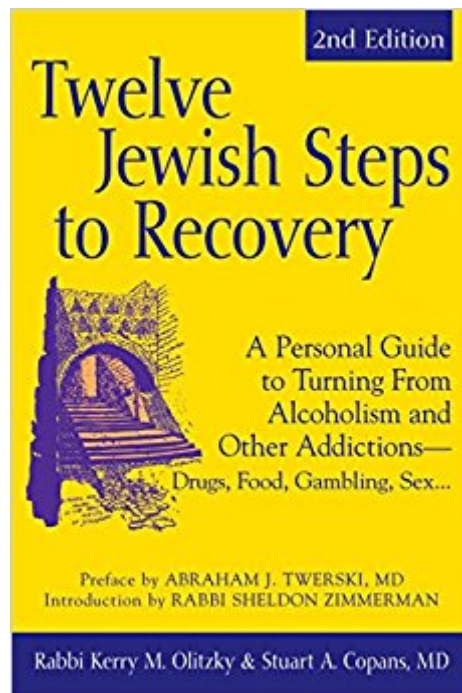


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# Twelve Jewish Steps To Recovery (2nd Edition): A Personal Guide To Turning From Alcoholism And Other Addictions•Drugs, Food, Gambling, Sex... (The Jewsih Lights Twelve Steps Series)



## Synopsis

This book is not just for Jewish people. It's for all people who would gain insight • and strength to heal • from Jewish tradition. • All people who are in trouble with alcohol, drugs, or other addictions • food, gambling, and sex • Anyone seeking an understanding of the Twelve Steps from a Jewish perspective • regardless of religious background or affiliation • Alcoholics and addicts in recovery • Codependents • Adult children of alcoholics • Specialists in recovery and treatment An updated and expanded edition of a recovery classic. A rabbi, a psychiatrist, and many recovering Jewish people share their understanding of the Twelve Jewish Steps of recovery from addiction of all kinds based on conversations with each other • and with God. They present a Jewish perspective on the Twelve Steps and offer consolation, inspiration, and motivation for recovery • for people of all faiths and backgrounds • by drawing on traditional and contemporary Jewish sources and by sharing what recovering people say about their experiences. They explore why some Jews are uncomfortable with the Twelve Steps, as well as how the Jewish understanding of the Twelve Steps differs from the Christian understanding of it.

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My Mother lived with me for the last year of her life, 10 month of which were spent in in-home hospice care. My sisters and I made the decision to do this because she spent one year in a rehab nursing home that was horrible. Taking care of her was an honor and a privilege although at times it was extremely difficult. The last 2 1/2 days of her life were nothing short of difficult and horrific. It was something I never wanted to experience but I did. When my Mother died, in July 2014, I experienced a deep grief that I still feel. My outlet became food which turned into a 20 lb. weight gain. My own health issues went out the door. My deep faith and trust in God were close behind. I have friends who care and my sisters and I are fortunate to have a close and loving relationship. But, food was my salvation. Good food, junk food, it did not matter. One day, after eating a meal that made me sick, I realized that I had a real problem. I became addicted to food; yes it is very possible to do that. As a diabetic, I have to be especially careful about what I eat. Ha! Even diabetes could not stop me from eating the wrong things. A Rabbi recommended a specific self help book. When I was researching the book on , I came across this book. Not being a fan of self-help books, I decided to give this book a try. Twelve Jewish Steps to Recovery is a miraculous find for me. The use of religion references is perfect. There is not so much that a person would be turned off. The readings are short and meaningful and, for me, supportive and calming. There is no heavy duty stuff just light and easy to understand. And, it is helping me. I read through the book and pick it up every day to read a step or two. This is definitely my kind of book. Give it a try, it may be your kind of book.

the author blends the spirituality of the 12 steps of AA with words from the Torah and the Talmud. They are interchangeable. The book speaks to those who think that the "big book" of AA is Christian faith based, and clearly shows that it is about any faith. The steps are the steps. The commentary to help illustrate the meaning of the 12 steps can come from anywhere. Those of us who suffer from addiction, can find a Higher Power from anywhere, if we are willing to accept our powerlessness, and turn our lives over to that God of our understanding.

This is a wonderful take on the 12 Steps.

I thought this was a very good introduction to the twelve step program. Many Jews are afraid of the

twelve step programs and this book clears away any objections. Thanks.

this book is critical for those who wish to incorporate Judaism with the spirituality of recovery

Great book. Helps recovery for people who don't believe in Christianity.

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