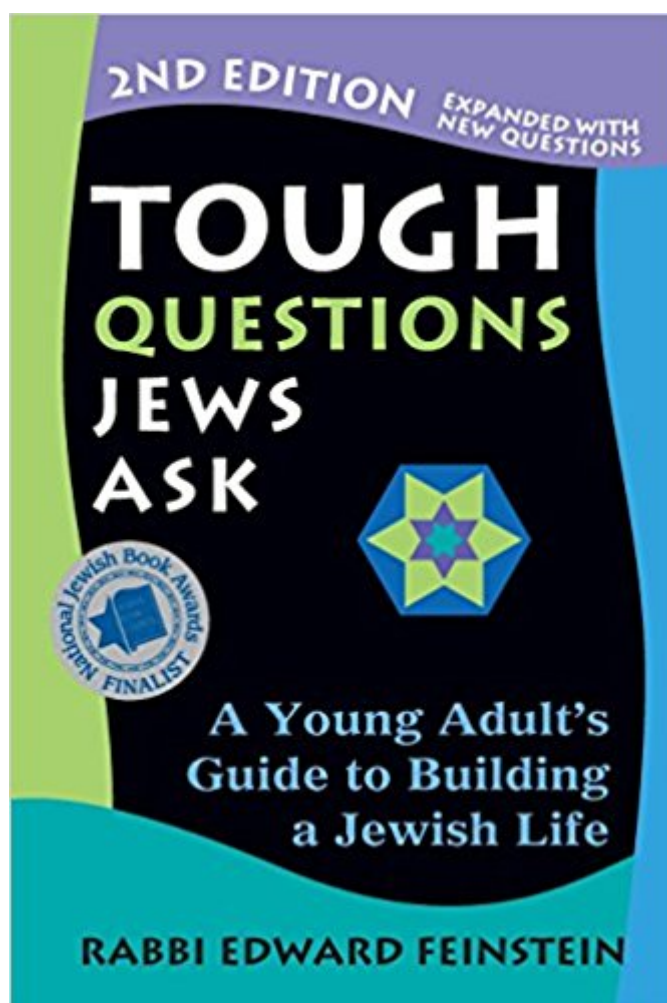


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# Tough Questions Jews Ask 2/E: A Young Adult's Guide To Building A Jewish Life



## Synopsis

What your rabbi probably has never told you, but couldâ if you'd only ask. "Every day I wonder if God is real, if the Torah is true. Every day I wonder why I'm a Jew. But that's part of being Jewish. In the Torah, we're called Yisraelâ the ones who wrestle with God. Wrestling, asking, wondering, searching is just what God wants us to do! God loves good questions. Now tell me, what are your questions?"â from Chapter 1 In Judaism we're allowed to ask questions. We are invited to ask them. But for young people, it often feels as if no one is willing to take tough questions about religion, ourselves, and the world seriously. This updated and expanded new edition of Tough Questions Jews Ask turns that all around. With honesty, humor and respect, Rabbi Edward Feinstein tackles topics as diverse as: Why Does God Let Terrible Things Happen? What Is God Anyway? If I Pray for Something, Will I get It? What's the meaning of life? Is that a dumb question? Why Does Religion Need So Many Rules? Why Be Jewish? With insight and wisdomâ and without pretending to have all the answersâ Rabbi Feinstein encourages young people to make sense of the Jewish tradition by wrestling with what we don't understand.

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"I wish I had this book when I was young. I'm grateful that the bat mitzvah and their parents in my congregation have it now. Rabbi Feinstein responds to the tough questions thoughtful Jewish teenagers ask with wisdom, humor, gentleness and insight. "â Rabbi Laura Geller, senior rabbi, Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, Californiaâ œ In this remarkable book Rabbi Feinstein asks all the

tough questions, and gives them thoughtful, important and often surprising answers. I will keep it by my desk; every Jewish parent seeking answers should do the same. • Rabbi David Wolpe, Sinai Temple, Los Angeles, California; author, *Teaching Your Children About God* • A masterpiece in Jewish education by a master educator. A gift for teenagers and adults alike. • Rabbi Donniel Hartman, co-director, Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem • Takes us through those 'keep-you-up-at-night'™ questions • and does so with wit and depth. This is the best theology book for young people that I have read in a long time. It will be must-reading for confirmation classes and Hebrew high school. What a treasure! • Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin, author, *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah and For Kids* • *Putting God on Your Guest List: How to Claim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Bar or Bat Mitzvah*

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Outstanding book written for young teens but applicable to others as well. Rabbi Feinstein explains typical questions young Jewish teens might ask in a manner that will appeal to young people. Highly recommended for your young teen or tween.

I don't agree with his overly PC explanations of Christianity and Islam because I think that it is a missed opportunity to make the case for why Judaism is the real thing and these others fall short. But overall a very good piece of work and well focused on the bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah in training.

Fantastic book that takes really complex ideas and makes them interesting and understandable to preteen and parent alike!

Extraordinary book for children and adults !!!

Best book for my twelve year old boy!

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I am a rabbi who gives this book as a bar/bat mitzvah gift. It is a perfect springboard for the growing adult to learn important questions are worth asking. Rabbi Dan Gordon Houston, Texas

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