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The Rabbinic Alumni Association of Hebrew Union College has previously published five volumes of selected responsa representing Solomon B. Freehof's work in the field over a period of almost two decades. Through this volume, *Reform Responsa for Our Time*, we pay special tribute to the author's eighty-fifth birthday; it is published by the Association with the generous help of the Rodef Shalom Congregation, which wishes to honor its Rabbi Emeritus through its assistance.

The responsa of Solomon B. Freehof, and his thoughtful introductions to each volume, show us something of the development of the Reform Jewish approach to *Halachah* in the last two decades. It is appropriate at the outset of this volume to summarize the Halachic activity within the Reform movement so that Solomon Freehof's labors can be seen in perspective.

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