Returning

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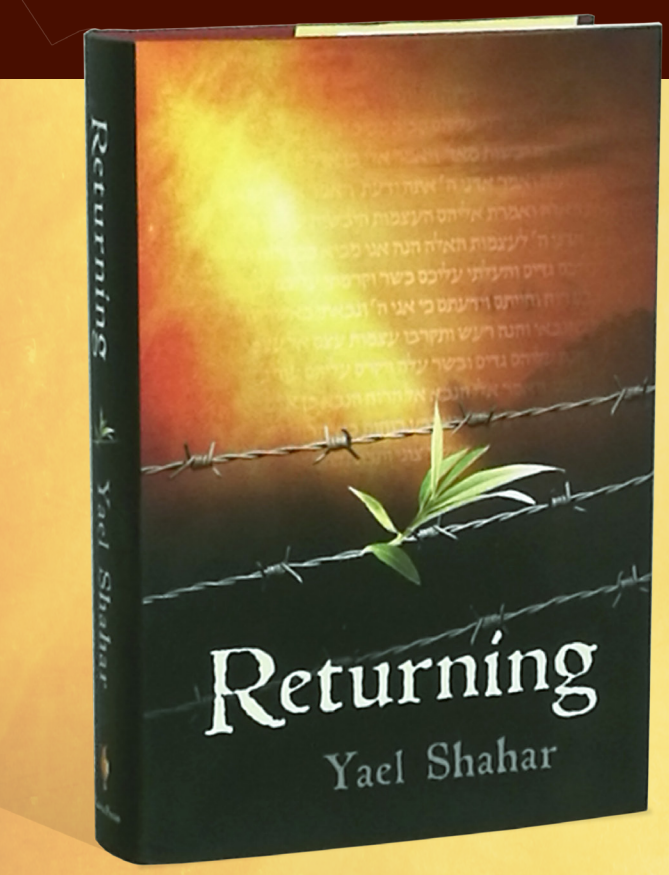

How far will one man go for forgiveness?

Alex endured more than a year in Auschwitz. Unable to speak of what he did to survive, he was locked in the silent prison of his guilt. Now he is finally ready to face his past … but his past is the least of his secrets.

Alex was only seventeen when he was torn from his home and deported to Auschwitz. There, he saw things that no one should ever see, and did things he would give anything to forget. Decades later, he still can't speak of his past — or even reveal his identity to those closest to him.

Now he's decided to put himself on trial for treason against his people. Approaching a local rabbi to serve as judge, he sets in motion a process that may let him rejoin the world of the living — if it doesn't destroy him first.

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Intriguing! At times dark and haunting, at times lyrical and introspective. *Returning* will resonate long after 'the end'.

—Dan Sofer, author of the *Dry Bones Society* trilogy