Tillie:
A New York City Girl: 1906-2001
Mark Goldman

Summary
Lost photographs, a found memoir, discovered documents, and warm, endearing memories inspired historian Mark Goldman, author of the biography of John Albright, to focus his research on his own family history. In learning about and telling his mother’s story, he discovered he was also telling an important part of the story of New York City during a unique and vibrant era in the mid-1900s. Tillie’s life growing up in mid-century New York City — living on Riverside Drive, playing in Central Park, accompanying her father to work in the Garment District in a Willys Jeep, becoming involved in the Spanish Civil War — reveals a colorful facet of the Jewish immigrant experience through the eyes of a fierce woman. Lushly illustrated with found family photographs, this memoir by award-winning author and historian Mark Goldman is a feast for the eyes and will speak to your soul.

Contributor Bio
An historian, Mark Goldman is the author of City on the Edge, City on the Lake, High Hopes, and the award-winning Albright: The Life and Times of John J. Albright. With Tillie he focuses his trained researcher’s eye on his own family. “This is the first book that I have written that is not set in Buffalo. I, like Tillie, am a New Yorker born and bred and it is there that so much of who I am resides. Tillie is as much a tribute to New York City as it is to Tillie.”

The Spiral Shell
A French Village Reveals Its Secrets of Jewish Resistance in World War II
Sandell Morse

Summary
April 2020 will mark the 80th Anniversary of the fall of France to Nazi Germany, and the establishment of the provisional government of the Vichy state, a puppet of the Axis regime, to carry out the arrest and deportation of all Jewish civilians. In the course of her writing residency over a three-year period in the village of Auvillar, the author learns of acts of bravery and rebellion on the part of several of the Jewish families and individuals who risked their lives to save innocent refugees and children orphaned by the Holocaust, and gradually gains their trust enough for them to share the details of their harrowing experiences of rebellion and resistance. The author in turn discovers truths about her own life and Jewish heritage in America, which she now sees in the light of the bravery and selflessness of those who elected to act and not stand by idly in the face of oppression and genocide.

Contributor Bio
Sandell Morse’s nonfiction has been noted in The Best American Essays series, been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and won the Fourth Genre Steinberg Essay Prize.

Your Note: Jewish
The Kosher Delhi
Ivan Wainewright

Summary
"If you ask me now if it was all worth it, would I do it all again, then I know I am supposed to say, 'Yes! I wouldn’t change a thing.' I’m just not sure that’s true." Vik is a 20-year-old English boy of Jewish/Indian mixed heritage who meets Yvonne, a Scottish activist and hedonist who strives vehemently for social justice. Set in the early 1990s, the story follows Vik and Yvonne from Leeds to London to New York, tracking their journey and relationship: Vik’s culinary experiences of working in restaurant kitchens; Yvonne’s political ventures in the music scene; their exposure to racism and homophobia; and the pressures on their relationship. As their relationship becomes strained, Vik is also increasingly exposed to bigotry and homophobia, with more violent and fatal outcomes. He reaches a point when he has to decide if he is going to stand up for what he believes in.

Contributor Bio
Ivan Wainewright has been an independent IT consultant for many years, working solely with charities and not-for-profit organizations. The Kosher Delhi is his debut novel.

Passport to Death
Yigal Zur

Perfect for fans of Daniel Silva and Nelson DeMille: When Dotan Naor, an Israeli private investigator, ousted from Shin Bet—Israel's internal security service—is hired to find Sigal Bardon, a young woman missing in Bangkok, he encounters a missing drug shipment related to her—and an Israeli connecti...

Summary
Perfect for fans of Daniel Silva and Nelson DeMille.

Dotan Naor, an Israeli private investigator, ousted from Shin Bet—Israel’s internal security service—goes to Thailand to find Sigal Bardon, a beautiful young girl from a wealthy Israeli family. Sigal has disappeared in Bangkok—completely. Dotan has connections in Thailand and he’s familiar with Bangkok’s dark side—the narrow alleys with bars and hookers, trenches of stagnant water, hotel rooms with illicit activity. This is where he intends to start his search. But when the passport of the missing Israeli girl ends up in his hands during his first taxi ride in the city, he’s suspicious that someone is playing him. But who? And why?

As Dotan searches for Sigal, police corruption blocks his every path. Every lead he pursues draws him closer and closer to a black hole in his "own" past—one intertwined with his pursuit of Sigal—one that leads him to Reuven—and the haunting failure that led to the dismissal of both of them from Shin Bet. The wound between Dotan and Reuven is raw and deep, but Dotan realizes it must be healed in order to s...

Contributor Bio
Yigal Zur is an Israeli writer, journalist, television host, and tour guide. He served in the military, spending time on the front lines in the Golan Heights during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. He is the only Israeli journalist ever to be embedded with the US Army in action during Desert Storm.

Zur attended L'Ecole Internationale de Theatre Jacques Lecoq, Paris, and Beit Zvi School of Performing Arts, and he is a graduate of Tel Aviv University.
Death in Shangri-La
Yigal Zur

An international thriller perfect for fans of Brad Thor and Daniel Silva

Ex-Israeli operative, and now private investigator, Dotan Naor, travels to the Himalayas to locate the missing son of a ruthless Israeli arms merchant. His arrival coincides with a series of brutal attacks on groups of visiting ...

Summary
Perfect for fans of Nelson DeMille and Daniel Silva

Ex-Israeli operative turned private investigator, Dotan Naor—to settle a bet—agrees to locate the missing son of former acquaintance, now ruthless Israeli arms merchant, Willy Mizrachi. Willy, who does not hesitate to sell killing machines to the most heinous players in the world, is desperate to find his only son, Itiel, who has headed to an ashram in the Himalayas. The Himalayas are also host to groups of young Israelis who have completed their mandatory military service—a sort of rite of passage. Now, those innocent kids are being hunted down by violent terrorists. India and the disputed Kashmir region between India and Pakistan is familiar territory to Dotan, as he searches for Itiel and for the source of these heinous attacks on Israeli youth. Unwilling to leave this quest in the hands of Dotan, Willy also travels to India, where he is murdered in Delhi, triggering international repercussions capable of ripping the world apart at one of its most dangerous flashpoints. Nothing is as it seems in this region of the world. Betrayal ...

Contributor Bio
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Counting on America: A Holocaust Memoir of Terror, Chutzpah, Romance and Escape
Gary Reiner, Kurt Reiner

Summary
The urgency for Kurt and Hennie Reiner to escape Vienna accelerates when Kurt is imprisoned in Dachau. He is released but threatened with certain arrest unless a legal way is discovered to exit occupied Austria. As the couple seek safe haven and scramble to obtain visas, they are conscripted for work at Fischamend, an SS monitored farm labor camp. Counting on America is told in the first-person, an engaging format that emotionally transports the reader into the Holocaust scenarios experienced by Kurt and Hennie Reiner. Historical context interspersed throughout the memoir supports the tale and provides an educated perspective of the Holocaust. The book delivers a compelling message not only about the dangers of racial hatred and anti-Semitism, but the importance of America to refugees fleeing despotic nations in pursuit of religious tolerance and freedom.

Contributor Bio
Gary Reiner spent nearly thirty years as a criminal justice consultant and project director. He designed educational training programs for the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government and operational programs for federal, state, and local criminal justice systems. Kurt Reiner was born September 22, 1913, in Vienna, Austria. He escaped Europe with his wife, Hennie, in May 1940. His professional career began in the shipyards of Salem and Portland, Oregon, where he helped build "Liberty Ships" and other tankers shortly after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941. After moving to New York at the end of WWII, Kurt Reiner settled in his profession and contributed to the defense industry of America for over 40 years.
The Writing on the Wall
How One Boy, My Father, Survived the Holocaust
Juliet Rieden, Magda Szubanski

Summary
In 1939, as Hitler's troops march on Prague, a Jewish couple makes a heartbreaking decision that will save their eight-year-old son's life but change their family forever. Australian journalist Juliet Rieden grew up in England in the 1960s and 70s always sensing that her family was different in some way. She longed to have relatives and knew precious little about her Czech father's childhood as a refugee. On the night before Juliet's father died, in 2006, Juliet's father suddenly looked up and said: "The plane is in the hangar." In the years after his death, Juliet comes to truly understand the significance of these words. On a trip to Prague she is shocked to see the Rieden name written many times over on the walls of the Pinkas Synagogue memorial. These names become the catalyst for a life-changing journey that uncovers a personal Holocaust tragedy of epic proportions. Juliet traces the grim fate of her father's cousins, aunts and uncles on visits to Auschwitz and Theresienstadt concentration camps and learns about the extremes of cruelty, courage and kindness. Then in a locked box...

Contributor Bio
Juliet Rieden has been a journalist for more than 30 years, working between the UK and Australia for magazines and newspapers as a writer and editor. She is currently Editor-At-Large at *The Australian Women's Weekly*, where she also works as the Royal Correspondent and the Books Editor. Her first book was *The Royals in Australia*. Magda Szubanski is an actress best known for *Kath and Kim*, and the author of *Reckoning*.

Singing for All He's Worth
Alex Skovron, Raimond Gaita, Alex Miller

Summary
In the early 1990s, after writing for most of his life in Yiddish, his mother tongue, Jacob Rosenberg decided to switch to English. The period of extraordinary creativity that followed was cut short only by his death in 2008, at the age of 86. During those fifteen-odd years, Rosenberg wrote and published three collections of poetry, a book of short stories, a novel, and two prize-winning memoirs that chart his journey from youth in the Lodz ghetto, through the nightmare of the Holocaust and the loss of his entire family, to the rebuilding of a future in Australia.

*Singing for All He's Worth* brings together twelve men and women from Australian literary and intellectual life who knew Jacob Rosenberg and offer their responses to his writings. It is a colourful and moving collection, each contributor illuminating different facets of Rosenberg's remarkable mind and personality.

As Raimond Gaita points out in his foreword: "All the contributors to this volume were his friends. All esteemed him as a man and as a writer. Many loved him. The love and the esteem are warmly evident in the essays...

Contributor Bio
Raimond Gaita is presently Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy, King's College London, and Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne Law School and the Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne. He is the author of *Romulus, My Father, A Common Humanity* and *The Philosopher's Dog*. Alex Miller was co-founder of the Anthill Theatre and a founding member of the Melbourne Writers' Theatre. He is the author of numerous works of fiction and has received many accolades including the Miles Franklin Award, the Commonwealth Writer's Prize, and the Age Book of the Year Award. Alex Skovron is a book editor and writer. He is the author of five collections of poetry, most recently *The Man and the Map* and *Autographs*, as well as a prose novella, *The Poet*. 
**Four Thousand Lives** *(2nd Edition)*  
The Rescue of German Jewish Men to Britain, 1939  
Clare Ungerson

The first book on a British effort to save lives, as important as the well known kindertransport, but this was only men – their wives and children were still in Germany

**Summary**

In November 1938 about 30,000 German Jewish men were taken to concentration camps where they were subjected to torture, starvation and arbitrary death. In *Four Thousand Lives*, Clare Ungerson tells the remarkable story of how the grandees of Anglo-Jewry persuaded the British Government to allow them to establish a transit camp in Sandwich, East Kent, to which up to 4,000 men could be brought while they waited for permanent settlement overseas. The whole rescue was funded by the British Jewish community, with help from American Jewry. Most of the men had to leave their families behind. Would they get them out in time? And how would the people of Sandwich – a town the same size as the camp – react to so many German speaking Jewish foreigners? There was a well-organised branch of the British Union of Fascists in Sandwich. Lady Pearson, the BUF candidate for Canterbury, was President of the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce and Captain Gordon Canning, a prominent Fascist and close friend of Oswald Mosley, lived there and he and his grand friends used to meet there to play golf. This background ...

**Contributor Bio**

CLARE UNGERSON was brought up in London in a German Jewish refugee household and educated at the University of Oxford and the London School of Economics. Her whole working life was spent in academia and on retirement in 2004 she was appointed Emeritus Professor of Social Policy at the University of Southampton. She is married to an historian and lives in Sandwich. She is the author of many books on social policy.

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**True as True Can Be**  
Thorpe Moeckel

**Summary**

Lucinda Mae lives with her family and their homestead animals in Painter Creek Hollow, a secluded nook of the Blue Ridge Escarpment in upstate South Carolina that people call the Gorges. The story explores the lifeways of rural mountain families who remain tied to traditional ways of living, such as raising hogs, poultry, hunting squirrels, and using local plants for medicine, among others. The winter holiday season, the warming earth, and the ways misunderstanding and prejudice can harm relationships between friends and between generations are also themes in the novel.

**Contributor Bio**

**On the Run in Nazi Berlin**

_A Memoir_

Bert Lewyn, Bev Saltzman Lewyn

**Summary**

BERLIN, 1942. The Gestapo arrest eighteen-year-old Bert Lewyn and his parents, sending the latter to their deaths and Bert to work in a factory making guns for the Nazi war effort. Miraculously tipped off the morning the Gestapo round up all the Jews who work in the factories, Bert goes underground. He finds shelter sometimes with compassionate civilians, sometimes with people who find his skills useful and sometimes in the cellars of bombed-out buildings. Without proper identity papers, he survives as a hunted Jew in the flames and terror of Nazi Berlin in part by successfully mimicking non-Jews, even masquerading as an SS officer. But the Gestapo are hot on his trail...

Before World War II, 160,000 Jews lived in Berlin. By 1945, only 3,000 remained alive. Bert was one of the few, and his thrilling memoir—from witnessing the famous 1933 book burning to the aftermath of the war in a displaced persons camp—offers an unparalleled depiction of the life of a runaway Jew caught in the heart of the Nazi empire.

**Contributor Bio**

_Bert Lewyn (1923–2016)_ was born Dagobert Lewin in Berlin. He emigrated to the United States in 1949 and settled in Atlanta, Georgia. He Americanized his name and started a family. His daughter-in-law, Bev Saltzman Lewyn, who worked as a researcher for CNN, persuaded him to tell his story; together they made shocking discoveries about his history through assiduous investigation.

