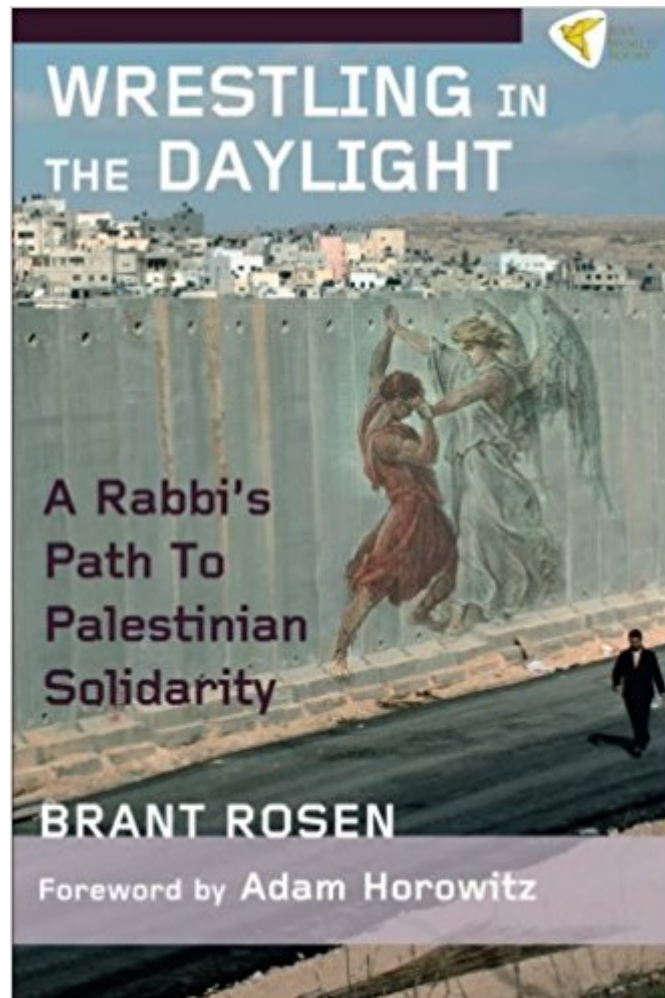




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In 2006, Rabbi Brant Rosen launched a blog called Shalom Rav, in which he reflected on various social-justice issues. In 2008, Israel launched a harsh attack against Gaza-and caused Rosen to deeply question his lifelong liberal Zionism. Unlike the biblical Jacob, who wrestled with his conscience in the dark of night, Rabbi Rosen chose to "wrestle in the daylight", which he did through many deep, thoughtful interactions on his blog. In *Wrestling in the Daylight* Rabbi Rosen presents the most piercing of these discussions. By including the arguments of his online critics along with his own, he takes readers into controversies in the heart of the American Jewish community. The Foreword is written by Adam Horowitz, Co-Editor of the current affairs website Mondoweiss.net.

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I had come across one or two of Brant Rosen's blogs and found them to be insightful and stimulating, and so when I found out about this book, I felt confident that it would be worth investing in. My hunch proved to be one worth following. As someone who leads a hectic life balancing work and family commitments, having time to read continuously and uninterrupted is a luxury. So the format of this book was ideal for me. Each chapter stands alone, and in the most part (aside perhaps from chapter 7) the reader does not have to read an entire chapter in one go. Each chapter is themed, and begins with an introductory piece of narrative, setting the scene for the discrete pieces that follow. The introduction is then followed by a collection of writings from Rabbi Rosen's blog, Shalom Rav and in turn, these are followed by a short "discussion." These discussions are

essentially a sample of responses to the piece contributed by various people who to varying degrees, agree or disagree with Brant Rosen's analysis. In short, it is a book that can be enjoyed in bite-sized chunks though don't let that put you off. There were occasions when I had a little more time on my hands than at others, and so was able to consume two or three chapters in one sitting and would gladly have continued to read the book to the end had time allowed. It is certainly very engaging. In publishing his writings (along with the ensuing discussions) the Rabbi is doing the whole world a favour. Anyone who dares to question the policies and actions of the Israeli government can become the target of those for whom Israel can do no wrong. Indeed, at time of writing this review one such individual has reacted to this book not by offering a critique (he would need to have read it to have done that!

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