

## Unit 4 **Modern Orthodoxy**

### Readings:

- 1) Rabbi Samuel Belkin,
  - i. *Essays in Traditional Jewish Thought* (selections)
  - ii. “*Philosophy of Purpose*” in *Studies in Torah Judaism*
- 2) R. Hayyim Halevi Donin, *To Be a Jew* Introduction
- 3) Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, *Essential Essays of Eliezer Berkovits*, chapters 1-5, 10, 11 (not on the web)
- 4) Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman, “*Dialectic of The Halakhah*” “*Future of Jewish Law*” both in *Treasury of Tradition*
- 5) Rabbi Walter Wurzberger
  - i. “Covenantal Imperatives” “Darkhei Shalom”
  - ii. “Alienation and Exile” Pluralism and the halakhah” Oral Law and the Conservative Dilemma” in *Treasury of Tradition*
  - iii. *Sermons*
  - iv. “*Metahalakhic prepositions*”  
<http://www.rabbiwurzburger.org/PDF/Meta-Halakhic Propositions.PDF>
- 6) Rabbi Shubert Spero, “Is Judaism Optimistic?” in *Treasury of Tradition*
- 7) *RCA Sermon Manuel* – [hebrewbooks.org](http://hebrewbooks.org)
- 8) Rabbi Sol Roth,
  - i. *Religion and Science* 564-573 [527-542] in *Studies in Torah Judaism*
  - ii. “*Idea of Synthesis*” *The Jewish Idea of Community*
- 9) R. Norman Lamm, *Faith and Doubt* “*Two Versions of Synthesis*”  
“*Intro To Extraterrestrial life*”
- 10) R. Maurice Lamm, *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning* (selected pages)
- 11) Jewish Life – assorted articles
  - i. Critique of Conservative Judaism
  - ii. The New RIETS and its products
  - iii. Goals and vision for modern orthodox Jews

### Secondary Literature:

- 1) Jonah Steinberg, “From a Pot of Filth to a Hedge of Roses (and Back Again)”
- 2) Martin Marty, *Modern American religion* volume III selections
- 3) James Hudnut-Beumler, *Looking for God in the Suburbs: The Religion of the American Dream and its Critics, 1945-1965*.