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**Five Chimneys**

_A Woman Survivor's True Story of Auschwitz_

Olga Lengyel

**Summary**

Olga Lengyel tells, frankly and without compromise, one of the most horrifying stories of all time. This true, documented chronicle is the intimate, day-to-day record of a beautiful woman who survived the nightmare of Auschwitz and Birchenau. This book is a necessary reminder of one of the ugliest chapters in the history of human civilization. It was a shocking experience. It is a shocking book.
**The Stone Crusher**  
The True Story of a Father and Son’s Fight for Survival in Auschwitz  
Jeremy Dronfield

**Summary**  
Sophie Brody Award Honorable Mention

In 1939, Gustav Kleinmann, a Jewish upholsterer in Vienna, was arrested by the Nazis. Along with his sixteen-year-old son Fritz, he was sent to Buchenwald in Germany, where a new concentration camp was being built. It was the beginning of a six-year odyssey almost without parallel. They helped build Buchenwald, young Fritz learning construction skills which would help preserve him from extermination in the coming years. But it was his bond with his father that would ultimately keep them both alive. When the fifty-year-old Gustav was transferred to Auschwitz—a certain death sentence—Fritz was determined to go with him. His wiser friends tried to dissuade him—“If you want to keep living, you have to forget your father,” one said. But that was impossible, and Fritz pleaded for a place on the Auschwitz transport. “He is a true comrade,” Gustav wrote in his secret diary, “always at my side. The boy is my greatest joy. We are inseparable.” Gustav kept his diary hidden throughout his six years in the death camps—even Fritz knew nothing of it. From this di...

**Contributor Bio**  
Jeremy Dronfield is a biographer, historian, novelist, and ghostwriter. Following a career in archaeology, he began writing fiction. His titles include the bestselling thriller *The Locust Farm* and *The Alchemist’s Apprentice*. His recent nonfiction includes the bestselling *Beyond the Call* and *Dr James Barry: A Woman Ahead of Her Time*. His website is jeremydronfield.com.

**Counting on America**  
A Holocaust Memoir of Terror, Chutzpah, Romance and Escape  
Gary Reiner, Kurt Reiner, Michael Berenbaum

**Summary**  
Counting on America, an uplifting Holocaust memoir, illustrates the escalation of anti-Semitism following Germany’s annexation of Austria in 1938 (the Anschluss); and the obstacles Jewish refugees faced trying to reach the shores of America. In response to the Nazi invasion, newlyweds Kurt and Hennie Reiner flee Vienna. If you are Jewish or come from an immigrant family, this chronicle is your legacy. Their urgency to find safe haven accelerates when Kurt is imprisoned in Dachau. He is released but threatened with certain arrest unless he can find a legal way out of Germany. As the couple scramble to obtain visas, they are conscripted for work at Fischamend, an SS monitored farm labor camp. Next, their arduous escape path leads them to Marseill...
The Art of Inventing Hope
Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel
Howard Reich

Summary
The Art of Inventing Hope offers an unprecedented, in-depth conversation between the world’s most revered Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel, and a son of survivors, Howard Reich. During the last four years of Wiesel’s life, he met frequently with Reich in New York, Chicago and Florida—and spoke with him often on the phone—to discuss the subject that linked them: Reich’s father, Robert Reich, and Wiesel were both liberated from the Buchenwald death camp on April 11, 1945.

What had started as an interview assignment from the Chicago Tribune quickly evolved into a friendship and a partnership. Reich and Wiesel believed their colloquy represented a unique exchange between two generations deeply affected by a cataclysmic event. Wiesel said to Reich, “I’ve never done anything like this before,” and after reading the final book, asked him not to change a word.

Here Wiesel—at the end of his life—looks back on his ideas and writings on the Holocaust, synthesizing them in his conversations with Reich. The insights on life, ethics, and memory that Wiesel offers and Reich illuminates will not only h...

Contributor Bio
Howard Reich has written for the Chicago Tribune since 1978 and joined the staff in 1983. He is the author of five other books, including Prisoner of Her Past: A Son’s Memoir. Reich has won an Emmy Award, and the Chicago Journalists Association named him Chicago Journalist of the Year in 2011.

Like an Orange on a Seder Plate (2nd Edition)
Our Feminist Haggadah
Ruth Simkin

Summary
Not so very long ago, a woman wanted to know why women can’t be up on the bimah (alter), holding the torah. She asked the rabbi why this was so. The "learned rabbi" responded, stroking his beard, "A woman should be on the bimah like an orange should be on the Seder plate!" Now, each year at Passover, we give to an orange the place of honor on our Seder plate. This haggadah is a script for sharing the Passover Seder together in a contemporary, woman-affirming manner. It is truly a celebration for all.

Contributor Bio
Ruth Simkin is a retired physician whose published books include What Makes You Happy (short stories) and The Jagged Years of Ruthie J (memoir). She has written countless medical papers and contributed to textbooks as well.
Social Vision
The Lubavitcher Rebbe's Transformative Paradigm for the World
Philip Wexler

Summary
Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson (1902-1994), known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, was one of the most influential personalities of the 20th century and the only rabbi ever awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Despite wide recognition of Schneerson's impact, this is the first volume to seriously explore his social ideas and activism. Schneerson not only engineered a global Jewish renaissance but also became an advocate for public education, criminal justice reform, women's empowerment, and alternative energy. From the personal to the global his teachings chart a practical path for the replacement of materialism, alienation, anxiety and divisiveness with a dignified and joyous reciprocity. Social Vision delves into the deep structures of social reality and the ways it is shaped andreshaped by powerful ideologies. Juxtaposed with sociologist Max Weber's diagnosis of "inner worldly asceticism" as "the spirit of capitalism," Schneerson's socio-mystical worldview is compellingly framed as a transformative paradigm for the universal repair of society. The library of Schneerson's talks and wri...

Contributor Bio
Philip Wexler, is Executive Director of the Institute of Jewish Spirituality and Society, and emeritus Professor of Sociology of Education and Unterberg Chair in Jewish Social and Educational History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He was formerly at the University of Rochester as the Scandling Professor of Education and Sociology, where he was also Founding Dean of the Warner Graduate School (1989-2000). He later served as Director of the School of Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2002-2010), Visiting Bronfman Professor at Brandeis University (2010-2012), and Professor of Social Pedagogy and Social Policy at the Bergische University, Wuppertal, Germany (2012-2014). He received his Ph.D. in Sociology and Anthropology from Princeton University, where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow. He has published eighteen books on sociology, education, postmodernism and religion.

Eli Rubin is an editor and research writer at Chabad.org, and a graduate research student in the Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University College London...

The Torah
Rodney Mariner

Summary
A classic early 20th century translation by the Jewish Publication Society is graced by reproductions of ancient frescoes, medieval illuminated manuscripts, and paintings by contemporary artists. • Bound in blue cloth with illuminated front cover, bears all the hallmarks of a classic work. • This edition brings together one of the most beautiful renderings of the Hebrew Bible in the English language with a wealth of Jewish art and imagery. • Seventy-four ancient colour illustrations using archive material from many major collections & museums enhance the epic journey through time of a unique people. • The text selected is the classic 1917 Jewish Publicaton Society translation which brings alive the history of the Jewish people in a classic al way. • In addition to the contents a synoptic contents has been added to the beginning of each book of the Torah to help the reader locate the better known events and their themes. • The Hebrew texts as they actually appear in the Torah scroll have also been included for several significant passages. • This edition would g...

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Rodney Mariner has served Belsize Square Synagogue as its spiritual leader since 1982 and in that time has inspired the Congregation to progress further along its chosen path of modern Jewish traditionalism. Born in Melbourne, Victoria, in 1941, he left school at 15 and worked for several years in industry as an engineering draughtsman. But his ambition lay in the field of education and he enrolled at Monash University, graduating with an Honours Degree in English Literature and European History. He also obtained a Diploma of Education and, for a time, taught English at a secondary school. His commitment to religious and moral issues turned him towards rabbincs and he won a scholarship to the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, completing his studies at Leo Baeck College in London, where he obtained semicha in 1976. He became Assistant Minister at the North Western Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gardens, and, in 1978, he accepted a call from Edgware and District Reform Synagogue. He was inducted as Rabbi of Belsize Square Synagogue by Rabbi Dow Marmur in April 1982. Since then he has ...
I Asked for Wonder
A Spiritual Anthology
Abraham Joshua Heschel, Samuel H. Dresner

Summary
Considered by many to be one of the most significant Jewish theologians of the 20th century, Abraham Heschel finds just the right words to startle the mind and delight the heart. He addresses and challenges the whole person, portraying that rarest of human phenomena—the holy man.

The Truth About Leaving
Natalie Blitt

Summary
Lucy Green thought she had her senior year in the bag. Cute boyfriend? Check. College plan? Check.

But when her boyfriend dumps her the week before school starts and she literally stumbles into Dov, the new Israeli transfer student, on her first day of school, Lucy’s carefully mapped-out future crum...

Contributor Bio
Natalie Blitt is originally from Canada but now lives in the Chicago area with her husband and three sons, where she dreams up young adult novels.

Her first novel, The Distance from A to Z, has been called "swoon-worthy," "smart," and "heart-warming." Natalie currently works at an education think tank. She knows a lot about baseball. She has no choice.
**Art from the Holocaust**

100 Artworks from the Yad Vashem Collection
Eliad Moreh-Rosenberg

**Summary**
Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, is the global center for Holocaust education, remembrance, research and documentation. The book pays tribute to the fortitude of the human spirit. The shown 100 drawings and paintings, a representative core of Yad Vashem’s art collection were created in the camps, the ghettos, in hiding and by partisans. These rare artworks by some 50 artists, half of whom were murdered, reflect the tension between the cruel reality the artists experienced and their desire to take flight. Presented thematically, and supported by substantial research on the annals of the artists, the artworks shed light on the artists’ experience under the harshest of circumstances.

**Contributor Bio**
Eliad Moreh-Rosenberg survived terror attacks in Jerusalem in July 2002. He has a M.A. in Art History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and is a researcher in the Centre for Jewish Art Jerusalem. He has been included in interviews with New York Post, Fox News and meetings with high officials of the USA and Europe about the topic of terrorism.

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**My Life: Marc Chagall**

Marc Chagall

**Summary**
Marc Chagall's strange, vibrant, and poetic autobiographical essay on his early life, containing illustrations, has established itself as a unique document in 20th-century literature

Completed by the artist in 1922, this memoir became available in English in 1965 when Peter Owen published this translation, and it has remained in print ever since. Lyrical and evocative, it is a key work in Chagall studies for the light it sheds on the shaping of the artist’s creative genius. His deep roots in Jewish tradition—religious and secular—are reflected in these recollections of his poverty-stricken youth from Witebsk, White Russia, to the Parisian art world. Together, his words and pictures paint an incomparable portrait of one of the greatest artists of this century, and of the now vanished milieu that inspired him.

**Contributor Bio**
Marc Chagall (1887–1985) was a pioneer of modernism and one of the greatest figurative artists of the 20th century.
Hiding in Plain Sight
Eluding the Nazis in Occupied France
Sarah Lew Miller, Joyce B. Lazarus

Summary
*Hiding in Plain Sight: Eluding the Nazis in Occupied France* is an unusual memoir about the childhood and young adulthood of Sarah Lew Miller, a young Jewish girl living in Paris at the time of the Nazi occupation.

Contributor Bio
**Sarah Lew Miller** was born in Dereczyn, Poland in 1926, to a large Orthodox Jewish family. After moving to France to escape poverty, her family of ten survived four years of German Occupation (1940-1944). She has received several literary awards for her autobiographical writing. **Joyce B. Lazarus** grew up in New York City and earned a Ph.D. in French at Harvard University. She is Professor Emerita in Modern Languages at Framingham State University, where she taught for thirty-nine years. She has written extensively on French and Jewish cultural matters.

The Day the Nazis Came Here
Stephen Matthews

Summary
By the time he was six, Stephen had been bombarded by the Luftwaffe and deported from occupied Guernsey, along with his family, to a prison camp in the heart of the Third Reich. He had seen men die in front of him, walked with Jews straight off the cattle-trucks from Bergen-Belsen, and had his hand broken by a German guard for attempting to feed Russian prisoners. After three and a half years of imprisonment, they were eventually returned to a Guernsey which had been stricken to the core by Nazi occupation. Told through Steven Matthews’ own extraordinary experiences, as well as writing from his mother’s diaries and previously unpublished photos of historical significance, this is an utterly unique memoir. Depicting the world of Nazi prison camps through the eyes of a child, it tells not just of the prisoners’ desperate plight, but provides a reminder that human kindness may flower in the unlikeliest of places.

Contributor Bio
**Stephen Matthews** joined the British Colonial Police in Zambia, then Northern Rhodesia, and received many awards and commendations for his outstanding work in the Belgian Congo in the 1960s. Since then he has run his own international management consultancy company.
The Footsteps of Anne Frank
Ernst Schnabel, Erika Prins, Gillian Walnes

Summary
The essential companion to Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl*, first published in 1958, is back in print for the first time in more than 25 years.

Ernst Schnabel interviewed 42 of the people mentioned by Anne Frank in her diary, including her father, other family members, and close relatives and friends, in order to offer an accurate picture of who she actually was. Otto Frank initiated this project, such was the demand for more information about his daughter following the publication of her diary—as well as to combat growing accusations at the time, from the far right, that the diary was fake. Anne Frank left only a faint trail behind her. Acquaintances describe her as gracious, capricious at times, and full of ideas. She had a tender, but also critical spirit; a special gift for feeling deeply and for fear, but also her special kind of courage. This superbly written document broadens the picture we have of this extraordinary young girl. It also tells the full dramatic story of her family’s betrayal, and its disastrous aftermath in the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Bergen-Be...

Contributor Bio
Ernst Schnabel (1913-1986) gave up school at the age of 16 to sail the world and become a writer. Following an apprenticeship in the Merchant Navy, he served as a sailor from 1932 to 1936. He had written two novels by the outbreak of WWII, and was immediately drafted into the German navy where he continued to write. After the war, Schnabel, along with a group of intellectuals, was authorized by the British military to create a new German broadcasting station. Schnabel wrote works of fiction, essays, a libretto, radio plays, scripts, and documentaries, and was a pioneer of radio broadcasting. Erika Prins is a historian at Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. Gillian Walnes is the cofounder and executive director of Anne Frank Trust UK.
**Finding Relly**

*My Family, The Holocaust and Me*

Rosemary Schonfeld

**Summary**

Rosemary Schonfeld grew up as the daughter of a Czech immigrant in post-war UK and Canada, unaware of her father’s Jewish identity and of what really happened to his absent relatives. In adulthood she began to feel compelled to find out whether Relly, who had been married to her father’s brother and survived Auschwitz, was still alive. Relly was an exceptional person who lived a full, rich life without bitterness despite losing her entire family. Through conversations with her, the author started to understand not only what happened to her father, grandparents, and uncles, but also began to understand the many impacts of being a second-generation Holocaust survivor. *Finding Relly* explores the impact of the Holocaust in both the past and present. There is a danger of the Holocaust being relegated to the distant past; *Finding Relly* will help it keep its contemporary relevance.

