The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

Congress opens each session with a prayer offered by a chaplain or guest chaplain. Among the guest chaplains are Rabbis. Howard Mortman's book is about the rabbis who provided Jewish prayers in the literal and figurative center of American democracy.

Mortman’s exhaustive research delivers a manuscript, written in approachable prose, that uniquely tells the story of over 400 rabbis offering over 600 prayers since the Civil War days. Author Howard Mortman will be joined by Rabbi Gary P. Zola, PhD of the American Jewish Archives, and interviewed by Rachel Katz, C-SPAN Affiliate Relations Manager.

When Rabbi’s Bless Congress is an important addition to our understanding of Congress and Jewish contribution to America.