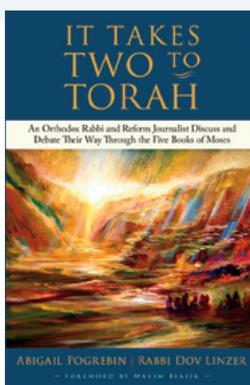


Talking Torah Despite Deep Differences: The Greatest Glue Between Us is an Ancient Book

Abigail Pogrebin and Rabbi Dov Linzer



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Abigail Pogrebin, a former Producer of the TV show *Sixty Minutes* (for Mike Wallace), is the author of *Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish* (Random House, 2005) and *My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew* (Fig Tree Books LLC, 2017), which was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award. She has written for, among other periodicals, *The Atlantic*, *New York Magazine*, *Tablet*, and *The Forward*.

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