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"Friedman uses his unique position as family therapist and rabbi to explore ways to be an effective agent of change in a group. He shows how ceremonies and rituals, as developmental markers in the

lives of families and organizations, can be transformed into systemic interventions that spur healing and growth. In the footsteps of Murray Bowen, Friedman moves seamlessly between a leader's self-differentiation as a person and his or her role within families and other systems, giving each their due. For family therapists, *Generation to Generation* is a pioneering text that illuminates the relevance of personal spirituality and religious life to the functioning of healthy families."--James L. Griffith, MD, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, The George Washington University

"*Generation to Generation* provides a needed corrective to the general tendency in ministry to focus on the individual. I have found the text to be useful in my Youth Ministry courses to remind Catholic missionaries that the family is the domestic church. While we may see the individual in front of us, Friedman widens our vision so we may see the larger context of the individual at home and in the congregation. Insightful and grounded in reality, *Generation to Generation* is a valuable resource for those intending to minister to others."--Biff Rocha, MA, Department of Theology, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas

"When [this book] was originally written, learning about the emotional side of congregations was not part of the curriculum in most seminaries. Now it is the gold standard in this area, and *Generation to Generation* is a text many clergy carry with them each day....Just as the book's title suggests, Friedman's ideas continue to be passed down to today's generation of leaders."--from the Foreword to the Paperback Edition by Gary Emanuel, PhD, and Mickie Crimone, MS, APRN

"Well written and lively...required reading for pastoral counselors of every persuasion....Any therapist will find here new techniques for bringing about changes and will enlarge his or her conceptual framework of the human dilemma." --Jay Haley

"A feature throughout the book is the heavy use of story and narrative to make a point. This is very effective as the narrative often contains multi-dimensional meanings that the author then explores in an engaging way....Provides an interesting and very readable account of how to incorporate family processes into congregational life."--Journal for the Study of Marriage and Spirituality (*Journal for the Study of Marriage and Spirituality* 2011-03-04)

"I was shocked, surprised and disillusioned when I began to realize that hard work, sincerity and prayer weren't enough to guarantee success in pastoral ministry. I kept getting myself into tangles that I didn't understand until I read this book by a storytelling rabbi with uncommon wisdom. Friedman helped me see that the best way to engage with the factors I can't control—like the opinions and behavior of others—was to focus on the factors that I can control: my own presence, identity and behavior in the social system of the local congregation."--The Christian Century (*The Christian Century* 2011-03-04)

"An important contribution to...family systems thinking and pastoral care....One of the most creative aspects of this volume is the way the book is laid out. The chapters are organized around interrelated concepts that feed back on and amplify one another—a design that itself helps the reader begin to think systemically."--Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling (*Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling* 2011-03-04)

"A groundbreaking book in the use of family therapy....The key is not expertise, but self-definition and self-understanding."--Behavioral Studies of Religion (*Behavioral Studies of Religion* 2011-03-04)

"A must read for persons of the cloth, for it points to significant issues and considerations on the experience of living in families and working with a congregation as a family."--Review and Expositor (*Review and Expositor* 2005-01-03)

### **About the Author**

Edwin H. Friedman, a family therapist and ordained rabbi, was born in New York City and worked for more than 35 years in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, until his death in 1996. Well known in the fields of mental health and pastoral education, Dr. Friedman brought his unique blend of systems thinking and common sense to his highly regarded work as a consultant and leadership trainer with diverse professional and government organizations.

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