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with all my love

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שתולים בבית יי
בחצרות אלהינו יפריחו
עוד ינובון בשיבה ורעננים יהיו ...

The righteous shall flourish like palms
grow tall like cedars in Lebanon
rooted in the house of the Lord
they shall flourish in the courts of our God
In old age they shall still produce fruit
they shall be ever fresh and green...

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War and warfare remain little explored regions of the halakhah. After defeat by the Romans in 70 C.E. Jews had no army nor were we permitted to serve in the armed forces of others till the nineteenth century Emancipation. Jews were forced into pacifism for two thousand years. No just war theory nor anything like it developed.

Despite these realities or because of them, the topic is essential for our time. War, pacifism, warfare, military service, terrorism, torture, martyrdom, and ransoming captives are very much on our mind and are the subject of this volume.

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