**Contributor Bio**

Rosemary Schonfeld is a professional musician and composer. She also published short stories in anthologies and an illustrated book.

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**Jewish Nobel Prize Winners**

Derek Taylor, Theresa May

**Summary**

Jews make up 0.2% of the world’s population, yet they have won over 20% of the Nobel prizes. When one considers that Jews weren’t even admitted to the University in Britain until the 1820s, and were on a quota at some American Ivy League colleges until after the Second World War, their successes are truly remarkable. What is the reason for this disparity? Derek Taylor provides biographical chapters on all the prize-winning men and women, and an additional one on Alfred Nobel himself. These chapters include their backgrounds and the work for which they received the awards. In addition, Taylor provides the historical background to the development of scientific research.

**Contributor Bio**

Theresa May has been the Prime Minister of the UK and Leader of the Conservative Party since 2016. Derek Taylor, OBE, is the author of *British Chief Rabbis 1664–2006*, *Don Pacifico*, and many more works.
No Past Tense
Love and Survival in the Shadow of the Holocaust
D.Z. Stone

Summary
No Past Tense is the biography of Katarina (Kati) Kellner and William (Willi) Salcer, two Czech Jews who as teenagers were swept up by the Holocaust in Hungary and survived Auschwitz and Mauthausen, respectively. Covering their entire lives, weaving in first person 'real time' voices as if watching a documentary about themselves, the unique structure of No Past Tense provides a distinctive 'whole life' view of the Holocaust. The book begins with their childhoods, education in Budapest, and 16-year-old Kati meeting 19-year-old Willi in the Jewish ghetto in Plesivec, a Slovak village annexed by Hungary in 1938. After liberation from the camps they returned to discover most Jews were gone, and the villagers did not want them back. In defiance, Kati took up residence in a shed on her family's property, and in reclaiming what was hers, won Willi's heart. They lived as smugglers in post-war Europe until immigrating illegally to Palestine in 1946. Describing Palestine, they talk frankly about rarely addressed issues such as prejudice against 'newcomers' from other Jews. Willi built tanks fo...

Contributor Bio
D.Z. Stone is a journalist with academic training in cultural anthropology. Her work has appeared in The New York Times and Newsday. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, she holds a Masters from Columbia University. She resides outside of New York City.

A Place They Called Home
Reclaiming Citizenship. Stories of a New Jewish Return to Germany
Donna Swarthout, Pippa Goldschmidt, Maya Shwayder,...

Summary
This book gives a voice to the descendants of Jewish Holocaust survivors who have chosen to restore their German citizenship. Dena, a New Hampshire retiree, feels at home in Germany the moment the vineyards across the Rhine come into her view. Maya, a journalist for Deutsche Welle, pursued German citizenship to boost her career in Berlin. And Yermi, an Israeli writer, has a response for people who question his decision to live in the country that murdered his relatives. They each have different reasons for doing so, but they all reclaimed something that was taken from their families.

Contributor Bio
Donna Swarthout was born in New Jersey to German Jewish parents from Frankfurt and Hamburg. She holds a Master's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and has twenty years of experience teaching at universities in the U.S. and Germany. In 2010 she moved to Berlin from Bozeman, Montana with her husband and three children. She is the author of numerous publications and the blog "Full Circle" about her return to Germany. Pippa Goldschmidt is a writer based in Edinburgh, Scotland. She used to be an astronomer and much of her work is inspired by science. She's the author of the novel The Falling Sky and the short story collection The Need for Better Regulation of Outer Space. Her work has been on BBC Radio 4 and published in a variety of places including the Scottish Review of Books, The Times Literary Supplement, and The New York Times. Maya Shwayder is a journalist originally from Detroit. After graduating from Harvard and Columbia Journalism School, she now lives in Berlin working for an international TV broadcaster as an anchor and a correspondent. As...
Hiding in Plain Sight
Eluding the Nazis in Occupied France
Sarah Lew Miller, Joyce B. Lazarus

Summary
Hiding in Plain Sight: Eluding the Nazis in Occupied France is an unusual memoir about the childhood and young adulthood of Sarah Lew Miller, a young Jewish girl living in Paris at the time of the Nazi occupation.

Contributor Bio
Sarah Lew Miller was born in Dereczyn, Poland in 1926, to a large Orthodox Jewish family. After moving to France to escape poverty, her family of ten survived four years of German Occupation (1940-1944). She has received several literary awards for her autobiographical writing.

Joyce B. Lazarus grew up in New York City and earned a Ph.D. in French at Harvard University. She is Professor Emerita in Modern Languages at Framingham State University, where she taught for thirty-nine years. She has written extensively on French and Jewish cultural matters.

Last Waltz in Vienna (2nd Edition)
George Clare

Summary
On February 26, 1938, 17-year-old Georg Klaar took his girlfriend Lisl to his first ball at the Konzerthaus. His family was proudly Austrian; they were also Jewish, and two weeks later came the German Anschluss. This incredibly affecting account of Nazi brutality towards the Jews includes a previously unpublished post-war letter from the author’s uncle to a friend who had escaped to Scotland. This moving epistle passes on the news of those who had survived and the many who had been arrested, deported, murdered, or left to die in concentration camps, and those who had been orphaned or lost their partners or children. It forms a devastating epilogue to what has been hailed as a classic of holocaust literature.

Contributor Bio
George Clare (Klarr) lives near Newmarket in Suffolk. Last Waltz in Vienna is his first-hand account of the persecution of the Jews during World War Two.
**The Himmler Brothers**
A German Family History
Katrin Himmler

**Summary**

Once upon a time the Himmlers were just a normal German family—middle-class, hard-working, well-educated. There were three brothers, Gebhart, Heinrich, and Ernst. Heinrich grew up to become the head of Hitler's SS, mastermind of the concentration camp system, and chief perpetrator of the Holocaust. When Katrin Himmler, Heinrich's great-niece, was 15, one of her classmates asked during a history lesson if she was related to the Himmler. "Yes," she stammered, at which there was a deathly hush in the classroom and the teacher, embarrassed and unsure, quickly moved the lesson on. As she grew older, Katrin gave her family history a wide berth, but married to an Israeli whose family was confined to the Warsaw Ghetto and with a young, half-Jewish son, she realized that she could not evade the past so easily. Katrin Himmler's cool but meticulous examination of the Himmler story reveals—in all its dark complexity—the gulf between the "normality" of bourgeois family life and the horrors perpetrated by one member. A more nuanced portrait of Heinrich himself emerges—not a lone evil executioner, ...

**Contributor Bio**

Katrin Himmler is the great niece of Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS, Gestapo, and leading organizer of the Holocaust.

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**The Lost Childhood: The Complete Memoir**
Yehuda Nir, Cynthia Ozick

**Summary**

This compelling memoir takes readers through the eyes of a child surviving World War II in Nazi-occupied Poland. As a nine-year-old, the author witnessed his father being herded into a truck—never to be seen again. He, his mother, and sister fled to Warsaw to live in disguise as Catholics under the noses of the Nazi SS, constantly fearful of discovery and persecution. A sobering reminder of the personal toll of the Holocaust on Jews during World War II, this book is a harrowing portrait of one child's loss of innocence. This edition contains previously unpublished content from the original text.

**Contributor Bio**

**Yehuda Nir** is an associate professor of psychiatry at Cornell University Medical Center and a speaker and lecturer on the Holocaust, drawing largely from his own personal experiences. He and his wife, Bonnie Maslin, coauthored the book *Patterns of Heartbreak*. He lives in New York City. **Cynthia Ozick** is an award-winning novelist and essayist and a National Book Award Finalist in 2002 for her novel *The Puttermesser Papers*. She lives outside New York City.
**After the Holocaust the Bells Still Ring**

Joseph Polak, Elie Wiesel

**Summary**

**Winner of:**

2015 National Jewish Book Award; Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir

This memoir is a fascinating portrait of mother and child who miraculously survive two concentration camps, then, after the war, battle demons of the past, societal rejection, disbelief, and invalidation as they struggle to reenter the world of the living. It is the tale of how one newly takes on the world, having lived in the midst of corpses strewn about in the scores of thousands, and how one can possibly resume life in the aftermath of such experiences. It is the story of the child who decides, upon growing up, that the only career that makes sense for him in light of these years of horror is to become someone sensitive to the deepest flaws of humanity, a teacher of God’s role in history amidst the traditions that attempt to understand it—and to become a rabbi. Readers will not emerge unscathed from this searing work, written by a distinguished, Boston-based rabbi and academic.

**Contributor Bio**

Joseph Polak is an infant survivor of the Holocaust, during which time he was a prisoner at two concentration camps: Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen. He has published extensively in leading popular and scholarly periodicals and newspapers, including the *Boston Globe*, *Commentary*, *Jewish Law Studies*, *Judaism*, and *Tradition*. He is an assistant professor of public health (health law) at Boston University School of Public Health; the rabbi emeritus of the Florence and Chafetz Hillel House at Boston University; and the chief justice at the Rabbinical Court of Massachusetts. He lives in Brookline, Massachusetts. Elie Wiesel is a Romanian-born Holocaust survivor, author of 57 books, and winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize. He lives in New York.

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**Dirty Jewess**

A Woman’s Courageous Journey to Religious and Political Freedom

Silvia Fishbaum

**Summary**

Dirty Jewess is the personal account of one woman’s courageous journey towards religious and political freedom while coming of age in post-Holocaust, communist Czechoslovakia. The narrative recalls the author's experience as a child of Holocaust survivors, living as a refugee in Rome, and finally realizing her dream of becoming a successful American citizen. Silvia Fishbaum's life behind the iron curtain is a universal tale of humanity, resilience, and overcoming adversity. Fishbaum weaves together her mother’s testimony of Auschwitz with the testimony of her childhood art tutor, Ludovit Feld—a victim of Mengele’s experiments—to create a compelling and layered life narrative.

**Contributor Bio**

Born in post-Holocaust, communist Czechoslovakia, Silvia Fishbaum has devoted her life to the commemoration of the Holocaust and her childhood art tutor and Holocaust survivor, Ludovit Feld. She is a member of the Czech and Slovak Jewish Historical Society and is affiliated with the Holocaust museum and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove, New York. In 2012, Fishbaum was the keynote speaker at the Holocaust Memorial commemoration and the opening for the exhibition of a private collection of Ludovit Feld's art.
Nehama Leibowitz
Teacher and Bible Scholar
Yael Unterman

Summary
Documenting the life story, inspiring personality, and scholarship of Nehama Leibowitz, a recipient of the Israel Prize in Education, this biography discusses her strong views on issues such as Zionism, humanism, and feminism, as well as the influences that shaped her. The book also examines her pioneering approach to the study of the Hebrew Bible and the commentaries that forever changed the face of Jewish Bible study, as well as her acceptance as a prominent Torah scholar despite her gender and the future of her work in light of recent scholarship. Dozens of black-and-white photographs help tell the story of a brilliant teacher, an erudite scholar, and a forthright, warm, and humorous individual who left her mark on tens of thousands of people around the world.

Contributor Bio
Yael Unterman is the author of Torah of the Mothers and Wisdom from All My Teachers. She is a life coach who also facilitates bibliodramas and performs in educational theater productions.

Pioneers of Religious Zionism
Rabbis Alkalai, Kalischer, Mohliver, Reines, Kook and Maimon
Raymond Goldwater

Summary
Pioneers of Religious Zionism describes the lives and philosophies of the most important rabbinical Zionists of the 19th and early-20th centuries: Yehuda ben Shlomo Alkalai, Zvi Hirsch Kalischer, Samuel Mohliver, Jacob Reines, Abraham Isaac Kook, and Judah Leib (Fishman) Maimon. The book describes how these men joined secular Zionists in the struggle for the reestablishment of a Jewish national home—an unusual act for their time—and had to contend with fierce opposition and condemnations from many rabbis in Eastern Europe, who believed that the return of the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland of Israel depended upon the arrival of the Messiah. What emerges from this biographical study is that, in their lives and writings, these rabbis provided the foundation on which modern religious Zionism was built.

Contributor Bio
Raymond Goldwater is a former chairman of the Inter-University Jewish Federation of Great Britain, a former honorary officer of the United Synagogue of London, a former chairman of the University Chaplaincy Board for Jewish students, and a former chairman of the Religious Advisory Committee of the Association for Jewish Youth. He has contributed articles to Le’ela, a periodical published by the London School of Jewish studies, and has served as editor of Jewish Philosophy and Philosophers.
### Rabbi Haim David Halevy: Gentle Scholar and Courageous Thinker
**Marc D. Angel, Hayyim Angel**

**Summary**
Rabbi Haim David Halevy was one of the great rabbinic luminaries of his era. A prolific author and a teacher, he was a gifted halakhic scholar, a devotee of kabbala, and a creative thinker who applied Torah wisdom to the dilemmas of modern times. From 1972 until his death, he served as the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv. Influenced by the profound and compassionate teachings of his mentor Rabbi Benzion Uziel, Rabbi Halevy represented the best in the Sephardic tradition of the Judeo-Spanish Sephardim. His monumental knowledge and keen insight were widely recognized. He won many prizes for his intellectual achievements, and in 1997 was awarded the Israel Prize by the State of Israel in appreciation of his significant contributions to Torah scholarship. In this book, two Rabbis provide an analysis of the teachings of Rabbi Halevy on a wide range of topics: confronting modernity, rabbinic responsibility and authority, metaphysical issues, questions of faith, the role of customs, Jewish education, governing the Jewish State, and more. Rabbi Halevy was a gentle, thoughtful scholar. He w...

### Contributor Bio
**Marc D. Angel** is Rabbi emeritus of Congregation Shearith Israel, the historic Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of New York City. He is a former president of the Rabbinical Council of America and has won a National Jewish Book Award in Jewish Thought. He lectures throughout the United States and is the author or editor of 25 books, including *Losing the Rat Race, Winning at Life* and *The Search Committee*, and numerous articles on religion and faith. **Hayyim Angel** is the son of Marc D. Angel and a former Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel for 17 years. He teaches Tanakh at Yeshiva University and has published scholarly articles in several collections of essays and in journals such as the *Jewish Bible Quarterly*, *Jewish Thought*, *Nahalah*, and *Tradition*. He is the author or editor of 11 books. They both live in New York.

