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Fraenkel, Carlos, ed. *Traditions of Maimonideanism*. Leiden: Brill, 2009. 358 p. \$178.00 (ISBN 978-9-00417-333-0).

This collection of fourteen revised papers from a 2004 conference in London deals with Maimonides' thought and influence. Three of the papers are on what are probably the least discussed of his writings, those on medicine. Perhaps the essay of most general interest is "Maimonides' Disputed Legacy," by Menachem Kellner, in which the author persuasively argues that Maimonides was a largely (though not entirely) unsuccessful religious reformer. Perhaps the most unexpected essay is Naftali Loewenthal's "The Image of Maimonides in Habad Hasidism," because one hardly thinks of their conceptual universes as congruent. For comprehensive or specialized collections.

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