

# God in Gotham

THE MIRACLE OF RELIGION IN  
MODERN MANHATTAN



Jon Butler

The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press

Cambridge, Massachusetts

London, England

2020

# CONTENTS

Introduction: Are You There God?	1
1 Spiritual Terror and Sacred Awe in the Capital of American Secularism	11
2 Organizing God	32
3 Sacralizing the Urban Landscape	78
4 Modernizing God in Jim Crow Manhattan	113
5 God's Urban Hothouse	152
Conclusion: Moving Out, Moving On	210
Notes	237
Acknowledgments	291
Index	295