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### Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach: Life, Mission, and Legacy
**Natan Ophir (Offenbacher), Neshama Carlebach**

**Summary**
Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach—a man considered the most influential composer of Jewish religious music of the 20th century and a progenitor of the modern neo-Hasidic renaissance—is the focus of this systematic study. The book presents a scholarly analysis of his teachings, innovations, and music and examines Carlebach’s life and career via the prism of the historical and cultural developments of his time, including the Holocaust, the Six-Day War, the hippie phenomenon, the New Age movement, and other events that were channeling the course of Jewish life. It also attempts to understand the roots of the Carlebach phenomenon and its wide-range appeal, but above all, this book provides a new framework to evaluate and appreciate the unique form of heartfelt Judaism, joyful optimism, and soulful rejuvenation that Shlomo Carlebach inspired.

### Contributor Bio
**Natan Ophir (Offenbacher)** is a teacher of practical Jewish meditation and a professor at the Jerusalem College of Technology and the Ono Academic College. **Neshama Carlebach** is a singer and songwriter and the daughter of the late Shlomo Carlebach. She lives in New York City.
Rabbi Shlomo Goren
Torah Sage and General
Shalom Freedman

Summary
Documenting the unique and unforgettable contribution he made to the Jewish people, this biography of Chief Rabbi Brigadier-General Shlomo Goren details the life and legacy of the first chief rabbi of the Israeli army. From his childhood smuggling of arms for the Haganah to serving as a sniper in the War of Independence, and from the dangerous task of retrieving bodies from the field of battle behind enemy lines to the role he played in the recapturing of the Old City, the Western Wall, and the Temple Mount during the Six-Day War, the book emphasizes Goren's importance to the physical defense of Israel. Beyond that, however, it also highlights his pioneering work in Jewish law and his monumental scholarship on the Jerusalem Talmud and a number of aspects of Jewish life, revealing another facet of a man who embodied the ancient ideal of being both a great Jewish scholar and a remarkable soldier in the service of God and the Jewish people.

Contributor Bio
Shalom Freedman is the author of several books on topics of Jewish interest, including Living in the Image of God: Jewish Teachings to Perfect the World and Small Acts of Kindness.

To Play With Fire
One Woman's Remarkable Odyssey
Tova Mordechai

Summary
How does Tonica Marlow, an evangelical female minister, find her way to becoming Tova Mordechai, an Orthodox, practicing Jew? Born the daughter of an Egyptian Jewish mother and a British Protestant evangelical father, Mordechai presents the powerful real-life account of her tumultuous journey to Judaism as she grapples with Christianity and her Jewish roots.

Contributor Bio
Tova Mordechai resides in Safed, Israel with her husband and four children. She is the assistant to the directors at the Chaya Mushka and Machon Alte seminaries. Tova also lectures throughout the world on being Jewish in contemporary society.
The Big Kahn
A Sequential Drama
Neil Kleid, Nicholas Cinquegrani

Summary
Rabbi David Kahn has lived a forty-year lie: he is not, nor has he ever been, Jewish. When at his funeral, the "rabbi’s" grifter brother reveals the truth, it forces the Kahn family to struggle with grief and betrayal as their congregation examines their every move and question their very faith. His son, Rabbi Avi Kahn, the heir apparent, spirals down in an affair with his rebellious sister Lea’s non-Jewish roommate. Lea rethinks the religion she’s run from, strong enough to alter her father’s life, while Eli — the youngest Kahn — inherits his father’s long-forgotten legacy. Somehow, with the help of the uncle he never knew and his slowly re-awakening sister, he attempts to return faith and order to his family and community and reinstate his father’s good name. Neil Kleid, Xeric Award winning author of Ninety Candles and NBM’s Brownsville, and illustrator Nicolas Cinquegrani offer a drama about loss, lies, belief and renewal in this dramatic graphic exploration of a family secret so well-hidden, it questions the very nature of faith.

Contributor Bio
Burne Hogarth (Author) :

The Children's Train
Jana Zinser

Summary
This compelling Holocaust action adventure story tells of bravery, sacrifice, and the survival of the human spirit against Hitler and the horrors of war.

It begins in November 1938 on The Night of the Broken Glass, when Jewish people of Germany are terrified as Hitler’s men shatter their store windows, steal, and destroy their belongings, and arrest many Jewish fathers and brothers.

Parents face unparalleled fear for their own lives but their focus is on protecting their beloved children. When England arranges to take the children out of Germany by train, the Kindertransport is organized and parents scramble to get places on the trains for their young family members, worried about what the future will hold.

Soon, trains filled with Jewish children escaping the Nazis chug over the border into Holland, where they are ferried across the English Channel to England and to freedom. But for Peter, the shy violin player, his sister Becca, and his friends Stephen and Hans, life in England holds challenges as well. Peter's friend Eva, who did not get a seat on the Kindertransport, is left to the ev...

Contributor Bio
As Jana tells it, the remarkable story of the Kindertransport children in Nazi Germany touched her heart and would not let go: “Since the moment I heard their incredible, historic tale, they have not left my mind. The Kindertransport children came to live in my conscience and would not leave until I told their story.” Jana hopes readers will find the courage to stand up to the injustices that affect us all. Jana Zinser is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire School of Law and received her masters in Journalism from the University of Iowa. Her past work in politics, public policy, and the media, coupled with her determined focus on children and social justice, have uniquely placed her to tell this story. It's a story as timeless and essential as ever, a story that will capture the hearts of the world. Jana lives in Colorado with her children.
Eva Salomon's War
Gabriella Goliger

Summary
At the age of 12, Eva Salomon becomes disillusioned about all the “isms” raging through her world. Crushed by her father’s rigid Jewish orthodoxy and by the cruelties of a burgeoning Nazi regime, she renounces all belief systems, and even belief itself. Five years later, when she and her father leave Germany for Palestine, she's still a skeptic, yet hopeful about a fresh start in a new country. But her yearning for unfettered freedom soon puts her at odds with collective pressures in the new-old homeland. Eva finds love with a man who is anything but “kosher.” Duncan Rees is a British constable in the Palestine Police Force. As a gentile, he's taboo even in the secular circles of a society forging its new nationalist identity. What's more, he represents the British Mandate government, a regime seen to increasingly impede Zionist dreams for a Jewish state in the contested country. And so the relationship hits obstacles right from the start. Set during complex upheaval of Palestine in the 1930s and 1940s, Eva Salomon’s War tells of the struggle to find a faith that doesn't blind, a lov...

Contributor Bio
Gabriella Goliger's first book, Song of Ascent, a collection of linked short stories, won the 2001 Upper Canada Writer’s Craft Award. Her novel Girl Unwrapped won the City of Ottawa 2011 Literary Award for Fiction. She was co-winner of the 1997 Journey Prize for short fiction and a finalist for this prize in 1995, and she won the Prism International award in 1993. She has also been published in a number of journals and anthologies including Best New American Voices 2000, Contemporary Jewish Writing in Canada, and The New Spice Box: Canadian Jewish Writing.

Judging Noa
Michal Strutin

Summary
Noa, at sixteen, sets out with the twelve tribes of the Exodus, dreaming of a life of freedom and the Promised Land that her father says will be theirs. When religious fanatics kill her father, Noa and her four sisters are in danger of being sold into bondage. Noa vows to win women’s rights of inheritance to protect her sisters and herself. Pleading her case before ever-higher courts, Noa encounters a malicious judge and the dark side of power.?

Gaining strength and complexity as she approaches the highest judge, Noa and her pursuit causes turmoil among the tribes: she is a notorious troublemaker, accused of witchery. And she is heroic. Based on a few biblical verses, the turbulence of Noa's life is set against the sweeping turbulence of the Exodus. In Judging Noa, her quest for justice is a journey that has as much meaning today as it did then.

Contributor Bio
Michal Strutin is an award-winning author of eight books on natural and cultural history, including Places of Grace: the Natural Landscapes of the American Midwest, Discovering Natural Israel, and two volumes of Smithsonian Guides to Natural America. Her articles on travel and natural and cultural history have appeared in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Tablet, Outside, Rolling Stone, and other newspapers and magazines.
**One American Dream**

A Family History  
Bernard Beck

Aboard the boat that deposits him in 1890s New York, ten-year-old Jack Rubin swears he will become an authentic American. He refuses to speak his native Polish or Yiddish, instead, learning English in his new home of the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Believing the wealthy Americans living in the be...

**Summary**

The only thing Jack Rubin ever wanted was to be a real American. A Jewish immigrant from Poland, he arrives in New York City in the late 1800s and begins his American journey by pulling himself up by the bootstraps. But his success doesn't satisfy him, and when he struggles while raising a headstrong daughter through the roaring twenties, he feels like a failure. Only when he finds himself helping those less fortunate during the Great Depression does Jack realize that he's been a real American all along.

**Contributor Bio**

A native of the New York/New Jersey area, Bernie attended Jewish religious school and then City College in Manhattan. Following graduation in 1959, he spent two years in the army, then managed his father’s giftware business for thirty years. After the recession of 1988, he began his second career as a business consultant and an adjunct professor of marketing at Rutgers University.

Upon retirement, Bernie authored the books *The Bible, The Greatest Marketing Tool Ever Written and True Jew, Challenging the Stereotype*, drawing upon his religious school background, combined with his marketing knowledge. Bernie has been married to his wife Judy for fifty-five years and together they have three children and five grandchildren. They live in New Jersey, about ten miles west of New York, where they have lived nearly all of their married lives.

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**Goldens Are Here**

Andrew Furman

Inspired by true events surrounding an historic Florida citrus season and the civil rights struggle, *Goldens Are Here* offers a glimpse of the sea changes occurring in Florida and the nation in the 1960s through the prism of one family’s negotiations for the land, with their neighbors, and with each ...

**Summary**

It’s 1961, and everything is changing in Florida. Jim Crow strains to maintain its hold, the Cold War escalates, the US space program hits its stride, and the Jewish Goldens—determined to begin a new pastoral life along Florida’s central east coast—are just trying to hold on to their small orange grove near the excitement of Cape Canaveral. In *Goldens Are Here*, Andrew Furman imagines with great empathy the individual members of the Golden family, their unique struggles and dreams, during a single tumultuous citrus season. Inspired by true events surrounding a historic Florida citrus season and the civil rights struggle, *Goldens Are Here* offers a glimpse of the sea changes occurring in Florida and the nation in the 1960s through the prism of one family’s negotiations for the land, with their neighbors, and with each other.

**Contributor Bio**

Andrew Furman teaches in the MFA program in Creative Writing at Florida Atlantic University. He is the author, most recently, of the memoir *Bitten: My Unexpected Love Affair with Florida* (2014), which was named a Finalist for the ASLE Environmental Book Award. His fiction and creative nonfiction frequently engages with the Florida outdoors, but he has also written about basketball, lighthouses, swimming, and cast-iron cookware. His essays and stories have appeared in such publications as the *Oxford American, The Southern Review, Ecotone, Terrain.org*, and *The Florida Review*. 
The Jewish Dog
Asher Kravitz, Michal Kessler

Summary
Filtering the darkest, most dramatic period of modern Jewish history through the naive, often sage, perspective of a remarkable dog, The Jewish Dog offers readers a view of the Holocaust as never seen before.

This bestselling novel in Israel follows the life and thoughts of Caleb, a contemplative dog unusually fascinated with human affairs. Born into a German-Jewish household in the mid-1930s, Caleb witnesses firsthand the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust. When events separate him from his Jewish owners, he is adopted by a Nazi family and employed by the SS as a military dog.

Deeply ironic and even humorous, The Jewish Dog presents political commentary on humanity and degradation, as Caleb’s philosophical musings explore loyalty, identity, and the fine line that separates humanity from animals.

Contributor Bio
Asher Kravitz is a wildlife photographer, a pilot, a former detective with the Israeli police force, and a lecturer on mathematics and physics at the Open University and the Jerusalem College of Engineering. He is the author of the novels Boomerang, Magic Square, and Mustafa Rabinowitz. Michal Kessler is a translator of Hebrew literature.

The Queen & the Spymaster
A Novel Based on the Story of Esther
Sandra E. Rapoport

Summary
The Queen & the Spymaster tells the story of the unlikely champions of Ancient Persia and of a thousand-year vendetta that presages modern historical events in Iran and Afghanistan. Readers are transported to the exotic fortress city of Susa, the imperial palace, and the royal harem, where truth wears a mask. Rapoport meticulously describes a royal court populated by an intricate shadow-world of spies and informants—a sinister brotherhood with orders to draw a target on the king's back; rival cabinet ministers who command private armies; an orphaned girl with a gift for languages and an innate political intuition; a queen who, unbeknownst to all, is a secret agent; and the shrewd tactician who controls her.

Contributor Bio
Sandra E. Rapoport is the author of the award-winning Biblical Seductions, a 2010 Resident scholar of Law and Bible at Harvard, and a practicing attorney, specializing in preventing sexual harassment in the workplace.
Jewish Noir
Contemporary Tales of Crime and Other Dark Deeds
Kenneth Wishnia

Summary
A unique collection of all-new stories by award-winning authors.

This anthology includes the work of numerous authors such as Marge Piercy, Harlan Ellison, S. J. Rozan, Nancy Richler, Moe Prager (Reed Farrel Coleman), Wendy Hornsby, Charles Ardai, and Kenneth Wishnia. The stories explore such issues as the Holocaust and its long-term effects on subsequent generations, anti-Semitism in the mid- and late-20th-century United States, and the dark side of the Diaspora (e.g., the decline of revolutionary fervor, the passing of generations, the Golden Ghetto, etc.). The stories in this collection include “Trajectories,” Marge Piercy’s story of the divergent paths taken by two young men from the slums of Cleveland and Detroit in a rapidly changing post–WW II society; “Some You Lose,” Nancy Richler’s empathetic exploration of the emotional and psychological challenges of trying to sum up a man’s life in an eulogy; and “Yahrzeit Candle,” Stephen Jay Schwartz’s take on the subtle horrors of the inevitable passing of time. These works include many “teachable moments” about the history of prejudice.

Contributor Bio
Kenneth Wishnia is an associate professor of English at Suffolk Community College and the author of the Filomena Buscarsela Mystery series—the first of which was nominated for both the Edgar and the Anthony Awards, and made the Booklist “Best First Mystery” list—and The Fifth Servant. He lives on Long Island.

