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Marriage and Metaphor argues that the dominant model by which rabbis and rabbinic culture construct marriage and gender relations in marriage is a metaphor of property and ownership. Gail Labovitz does not shy away from the broader implications of her work?especially as a rabbi, wife, mother, and a teacher of future rabbis and Jewish educators.

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Rabbinic wives were simultaneously like and unlike slaves, and rabbinic marriage was simultaneously like and unlike the acquisition of property. Particularly exciting is her insight about how the acquisition-metaphor accounts for diverse rabbinic approaches to marriage: the designation of the wife as merchandise, the potential for marriage to be “a purchase made in error,” and the motif of the marketplace as a threat to men’s proper ownership of women.

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