The Face Tells the Secret
Jane Bernstein

Summary
Everything has been hidden from Roxanne G.—her birth name, her sister, her family history—until her “boyfriend” tries to ingratiate himself by flying in her estranged mother from Tel Aviv. That visit is the start of a tumultuous journey, in which she first learns about a profoundly disabled sister who lives in a residential community in the Galilee and later begins to unearth disturbing long-held family secrets. The process of facing this history and acknowledging the ways she’s been shaped by it will enable Roxanne to forge the kinds of meaningful connections that had for so long been elusive. In this way, The Face Tells the Secret is the story about a woman who finds love and learns how to open herself to its pleasures. The Face Tells the Secret is also a story that explores disability from many angles and raises questions about our responsibility to care for our kin. How far should Roxanne go to care for the wounded people in her life—her mother, her sister, the man who professes undying love? What should she take on? When is it necessary to turn away from someone’s suffering?

Contributor Bio
Jane Bernstein is the author of two novels, three memoirs, and a children’s book she cowrote with her daughter. Her essays, which have appeared in The New York Times Magazine, Creative Nonfiction, The Sun, and many other journals, have been anthologized in such places as True Stories Well Told, Love You to Pieces, and Best American Sports Writing 2018. She is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships and a Fulbright Fellowship and is a member of the Creative Writing Program at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
**Last Train from Liguria**

**Christine Dwyer Hickey**

**Summary**

_A sweeping tale of consequences spanning the 1930s to the 1990s, moving between fascist Italy and modern Ireland_

In 1933, Bella Stuart leaves her quiet London life to move to Italy to tutor the child of a beautiful Jewish heiress and an elderly Italian aristocrat. Living at the family’s summer home, Bella’s reserve softens as she comes to love her young charge, and find friendship with Maestro Edward, his enigmatic music teacher. But as the decade draws to an end and fascism tightens its grip on Europe, the fact that Alec is Jewish places his life in grave danger. Bella and Edward take the boy on a terrifying train journey out of Italy—one they have no reason to believe any of them will survive.

**Contributor Bio**

**Christine Dwyer Hickey** is the author of _Tatty_, which was longlisted for the Orange Prize and shortlisted for the Hughes & Hughes Irish Novel of the Year. She was also a prize-winner in the _Observer_/Penguin short story competition.

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**Make It Concrete**

**Miryam Sivan**

For twenty years, Isabel Toledo has been telling other people's stories – as a ghostwriter for Holocaust survivors. But now the boundaries between their past and her present are collapsing: barking dogs, a clerk asking for papers, police in the subway, push her to the brink of collapse. And the stor...

**Summary**

“Pages, Isabel, I need pages.”

Isabel Toledo’s publisher is getting impatient. An American living in the Galilee, Isabel has been telling other people's stories for twenty years – as a ghostwriter for Holocaust survivors. But her latest project has bogged her down in a way no other has. Barking dogs, a clerk asking for her papers, a shadowy figure glimpsed in the streets of Prague. The stories are slipping out of her control, collapsing boundaries between past and present.

Isabel has two grown daughters and a seven-year-old son to keep her grounded. She has an official boyfriend who wants to be more than that, a young lover who understands her demons, and another man on the side in Prague. But the temporary relief she finds in their arms is not enough to keep the ghosts at bay.

And the story she most wants to uncover, her own mother’s ordeal, defies all efforts to be brought to light. Why won’t her mother share her story? Why has her father’s story, which was never even on Isabel’s radar, inserted itself unwanted into her life? Isabel wants concrete realities. She needs to slam the br...

**Contributor Bio**

**Miryam Sivan** is a former New Yorker who has lived in Israel for more than twenty years. She teaches literature and writing at the University of Haifa and has published scholarly articles and a book length study of Cynthia Ozick's fiction, _Belonging Too Well_ (SUNY, 2009). Much of her fiction is about the experiences of ex-pats in love, in flux, in the liminal space between cultures, languages, and historical epochs. Her short fiction has appeared in various journals in the US and UK. A collection, _SNAFU and Other Stories_, was
Am I My Body's Keeper?
Torah, Science, Diet and Fitness -- for Life
Michael Kaufman

Summary
In this day and age it is nearly impossible to stay 100% healthy and fit. Between long hours sitting in an office chair, balancing a family, and accomplishing everything else on your to-do list, it's no wonder that health has become a relative term. To combat this, Michael Kaufman shows you how to extend your life by living healthy and fit. Am I My Body's Keeper contains no magic life-extending elixir, nor a secret map to help you discover the fountain of youth. Am I My Body's Keeper provides a simple guide to changing your lifestyle, from the sedentary one characterizing most of society to an active one emphasizing physical activity and healthy eating. The simple lifestyle changes advocated by this book will give you vim and vigor, health and fitness during those additional years of life you will be gaining. Based upon the timeless teachings of the Jewish sages as well as scientific research, Am I My Body's Keeper is a guide for good, healthy living. It is for young and old, men and women—for everyone who wishes to be healthy and fit and to live a long life.

Contributor Bio
Dr. Michael Kaufman is a distinguished scholar and author and studied at Yeshiva and Mesivta Torah Vodaath, Telshe Yeshiva, Brooklyn College, and the University of Louisville. He has published numerous books and studies on Judaism and Jewish art and culture, including The Art of Judaism, A Timeless Judaism for our Time, and A Guide to Jewish Art. Dr. Kaufman resides with his family in Jerusalem, Israel.

Traces of the Past
Montreal's Early Synagogues
Sara Ferdman Tauben

The architectural footprints of a courageous culture

Summary
Documenting the development of Montreal's Jewish community from the 1880s until 1945, this investigation meticulously draws from historic city maps and directories, authentic photographs, brittle newspaper articles, and long-forgotten anniversary publications to track the locations of the city’s early synagogues. The result is a fascinating story that describes and defines the social, religious, and economic aspects of a distinct group of people through the architectural traces of its culture. The decades surrounding the turn of the 20th century are explored, chronicling the Eastern European Jews’ mass migration as they fled poverty and persecution, escaping into the refuge of the famed Canadian city. Depicting the people’s determination to retain their familiar traditions and familial connections, this record shows how their beautiful places of worship also became havens where they could meet, exchange concerns, lend support, and resolve to help those left behind.

Contributor Bio
Sara Ferdman Tauben has been an active leader in the Montreal Jewish community for 30 years. She holds a master's degree in Judaic studies and is a former interior designer. She lives in Montreal, Quebec.
### Metropolitan Jewish Cemeteries of the 19th and 20th Centuries in Central and Eastern Europe A Comparative Study

**Rudolf Klein**

**Summary**

This is the first comprehensive work on metropolitan Jewish cemeteries in Central and Eastern Europe on an international level. Based on a comparative analysis of cemeteries from the Baltic to the Balkans, and from Russia to Germany, it touches upon art history, architecture and planning, landscaping, Jewish studies, and Jewish history. An important aspect of this work is the cultural background of Jewish funerary art: Christian-Jewish dialog, the inter-Jewish influence between different European regions (including the Reform Movement), and the Ashkenazi-Sephardi dialog in some parts of the old continent. It is also the first work which touches upon the entirety of issues related to Jewish burial places of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: urban level, morphology of cemeteries, gravestone typology, stylistic analysis, symbols and inscriptions, tahara and ceremonial halls, wells, benches, pergolas, row-and-section-markers, and gravel holders. This book is intended for a wide variety of readers: municipal decision makers, urban planners, architects and restorers, cemetery managem...

**Contributor Bio**

**Rudolf Klein** is a professor of modern architectural history at Szent István University in Budapest. He has researched and lectured at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, Kyoto Institute of Technology, and numerous universities in central and southeastern Europe. He researches 19th and 20th century architectural history and theory as well as Ashkenazi synagogue architecture of modern times.

### Women's Experiences in the Holocaust In Their Own Words

**Agnes Grunwald-Spier**

**Summary**

This book brings to light women's experiences in the Holocaust. It explains why women’s difficulties were different to those of men. Men were taken away and the women were left to cope with children and elderly relatives and obliged to take on new roles. Women like Andrew Sachs' mother had to deal with organising departure for a foreign country and making choices about what to take and what to abandon. The often desperate hunt for food for themselves and those in their care more often than not fell to the women, as did medical issues. They had to face pregnancies, abortions and, in some camps, medical experiments. Many women wrote diaries, memoirs, letters and books about their experiences and these have been used extensively here. The accounts include women who fought or worked in the resistance, like Zivia Lubetkin who was part of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Dr Gisella Perl was a doctor in Auschwitz under the infamous Dr Mengele. Some young girls acted as Kashariyot, underground couriers between ghettos. Their varied experiences represent the extremities of human suffering, endeavou...

**Contributor Bio**

**Agnes Grunwald-Spier** was born in July 1944 and sent to the Budapest Ghetto with her mother in November 1944. She was liberated, aged 6 months, and came to England in 1947. Her father, who had been a forced laborer, committed suicide in 1955. Agnes is a Founder Trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and was awarded an MBE in 2016 for her work on the Holocaust. She has an MA in Holocaust Studies at Sheffield University and was a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews for 15 years. She will receive two honorary doctorates in 2018 for her work on the Holocaust.
### Imprint

**A Memoir of Trauma in the Third Generation**  
Claire Sicherman

#### Summary

*Imprint* is a profound and courageous exploration of trauma, family, and the importance of breaking silence and telling stories. This book is a fresh and startling combination of history and personal revelation.

When her son almost died at birth and her grandmother passed away, something inside of Claire Sicherman snapped. Her body, which had always felt weighed down by unknown hurt, suddenly suffered from chronic health conditions, and her heart felt cleaved in two. Her grief was so large it seemed to encompass more than her own lifetime, and she became determined to find out why.

Sicherman grew up reading *Anne Frank* and watching *Schindler’s List* with almost no knowledge of the Holocaust’s impact on her specific family. Though most of her ancestors were murdered in the Holocaust, Sicherman’s grandparents didn’t talk about their trauma and her mother grew up in Communist Czechoslovakia completely unaware she was even Jewish. Now a mother herself, Sicherman uses vignettes, epistolary style, and other unconventional forms to explore the intergenerational transmission of trauma, about th...

#### Contributor Bio

**Claire Sicherman** is a graduate of The Humber School for Writers and Langara College. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies from UBC. She is a facilitator in a multi-generational writing group called Home Words Project. She has participated in a Corporeal Writing workshop with Lidia Yuknavitch and in Writing & The Body with Jennifer Pastiloff and Lidia Yuknavitch. She lives with her husband and son on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, lovingly known as The Rock in the Middle of the Salish Sea.

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### After This

**Survivors of the Holocaust Speak**  
Alice Nelson

#### Summary

*Sydney Morning Herald* Best Young Australian Novelist Alice Nelson provides the introductory essay for *After This*, a powerful collection of narratives by fourteen Holocaust survivors. Alice worked closely with local survivors and their families to present each individual’s record of those terrible years – stories like that of Rosa Levy, whose tale of moving to Australia after the war is one of quiet triumph.

#### Contributor Bio

**Alice Nelson** is a Perth-born writer who has spent several years living and studying abroad. She studied creative writing at the University of Western Australia and in the renowned Master’s program at the City University of New York in Manhattan. Her award-winning short fiction has appeared in journals such as *Southerly* and *Westerly* and she has been awarded residential fellowships at the Dorset Writers’ Colony in Vermont and at Varuna, the Writer's House in the Blue Mountains. She was the recipient of A T.A.G. Hungerford Award and was named Sydney Morning Herald Best Young Novelist for her first novel *The Last Sky*. 
The Black Book
Hitler's 'Most Wanted' - A Chilling Glimpse into the Nazi Plans for Great Britain
Mei Trow

Summary
In July 1940, Walter Schellenberg of the German Secret Service drew up a list of 2,694 people believed to be living in Britain, who were known enemies of the Reich. In that month, the Wehrmacht was poised across the Channel ready to hit Britain with blitzkrieg, the terrible and hugely successful tactic that had already overwhelmed Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, and France. The names on Schellenberg's list represent the heart and soul of a nation that made the British what they were but the List also includes a diaspora from Europe—the intellectuals, politicians, and writers who had been driven out of their own homelands by the speed of the German conquests. All human life is there—lives that were, to the Nazis, unworthy of life. Historians have found the List a curiosity. Surely, it cannot be real? It was. The Black Book is the first book to evaluate the list, and look at the chilling reality of what Hitler had in store for the nation.

Contributor Bio
Mei Trow is a military historian who also writes as M. J. Trow.

The Church's Help for Persecuted Jews in Nazi Vienna
Translated by Gerda Joseph
Gerda Joseph, Traude Litzka

Summary
This English translation of Traude Litzka's scholarly German work treats the Roman Catholic Church's attempt to assist Jews after the 1938 Anschluss transforming the country into a province of Nazi Germany engaged in persecuting Jews and all opposing the Nazi regime. The new regime's hostility to the Church threatened its beliefs and structure, keeping its substantial assistance to the Jewish population secret until the end of World War II.

Contributor Bio
Traude Litzka, MA, PhD, (1941 - 2016), Economic and Social Science, was a Board Member of the Austrian-Israeli Society and Scholars for Peace in the Middle East. Gerda Joseph, PhD, University of Vienna, was an eyewitness and survivor of WWII in Vienna. She translated for the American government in Austria and for the Austrian foreign service in the US.
**Children, Save Yourselves!**
Ronald Berger

**Summary**
Children, Save Yourselves! is a compelling true story of two Jewish brothers who survived the Holocaust in Nazi-occupied Poland. One brother, the author’s father, endured several concentration camps, including the infamous camp at Auschwitz, as well as a horrific winter death march. The other brother, the author’s uncle, survived outside of the camps by passing as a Catholic among anti-Semitic Poles, including a group of anti-Nazi Polish partisans, eventually becoming an officer in the Soviet Army. The book traces the defining prewar, wartime, and postwar events that marked their extraordinary lives.

**Contributor Bio**
Ronald J. Berger is professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He has published numerous books and articles on topics that include crime and criminal justice, disability, and the Holocaust. Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, he currently lives in McFarland, Wisconsin.

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**Tragedy and Triumph**
Early Testimonies of Jewish Survivors of World War II
Freda Hodge

**Summary**
Freda Hodge retrieves early voices of Holocaust survivors with men, women and children relating experiences of deportation and ghettoisation, forced labor camps and death camps, death marches and liberation. Such eye-witness accounts collected in the immediate post-war period constitute, as the historian Feliks Tych points out, the most important body of Jewish documents pertaining to the history of the Holocaust. Carefully selected and painstakingly translated, these survivor accounts were first published between 1946 and 1948 in the Yiddish journal Fun Letzten Khurben (‘From the Last Destruction’). These accounts have not previously been available in English.

**Contributor Bio**
Freda Hodge holds degrees in English, Linguistics and Jewish Studies, and has taught at universities and colleges in South Africa and Australia.
Auschwitz
A History
Sybille Steinbacher

Summary
At the terrible heart of the modern age lies Auschwitz. In a total inversion of earlier hopes about the use of science and technology to improve, extend and protect human life, Auschwitz manipulated the same systems to quite different ends. In Sybille Steinbacher’s terse, powerful new book, the reader is led through the process by which something unthinkable to any European in the 1930s had become a sprawling, industrial reality during the course of the world war. How Auschwitz grew and mutated into an entire dreadful city, how both those who managed it and those who were killed by it came to be in Poland in the 1940s, and how it was allowed to happen, is something everyone needs to understand.

Contributor Bio
Sybille Steinbacher teaches at The University of Bochum. She has been a fellow at Harvard University and at the United States Holocaust Museum. In 2017 she took on Germany’s first professorship for Holocaust Studies, at The Goethe Institute Frankfurt.

A Lublin Survivor
Life is Like a Dream
Esther Minars

Summary
Eva Szek's memoir describes the Nazi onslaught against Jews in her beloved city of Lublin in Poland, an important center of Jewish religion and culture. Eva recounts her fearless fight not to fall into German hands and to save her family. Her experiences under German occupation, her struggle to survive and her subsequent liberation is an historical account of the tragedy of a Jewish community destroyed. Eva asked her daughter Esther to take down her life story. A Lublin Survivor: Life is Like a Dream provides an extraordinarily complete and descriptive picture of life in prewar and liberated Lublin.

Contributor Bio
Esther Minars documents her mother’s wartime survival, transcribing verbal testimony to book form. Engaged deeply with historical records, the memories recorded are of a vibrant pre-war Jewish Lublin life extinguished forever.
The Other Schindlers
Why Some People Chose to Save Jews in the Holocaust
Agnes Grunwald-Spier, Sir Martin Gilbert

Summary
The inspiring stories of courageous non-Jews who risked their own lives to save Jews from the Holocaust
Thanks to Thomas Keneally’s book Schindler's Ark, and the film based on it, Schindler's List, people have become more aware of the fact that, in the midst of Hitler’s extermination of the Jews, courage and humanity could still overcome evil. While six million Jews were murdered by the Nazi regime, some were saved through the actions of non-Jews whose consciences would not allow them to pass by on the other side, and many are honored by Israel’s official memorial to Jewish Holocaust victims, Yad Vashem, as "Righteous among the Nations" for their actions. As a baby, Agnes Grunwald-Spier was herself saved from the horrors of Auschwitz by an unknown official, and is now a trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. She has collected the stories of 30 individuals who rescued Jews, providing a new insight into why these people were prepared to risk so much for their fellow men and women. With a foreword by one of the leading experts on the subject, this is an ultimately uplifting account...

Contributor Bio
Agnes Grunwald-Spier was born in Budapest in July 1944. She and her mother were sent to the ghetto there in November 1944, and were liberated in January 1945. She is a Justice of the Peace. Sir Martin Gilbert is a historian and the author of more than 80 books, including The Holocaust: A History of the Jews of Europe During the Second World War and The Story of Israel.

Shared Sorrows
A Gypsy Family Remembers the Holocaust
Toby Sonneman

Summary
On the morning after Kristallnacht, Toby Sonneman’s father walked through broken glass to apply for the visa that saved him from the fate of so many during the Third Reich. In examining her own family history, the author discovered the similarities between the fate of the Jews and the Gypsies in the Holocaust, both peoples selected on racial grounds for extermination by the Nazis.

She traveled with an American Gypsy survivor to Munich, where she stayed with the formidable Rosa Metbach. This is the story of Rosa and other members of an extended family who survived the Holocaust. Shared Sorrows tells the story of a Gypsy family against the backdrop of a Jewish one, detailing and examining their shared sufferings under the Nazis.

My father brought a spool of thread with him from Germany when he came to America in 1939. And another spool of thread, one in my imagination, unwinds slowly and unpredictably, sometimes fraying or tangling. It's a thin and delicate thread that leads me to the Gypsies, to the family that I meet in Germany, the country of so many tangled memories and emotions. An...

Contributor Bio
Toby Sonneman, a founding member of the Romani-Jewish Alliance, is the author of numerous articles on the fate of the Gypsies in the Holocaust as well as Fruit Fields in My Blood: Okie Migrants in the West.
A History of the Holocaust
Saul S. Friedman

Summary
The Holocaust was unique within the context of the Second World War because Jews were disproportionately represented among the civilian casualties in that conflict. Over 50 million people died as a result of the application of total war, with 12% being Jews. Half of the victims in Nazi concentration camps were Jews, yet, at the time, Jews constituted less than 1/4 of 1% of the world's population. The Holocaust was unique within the context of Jewish history. While Jews endured persecution throughout history, Roman procurators, Saracen holy warriors, and inquisitors usually held out the prospect of survival to those who would convert. Not so with the Nazis. It mattered little whether the Jewish prisoner was an atheist, an Orthodox rabbi, a mother, or a small child. All Jews had to die. This reprint provides detailed account of what happened across Europe during the Holocaust, with balanced coverage of each country. It is intended as a textbook, not a philosophical interpretation of the Holocaust. Written in a highly accessible style, it is addressed to students and will inspire them t...

Englishman in Auschwitz
Leon Greenman

Summary
Leon Greenman was born in London in 1910. His paternal grandparents were Dutch, and at an early age, after the death of his mother, his family moved to Holland, where Leon eventually settled with his wife, Esther, in Rotterdam. Leon was an antiquarian bookseller, and as such travelled to and from London on a regular basis. In 1938, during one such trip, he noticed people digging trenches in the streets and queuing up for gas masks. He hurried back to Holland with the intention of collecting his wife and return with her to England. The whispers of war were growing louder and louder. In May 1940, Holland was overrun by the Nazis, by which time Leon and his family had been effectively abandoned by the British Consulate and stranded with neither passports nor money. Eventually, they were deported to Birkenau where Esther and their small son, Barney, were gassed on arrival. Leon was chosen with 49 others for slave labor. This book tells the story of Leon's remarkable survival, of the horrors he saw and endured at Auschwitz, Monowitz and during the Death March to Gleiwitz and Buchenwald ca...
**From Thessaloniki To Auschwitz and Back**
Erika Myriam Kounio-Amariglio

**Summary**
Before WWII there was a thriving Jewish community of some 50,000 people in Thessaloniki, Greece. In 1943, under Nazi occupation, virtually the entire community was deported to Auschwitz extermination camp. That the author, Erika Amariglio, and several members of her family survived is due only to a series of coincidences, including the fact that they were on the first transport to Auschwitz and that they spoke fluent German. Erika Amariglio's story covers the period before the war in Thessaloniki, the German occupation and the gradual tightening of restrictions, the transportation, the two-and-a-half years spent in Auschwitz, the long death march back to Germany, the Amariglio family's escape to Yugoslavia, and their eventual reunion of the family in Greece. It concludes with the author's return to Auschwitz many years later as a delegate to an international conference on the Holocaust. This book has been previously published in Greek, German, French and Serbian.

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**Good Beyond Evil**
Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times
Eva Gossman

**Summary**
Good Beyond Evil is the story of a handful of ordinary people who risked their lives to save the lives of one Jewish family. It begins in the spring of 1939, weaves through the post-liberation period and ends in 1997 with a ceremony at Yad Vashem. The acceptance of two of the main characters into the Community of 'Righteous Among the Nations' provokes humbling reflection on the richness of opportunities enjoyed by members of the family who were saved compared with the narrowly circumscribed lives of those who saved them. Set in the broader context of Czechoslovakia's short history, its democratic institutions and endemic anti-Semitism, Good Beyond Evil is also a requiem for a once-flourishing Jewish community.
**Maurice L. Perlzweig**

*Champion of British Zionism*

Maurice L. Perlzweig, David Caute

**Summary**

*Maurice L. Perlzweig* includes 15 autobiographical interviews the author gave to the Columbia Oral History Project in 1981-82. Perlzweig was a political activist, lobbyist and organizer, with a flair for converting English aristocrats to Judaism. He recalls his encounters with Chaim Weizmann, Albert Einstein, Oswald Mosley, Lewis Namier, T.E. Lawrence, Winston Churchill, R.A. Butler, Viscount Melchett, Eva, Lady Reading, Jan Smuts, Charles de Gaulle, the Roosevelts, Rabbi Stephen Wise and Nahum Goldmann. In 1940 he departed with his family for America, serving as the World Jewish Congress's Director of International Affairs.

**Contributor Bio**

*Maurice L. Perlzweig* (1895-1985) gained degrees at UCL and Christ's College, Cambridge. He became second minister at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood. In 1938, he was appointed minister at the North-Western Reform Synagogue (the 'Alyth').

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**Jews in Berlin**

*A Comprehensive History of Jewish Life and Jewish Culture in the German Capital Up To 2015*

Andreas Nachama, Julius Schoeps, Hermann Simon

**Summary**

This richly-illustrated book depicts 750 years of Jewish history as well as Jewish life in Berlin today. The Prussian capital was, for many centuries, the center of Jewish life in Germany. Its Jewish citizens strongly influenced the city’s cultural and literary life and led the way in the sciences, from the 18th century salon of Rachel Varnhagen to the cabarets of the Weimar Republic. However, economic crisis, hyper-inflation, and the depression of 1929 provided rich soil for the growth of anti-Semitism and ultimately led to the Holocaust. Today, after tens of thousands of immigrants from Russia and Israel have arrived in the capital, Jewish life and culture are flourishing once again.

**Contributor Bio**

Andreas Nachama is an ordained rabbi and the executive director of the Topographie of Terror Foundation. He has served as head of the Berliner Festspiele, the chairman of Berlin’s Jewish community, and as the artistic director of the Jüdische Kulturtage. Julius H. Schoeps is the founding director of the Vienna Jewish Museum and a professor of modern history at the University of Potsdam, where he also directs the Moses Mendelssohn Center for European Jewish Studies. He is the author of *A Road to Nowhere, Salomon Luwig Steinheim*, and *Theodor Herzl 1860-1904*. Hermann Simon is the director of the New Synagogue Berlin – Centrum Judaicum Foundation, and directed the reconstruction of the New Synagogue as Centrum Judaicum. He is the author of *Hidden Champions of the Twenty-First Century and Manage for Profit, Not for Market Share*. They all live in Berlin.
### A Second Chance
**The Making of Yiddish Melbourne**
Margaret Taft, Markus

**Summary**
They came from an old world to a new land. The Yiddish speakers from Eastern Europe brought few material possessions but clung to a language and a culture that defined who they were, a way of life that had endured pogroms, persecution, and a genocide that pushed them to the brink of extinction. Melbourne gave them a second chance at life, an opportunity to rebuild a secular Yiddish world that sat at the core of their existence. The arts flourished, newspapers were launched, and schools were established. But these immigrants also brought their competing political ideals, hotly contested notions of what it meant to be a Jew, and how to live life in this furthest corner of the world.

Yiddish speakers, with their boisterous demeanour and high visibility challenged the authority of the established Jewish community, which traced its origins to the first settlement and which believed that 'blending in' was the antidote to antisemitism. Using the voices of the immigrants themselves and archival sources, the authors give a compelling account of how these Yiddish speakers came to shape, change ...

### Resistance and Survival (2nd Edition)
**The Jewish Community in Kaunas 1941-1944**
Sara Ginaite-Rubinson, Karla Gruodyte

The image of author Sara Ginaite-Rubinson at the start of her memoir is iconic in terms of the Jewish Resistance movement during WWII, and is featured prominently in the Holocaust Museum. First published in Lithuania in 1999, this book received very wide critical acclaim and is now considered one of the seminal works on Lithuanian Jewry during the Holocaust period. It is co-published with the Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation

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**Contributor Bio**
Carol Lipson is a writer and accomplished songwriter, whose credentials include Billboard Pick for Adult Contemporary Pop, numerous appearances on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) radio and TV, and a very well received reader for Oxford University press, People Express(1996). She holds an M.A. Degree, teaches English and Drama, and live in Toronto, Canada.
Fashion Metropolis Berlin 1836 – 1939
The Story of the Rise and Destruction of the Jewish Fashion Industry
Uwe Westphal

Summary
AT HAUSVOGTEIPLATZ
Something unique emerged in the heart of Berlin in the nineteenth century: a creative centre for fashion and ready-made clothing. The hundreds of clothing companies that were established here manufactured modern clothing and developed new designs that were sold throughout Germany and the world.

This industry reached the height of its success in the 1920s. Freed from their corsets, sophisticated women of the time dressed in the "Berlin chic" sold by Valentin Manheimer, Herrmann Gerson, or the Wertheim department stores. After 1933, however, most Jewish clothing industrialists were confronted with hatred and violence. Many of their companies were "Aryanized" while they themselves were robbed, displaced, and murdered. Under new Aryan management, these companies created conservative clothing that represented an entirely different image of women.

Contributor Bio
Uwe Westphal is an author residing in Berlin and London. He has worked for PEN and as a journalist and producer for PBS and CBS in New York. The art historian has spent decades researching the subject of this book, gathering information from around the world, both in archives and in personal conversations with witnesses of the time.

Last Walk in Naryshkin Park
Rose Zwi

Summary
This account tells the story of Lithuanian Jews caught in the sweeping history of the first half of the century in Europe.
Israel, the United States, and the War Against Hamas, July–August 2014
The “Special Relationship” under Scrutiny
Zaki Shalom

Summary
Launched in 2014, "Operation Protective Edge" saw heavy fighting between the Israel Defense Forces and Hamas in Gaza. The US government media spokespersons confirmed Israel’s right to self-defense, and condemned Hamas for initiating the conflict and its use of human shields. However, US government public criticisms relating to Gazan civilian loss of life damaged Israel on the international stage.

Political and military policies have to be directed to prevent a rift, but the "Protective Edge" experience brought to the fore that in times of crisis Israel cannot rely on a "special relationship" to secure its safety. It must possess the political will and military ability to take actions that may result in a strained relationship.

Contributor Bio
Zaki Shalom is a member of the research staff at the Israeli Institute for National Security Studies and at Ashkelon Academic College. In 2007 he was awarded the Prime Minister's prestigious David Ben-Gurion Memorial Prize.

The Jews of Lebanon
Between Coexistence and Conflict (Second Revised and Expanded Edition)
Kirsten E. Schulze

Summary
This is the first book to tell the story of the Jews of Lebanon in the 20th century. It challenges the prevailing view that Jews everywhere in the Middle East were second-class citizens, and were persecuted after the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. The Jews of Lebanon were just one of Lebanon’s 23 minorities with the same rights and privileges, and were subject to the same political tensions. Author Kirsten E. Schulze discusses: the Jewish presence in Lebanon under Ottoman Rule, Lebanese Jews under the French mandate, Lebanese Jewish identity after the establishment of the State of Israel, the increase of the community through Syrian refugees, the Jews’ position in the first civil war, their involvement in the exfiltration of Syrian Jews, the beginning of their exodus after the 1967 war, the virtual extinction of the Jewish community as a result of the prolonged 1975 second civil war, the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the community’s memory of their Lebanese past.
**The Lost Worlds of Rhodes**  
**Greeks, Italians, Jews and Turks Between Tradition and Modernity**  
Nathan Shachar

**Summary**

Four peoples, each with its own culture, language, and faith, shared a small Mediterranean town named Rhodes, and experienced, each in its own way, the upheavals of war, modernity, emigration, and occupation. With the German takeover in 1943, the Holocaust in 1944, and the beginning of Greek rule in 1947, this multiethnic world perished forever. At the center of this book stands the Sephardi community: Spanish-speaking Jews who arrived in Rhodes sometime after the Spanish expulsion edict of 1492 and who remained the largest single group within the old city walls until Italy adopted German racial legislation in 1938. When Sultan Abdulhamit II ascended to the Ottoman throne in 1876, the Jews of Rhodes were among his most loyal and traditional, not to say hidebound, subjects. But, within the course of a few decades, this bastion of piety and rabbinical tradition was thoroughly transformed by French rationalism, Italian secularism, and the pressures of economic globalization. In this book, many unlikely characters come alive in the vibrant and irretrievably lost world of Rhodes: the Fren...

**Contributor Bio**

Nathan Shachar is the Jerusalem correspondent of the Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter. His previous books include The Mysterious Passion, a widely acclaimed interpretation of Spanish History, and prize-winning collections of essays on the Middle East and Latin America. His The Gaza Strip: Its History and Politics was published in early 2010 (“Conveys his encyclopaedic knowledge of the Gaza Strip by means of a moving and entertaining narrative”–, Ramy Wurgaft, El Mundo, Madrid), and has recently been reprinted.

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**Captured Shadows**  
**The German Goldschmidts of the 17th and 18th Century**  
Nick Dagmar

**Summary**

Dagmar Nick, a multiple literary prize-winner in her native Germany, has turned her considerable talents to researching her fascinating Jewish ancestry. She brings to life her family history through the letters, diaries and documents that they left behind, and shows how—despite being excluded from society, forced to earn their livelihoods in 'unchristian' trades, and victimized over the centuries—they rose through hard work and commitment to family to become not only wealthy, but also indispensable to the nobility as suppliers of luxury wares and as financiers and as advisers.

Author Nick uses the Goldschmidt archives in Denmark and Glueckel von Hameln’s diary to describe their lives on a personal level. She explains the difficulties they faced in business, especially against a background of ostracism, and harsh taxation. The final chapters show how under more liberal Prussian rule, they were allowed to become doctors, scientists, and even famous philanthropists such as Lina Morgenstern and Sigismund Asch. Nick describes not only her own complicated family history, but also shows us ...
Jews, Horns and the Devil
An Illustrated History
Anton Felton

Summary
One picture may save a thousand words but we will never know how many hundreds of thousands of lives were not saved, how many millions of lives were not even lived, because of the climate of fear and of hate prompted and promoted by the anti-Semitic pictures of Satanic horned Jews.

From the 12th to the 21st century, these cartoons, simplifying and intensifying fears and hatreds, were powerful tools in the spread of anti-Semitism. These images first appeared in medieval Christianity, reappeared in 19th and 20th century Racialism, Fascism and Marxism, and today are part of the visual images of contemporary Islam; four absolutely different belief systems with different life cycles all sharing the exact same indelible meme with its exact same visual expression targeting the exact same expiatory victim. For a thousand years, the power of this fabrication has erased existential realities and, with devastating consequences, the fear generated by the image of the demonised Jew has been reflected onto the real Jew. Some of the cartoons in this book may shock our sensibilities; to many they ar...
**Messianism, Secrecy and Mysticism**  
*A New Interpretation of Early American Jewish Life*  
Laura Arnold Leibman

**Summary**

Winner of the 2012 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award in the Category of Cultural Studies and Media Studies, and in January 2013 a winner of a National Jewish Book Award in the category of American Jewish Studies, Messianism, Secrecy and Mysticism offers a new approach to the study of Jews in the New World. The book focuses on the objects of everyday life that were used and created by Jews, such as ritual baths, food, gravestones, portraits, furniture, as well as the synagogue. By uncovering these objects and exposing the common culture of the Jewish Atlantic world, it provides a fresh understanding of a crucial era in Jewish and American history. Messianism and secrecy were two keys to this shared culture. The Jews of the Atlantic world believed that the physical and spiritual could - and would - be united through the Messiah. They were deeply messianic and their belief permeated their visual and religious ethos. Messianism, Secrecy and Mysticism presents new insights about the origins of Jewish American messianism, helping readers better understand messianism in contemporary American soci...
**The Mufti of Jerusalem and the Nazis**  
*The Berlin Years*  
Klaus Gensicke, Alexander Fraser Gunn

**Summary**  
Amin al-Husaini is undeniably one of the key figures of the 20th century. He was the religious head of the Palestinian Muslims for 16 years, their political leader for 30 years, and, for a time, he was the most important representative of the Arab world. Now available in paperback, this book examines the time that Amin al-Husaini spent in Nazi Germany from 1941 to 1945. It looks at what the Mufti was hoping to gain politically and ideologically while he was there. The book is directed primarily at the four years which the Mufti of Jerusalem, with his staff of some 60 persons and a secret service of his own, spent in Berlin as a guest and at the expense of the Third Reich. Although seen as only a four year period of time, even today, this period continues to poison the Israeli-Arab relationship. Al-Husaini cooperated eagerly with the Nazis to prevent Jews emigrating from Europe to Palestine. Aware of what was happening, he wanted to see the Jews destroyed. He also expected a high position for himself in the Arab world after the Nazis had won World War II. Germany’s enemies became his ...
Fire & Song
The Story of Luis de Carvajal and the Mexican Inquisition
Anna Lanyon

Summary
The tale of a Jewish martyr and his sister who died together in Mexico City in 1596 explores his determination to never lose heart, and to cling to his faith and cultural identity in the face of totalitarian oppression.

It is 1596 and in Mexico the Inquisition is at its most efficient. A young man trembles in his cell as he prays for salvation, torn between the Christianity he was schooled in and his ancestral faith. What heresies will the Holy Office uncover? Can he protect his mother and sisters?

He is Luis de Carvajal. His forbears had fled the Inquisition in Spain to Portugal and then from there to the New World. But the lives they try to rebuild as conversos in Mexico are just as perilous, for the Inquisition is determined to root out heretics throughout its realms. Luis's quest for true faith unfolds a tense and moving narrative, as he and his family's spirit and ingenuity are tested again and again. This vivid history presents a world without the human rights and tolerance we take for granted today; yet the insights remain all too pertinent—insights into the power of faith, the ...

Contributor Bio
Anna Lanyon teaches and translates Spanish, and is the author of Malinche's Conquest and The New World of Martin Cortes.

Fatal Embrace
Christians, Jews, and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land
Mark Braverman

Summary
Author Mark Braverman shows how the Jewish quest for safety and empowerment and the Christian endeavor to atone for centuries of anti-Semitism have combined to suppress the conversations needed to bring about a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. Fatal Embrace charts Braverman's journey as an American Jew struggling with the difficult realities of modern Israel. The book vividly describes the spiritual and psychological forces driving the discourse and is a call to action to Americans of all faiths.

Contributor Bio
Mark Braverman is the executive director of the Holy Land Education and Peace building Project, a grassroots organization that promotes interfaith dialogue, peace-building, and conflict resolution in the Middle East. Braverman currently lives in Bethesda, Maryland, with his wife, Susan.
**Wrestling in the Daylight** *(2nd Edition)*  
A Rabbi's Path to Palestinian Solidarity  
Brant Rosen

**Summary**

*Wrestling in the Daylight* is an insightful conversation on Zionism initiated by Rabbi Brant Rosen, a prominent Jewish activist from Chicago, on his social-justice blog Shalom Rav. After Israel's brutal military attack on Gaza in 2008-2009, Rosen began to question his lifelong Zionist beliefs. Unlike the biblical Jacob, who wrestled with his conscience in the dark of night, Rosen chose to "wrestle in the daylight" with this issue through many thoughtful essays on his blog. In this selection of content from Shalom Rav, Rosen includes both his own posts and those of his online commenters, granting readers unique insight into the largest controversy facing the American Jewish community today. In the new introduction he has written for this second edition, Rosen updates the story of the "wrestling" that both he and the American Jewish community have undertaken in recent years.

**Contributor Bio**

**Brant Rosen** is a rabbi, blogger, and social activist based in Chicago, Illinois, where he currently serves as the Midwest Regional Director for the American Friends Service Committee. In 2014, Rosen co-founded a social-justice focused Jewish congregation called Tzedek Chicago after many years serving as a congregational rabbi in Evanston, IL.

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**For the Love of Israel**  
The Holy Land: From Past to Present. An A–Z Primer for Hachamin, Talmidim, Vatikim, Noodnikim, and Dreamers  
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein, Mark Anderson

**Summary**

From Aliyah to Megidoo and Netanyahu to Zionism, this vibrant A-to-Z guide—or rather Z-to-A, Hebrew-style—examines more than 3,000 years of this postage stamp–sized land’s history. With the 26 letters of the alphabet paired with lighthearted text and colorful illustrations, this fun fact book explores the heart, the soul, and the foundation of the Jewish people—the homeland from where their ancient traditions, culture, and values have come. Through Hebrew words, interesting facts, poignant quotes, and profound teachings, each letter comes to life with a significant aspect of the land’s background.

**Contributor Bio**

**Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein** was ordained at the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion and currently serves Congregation Am Shalom in Glencoe, Illinois. He is the author of *For the Love of Being Jewish*. He lives in Glencoe, Illinois. **Mark Anderson** is the illustrator and designer of *For the Love of the Cubs* and *For the Love of Being Jewish*. His illustrations have appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*, *BusinessWeek*, *National Geographic*, the *New Yorker*, *Time*, and many other periodicals. He lives in Chicago.
Jewish Anzacs
Jews in the Australian Military
Mark Dapin

Summary
A landmark history of Australian Jews in the military, from the First Fleet to the recent war in Afghanistan. Over 7000 Jews have fought in Australia’s military conflicts, including more than 330 who gave their lives. While Sir John Monash is the best known, in Jewish Anzacs acclaimed writer and historian Mark Dapin reveals the personal, often extraordinary, stories of many other Jewish servicemen and women: from air aces to POWs, from nurses to generals, from generation to generation. Weaving together official records and interviews, private letters, diaries and papers, Dapin explores the diverse lives of his subjects and reflects on their valor, patriotism, mateship, faith and sacrifice.

Contributor Bio
Mark Dapin is a novelist and historian. His recent military history, The Nashos’ War: Australia’s national servicemen and Vietnam, won the People’s Choice Prize at the 2015 Nib Waverley Library Awards and was shortlisted for the 2016 NSW Premier’s Literary Award for non-fiction. His novel Spirit House, about Jewish prisoners of war on the Burma Railway, was shortlisted for the Age Book of the Year.

Who Betrayed the Jews?
The Realities of Nazi Persecution in the Holocaust
Agnes Grunwald-Spier

Summary
Who Betrayed the Jews? is a groundbreaking study that examines the various ways Jews were betrayed by their fellow countrymen during the Holocaust. In many cases they regarded themselves as a person of their nation first and a Jew second, so persecution came as a terrible shock to them. Many had fought for their country in the First World War, but this offered very little protection – not even for those awarded Germany’s Iron Cross. They were forced out of their professions and universities. Their neighbours and school friends betrayed them to the authorities. The authorities ‘legally’ withdrew their rights and stripped them of their businesses under Aryanization policies. Many who professed to be Christian were affected by the Nazis’ racial laws and found themselves and their children categorised as ‘halfbreeds’. Bodies such as the police and railway companies co-operated with the Nazis in transporting Jews to their deaths or to be subjected to unspeakable medical experiments. The betrayal did not end in 1945 as there is evidence of Holocaust survivors being attacked as and when the...
The Greatest Jewish Tennis Players of All Time

Sandra Harwitt

Summary

Unique among other books on tennis, this guide to the best and most influential Jewish tennis players in the history of the sport includes features and biographies of the greatest players, stories of both break-out success and anti-Semitism, and the history of tennis in the Maccabiah Games. The book features information on the surprising number of former and current Jewish tennis players in the game, including a few very well-known players who have partial Jewish heritage. Beginning with the Italian Baron Umberto de Morpurgo in the 1920s, readers will meet a fascinating cast of internationally acclaimed Jewish players and learn their stories, including that of the best German player who was prevented from playing by the Nazis, the player who competed on both the men's and women's tour, the only fully Jewish player to rank number one in the world, and the player who was denied entry into a country to play a Women's Tennis Association tournament—in the 21st century. This history also discusses the ways in which Jewish individuals have been instrumental behind the scenes, playing key ro...

Contributor Bio

Sandra Harwitt is a freelance sportswriter who specializes in tennis. Over the course of her career, she has covered more than 70 Grand Slam tournaments for media outlets such as the Associated Press, ESPN.com, ESPNW.com, the Miami Herald, the New York Times, and Tennis magazine. She is a member of the International Tennis Writers' Association and the Association for Women in Sports Media. She lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

Esfir Is Alive

Andrea Simon

Summary

Esfir Manevich is a young Jewish girl who lives in the Polish town of Kobrin in 1936. Facing anti-Semitism in public school, Esfir moves in with her charming aunt who runs a boardinghouse in the bustling city of Brest. Being younger than the other boarders, Esfir struggles to find a place in her new life, all the while worrying about her diminishing role in the family she left behind. As the years pass, Esfir experiences the bombing of her hometown during the German invasion of 1939. When the Russians overtake the area, Esfir sees many of her socialist relatives and friends become disillusioned by the harsh restrictions. During the German occupation, Esfir and her family are enclosed in a ghetto where they develop heartbreaking methods of survival. In the summer of 1942, shortly before Esfir's thirteenth birthday, the ghetto is liquidated and the inhabitants are forced onto cattle cars destined for the killing fields and Esfir must face unimaginable horror.

Contributor Bio

Andrea Simon is the author of the memoir Bashert: A Granddaughter's Holocaust Quest, as well as several published stories and essays. She is the recipient of numerous literary awards, including the winner of the Ernest Hemingway First Novel Contest and the Authors in the Park Short Story Writing Contest. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the City College of New York where she has taught writing. Andrea lives in New York City with her husband.
**Torah for Teens**  
*Growing up Spiritually with the Weekly Sidrah*  
Jeffrey M Cohen

**Summary**
Organized into bite-size installments, this book is specifically designed to deepen the understanding and heighten the relevance of the weekly sidrah for the young adult and student generation. The book provides ethical and religious guidance for confronting the vicissitudes of life and handling of situations in which today's teenagers may find themselves. These novel, informative, and inspirational sidrah insights will also be studied and quoted by those who teach or address young people. The fruit of more than 40 years' experience in religious education at all levels and for all ages, Rabbi Dr. Jeffrey Cohen has written an accessible book underpinned by his belief that the Torah speaks to all.

**One Little Goat**
Ursula Dubosarsky, Andrew Joyner

**Summary**
It starts with one little goat. It ends with one little goat. But what happens in between is a whirlwind of nonsense and fun. International favorites Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner make the most of their advanced sense of the ridiculous in this hilarious read-aloud traditional tale, based on a traditional song recited at the close of the Jewish Passover.

**Contributor Bio**
Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner previously collaborated on *The Terrible Plop*. 
**Songs from the Garden of Eden**  
*Jewish Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes*  
Nathalie Soussana, Paul Mindy, Jean-Christophe Hoa...

**Summary**  
An extraordinary repertoire featuring 28 Jewish nursery rhymes, lullabies, and songs originating from the Ashkenazic, Sephardic, and Yemenite communities are collected by Nathalie Sousanna and admirably illustrated by Béatrice Alemagna. The lyrics in Hebrew, Judeo-Spanish, Yiddish, and Arabic are first reproduced in the original alphabets, then transcribed into Roman characters and translated into English. Additional notes on the origin and cultural context of each song as well as on the Klezmer music are also included.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Nathalie Soussana** is the writer and producer of the shows À l’ombre de l’olivier, Romances de Paris, and Silence on tourne and participated in the show Schubert et plus... si affinités staged at the Théâtre du Renard in Paris. She is also author of the album *Berceuses et comptines de Babouchkao*. **Béatrice Alemagna** has published more than 20 albums and has been awarded several prestigious prizes, including the Figures Futur de Montreuil (France), the Attention Talent-FNAC (France), the Prix Octogones (France), the Andersen (Italy), the Prix Chronos (France), two selections for the Prix Baobab du Salon du Livre jeunesse de Montreuil (France), the Bologna Ragazzi Award in Italy (special mention), the Prix de l’album illustré de Rueil (France), and the Book Award in Taipei (Taiwan).

**Hannukah**  
Grace Jones

**Summary**  
Learn about the diverse and vibrant festivals that are celebrated around the world. This series encourages children to consider religious beliefs and cultural practices via easy-to-read text and informative, full color images.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Grace Jones** has edited more than 150 children's titles and has penned more than 40 nonfiction and fiction titles on a diverse range of topics, including the Endangered Animals series, Life Cycles series, and My Senses series.
**The Hanukkah Story**
Anita Ganeri, Rachael Phillips

**Summary**
Anita Ganeri retells the story of how Judah saved the Jews and their beliefs from King Antiochus with her usual sensitivity and gift for drawing children into the narrative. Exquisite watercolor illustrations breathe warmth and life into the Hanukkah Story. This title also includes suggestions for activities and special recipes that children will enjoy trying out.

**Contributor Bio**
Anita Ganeri is an author of numerous children's books, including *Eruption! The Story of Volcanoes* and *Alive: The Living Breathing Human Body Book*.

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**Rosh Hashanah**
Grace Jones

**Summary**
Learn what Rosh Hashanah is, and how it is celebrated. Learn about the religion of Judaism, and what Rosh Hashanah means to its followers. Learn about the ritual of Tashlich, the Feast of Trumpets, and Shofars. Also learn about festive foods traditionally eaten during Rosh Hashanah and what sorts of prayer services are held.

**Contributor Bio**
Grace Jones has edited more than 150 children's titles and has penned more than 40 nonfiction and fiction titles on a diverse range of topics, including the Funny Faces series, Life Cycles series, and My Senses series.
**Yom Kippur**
Grace Jones

**Summary**
Learn what Yom Kippur is, and how it is celebrated. Learn about the religion of Judaism, and what Yom Kippur means to its followers. Learn about the Eve of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, fasting, confessions, and what kind of prayers and worship are traditional.

**Contributor Bio**
Grace Jones has edited more than 150 children’s titles and has penned more than 40 nonfiction and fiction titles on a diverse range of topics, including the Funny Faces series, Life Cycles series, and My Senses series.

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**Passover**
Grace Jones

**Summary**
Covers Judaism, the story of Passover, cleaning the house, festive food, the Seder, and more.

**Contributor Bio**
Grace Jones has edited more than 150 children’s titles and has penned more than 40 nonfiction and fiction titles on a diverse range of topics.
Worship
Joanna Brundle

Summary
This diverse & interesting series takes a look at ceremonies and rituals that celebrate and commemorate the defining moments in our lives. Through informative text and engaging and vibrant imagery, children can explore the traditions, ceremonies and rites of passage that mark the lives of the followers of the world’s major religions and worldviews.

Contributor Bio
Joanna Brundle is an experienced freelance author who specialises in cultural topics. She has written over 20 non-fiction titles and travels the world for inspiration for new titles.

Judaism
Harriet Brundle

Summary
Ideal for introducing young learners to the concept of religion, this exciting series explores places of worship, festivals, celebrations and religious ceremonies through accessible text and engaging illustrations.
The Curious Case of Kiryas Joel
The Rise of a Village Theocracy and the Battle to Defend the Separation of Church and State
Louis Grumet, John M. Caher, Judith S. Kaye

Summary
Twenty years ago, in the middle of the night and on the last day of the legislative session, the New York State Legislature created a publicly funded school district to cater to the interests of a religious sect called the Satmar, an insular group of Hasidic Jews that objects to, among other things, female school bus drivers. The rapidly growing sect had bought land in rural Upstate New York, populated it solely with members of its faction, and created a village called Kiryas Joel that exerted extraordinary political pressure over both political parties. Marking the first time in American history that a governmental unit was established for a religious group, the legislature's action prompted years of litigation that eventually went to the US Supreme Court.

As today's Supreme Court signals its willingness to view a religious viewpoint like any other speech and accord it equal protection, the 1994 case, Board of Education of Kiryas Joel Village School District v. Grumet, stands as the most important legal precedent in the fight to uphold the separation of church and state. In The Curio...

Contributor Bio
Louis Grumet is the former executive director of the New York State School Boards Association. He has previously held various positions including special assistant to then New York Secretary of State Mario Cuomo. John Caher, Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications with the New York State Unified Court System, is a former senior reporter with the New York Law Journal, State Editor of the Albany Times Union and the author or coauthor of five books including King of the Mountain and A Time for Reflection. Judith S. Kaye was the first woman to serve on New York's highest court, the state's chief judge for 15 years, and, at the time of her death in January 2016, of counsel to the Manhattan law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Leagher and Flom.

The Exile Book of Yiddish Women Writers
An Anthology of Stories That Looks to the Past So We Might See the Future
Frieda Johles Forman

Summary
Presenting a comprehensive collection of influential Yiddish women writers with new translations, this anthology explores the major transformations and upheavals of the 20th century. Short stories, excerpts, and personal essays are included from 13 writers, and focus on such subjects as family life; sexual awakening; longings for independence, education, and creative expression; the life in Europe surrounding the Holocaust and its aftermath; immigration; and the conflicted entry of Jewish women into the modern world with the restrictions of traditional life and roles. These powerful accounts provide a vital link to understanding the Jewish experience at a time of conflict and tumultuous change.

Contributor Bio
Frieda Johles Forman is the author of Jewish Refugees in Switzerland During the Holocaust, the editor of Found Treasures and Taking Our Time, and her articles have appeared in anthologies and encyclopedias. She is the founder of Kids Can Press and the former director of the Women’s Educational Resources Centre of the University of Toronto. She lives in Toronto.
Jews in Medicine
Contributions to Health and Healing Through the Ages
Ronald L. Eisenberg, MD

Summary
Requiring no specialized medical or Jewish knowledge to appreciate this book, Jews in Medicine documents the fascinating history of medical contributions made by Jewish physicians throughout the ages. Profiles of more than 450 individual Jewish physicians are divided by region and area of specialization, all within a historical context—from talmudic times to the modern era, from Islamic and Christian lands to the spread of Jewish communities in Europe after the Spanish Inquisition. The large section devoted to the modern era focuses on European and American physicians, including the substantial number of Jewish Nobel Prize winners in the field. The book concludes with a description of physicians who were leaders in the Zionist movement and those who contributed to the development of medicine in the State of Israel.

Contributor Bio
Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School and a radiologist at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Dr. Ronald L. Eisenberg has published 20 books in his field of medicine. A non-practicing lawyer, he also has a doctoral degree in Jewish Studies. This is his twelfth book relating to the history and traditions of the Jewish people.

The Heebie-Jeebies at CBGB's
A Secret History of Jewish Punk
Steven Lee Beeber

Summary
Based in part on the recent interviews with more than 125 people—among them Tommy Ramone, Chris Stein (Blondie), Lenny Kaye (Patti Smith Group), Hilly Kristal (CBGBs owner), and John Zorn—this book focuses on punk's beginnings in New York City to show that punk was the most Jewish of rock movements, in both makeup and attitude. As it originated in Manhattan's Lower East Side in the early 1970s, punk rock was the apotheosis of a Jewish cultural tradition that found its ultimate expression in the generation born after the Holocaust. Beginning with Lenny Bruce, "the patron saint of punk," and following pre-punk progenitors such as Lou Reed, Jonathan Richman, Suicide, and the Dictators, this fascinating mixture of biography, cultural studies, and musical analysis delves into the lives of these and other Jewish punks—including Richard Hell and Joey Ramone—to create a fascinating historical overview of the scene. Reflecting the irony, romanticism, and, above all, the humor of the Jewish experience, this tale of changing Jewish identity in America reveals the conscious and unconscious force...

Contributor Bio
**We Left the Camp Singing**
Janice Kulyk Keefer, Diana Kuprel, Claire Wilks

**Summary**
2018 marks the tenth anniversary of an International Congress that gathered in Ghent to celebrate and discuss the work of Etty Hillesum, a woman who died in Auschwitz, whose diaries and letters have been translated into 67 languages. She is unquestionably one of the most singular voices from the Holocaust. But most in our country have never heard of her. So, who was Etty Hillesum? She was a Dutch Jew who died at the age of 29, leaving behind deeply moving, intellectually profound diaries and letters written during the last two years of her life under Nazi occupation. We only have these works because she threw them from a train on her way to the death camp. This volume is their visionary responses to Etty Hillesum.

**Contributor Bio**
Janice Kulyk Keefer is the author of books of poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Diana Kuprel is an editor, translator, and writer of literary essays. Claire Wilks is a Canadian artist.

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**Gravity**
Elizabeth Rosner, Lola Fraknoi

**Summary**
Through an extraordinarily powerful mix of poetry and prose, the author shares her experience as the daughter of Holocaust survivors. She recounts her false starts in raising the subject with her father (a survivor of Buchenwald concentration camp), his piecemeal revelations, and their eventual travels together to the sites of the nightmare in Germany. Through her work she evokes, courageously and heart-wrenchingly, her search for identity against the gravitational pull of her parents' experience and the traditional upbringing they've given her. These astonishing pages remind us that history happens at home and that the past is something we all embody, knowingly or not.

**Contributor Bio**
Elizabeth Rosner has been teaching and writing for more than 30 years. Her fiction has been translated into nine languages and her essays have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine, Elle, The Forward*, and numerous anthologies. She is the author of *Blue Nude, Electric City*, and *The Speed of Light*. She lives in Berkeley, California. Lola Fraknoi grew up in Lima, Peru as a second generation Holocaust survivor. Her artwork draws inspiration from nature, the colors of many cultures, and oral history. She lives in San Francisco, California.
The Hidden Girl
The Journey of a Soul
Marika Henriques

Summary
Marika Henriques was born in Budapest in 1935. During the Holocaust in 1944, separated from her family, she became a hidden child. That being a Jew was shameful and had to be hidden remained deeply etched into her being for decades. Fascism was followed by communism after the war. Persecuted once more, now for her middle class background, she escaped during the Hungarian uprising in 1956. She crossed the border on foot through mine fields in temperatures of minus 25 degrees centigrade. She arrived as a refugee in England and married a Swedish Jew in 1961. In due course she found her vocation and became a Jungian psychotherapist. Jung's ideas were an integral part of the process of understanding herself and after undergoing psychoanalysis, drawings and poems poured out of her as part of the healing process. The drawings emerged unbidden and were drawn quickly, without fully understanding what they signified. But over the years she has stitched 19 of them as tapestries. The gentler pace of stitching was all a part of the healing process, and they are woven together with the drawings a...

Contributor Bio
Marika Henriques was born in Budapest in 1935. During the Holocaust she became a hidden child. Later, during the Hungarian uprising in 1956, she escaped to England, where she practices as a Jungian psychotherapist. She is an active member of the C.G. Jung Analytical Psychology Club in London and has written numerous articles in various professional journals.

Reclaiming Humanity
A Guide to Maintaining the Inner World of the Child Facing Ongoing Trauma
Norman J. Fried

Summary
Using insights gleaned from the Bible and psychology, this book is for anyone who is interested in helping the children deal with traumatic issues.

The inner world of a healthy child is filled with wonder, awe, and faith in a fair and just world. But for some children, a belief in the benevolence of the world and its people is often too hard to claim. In this unique guidebook, Dr. Norman Fried gives valuable insights into the lives of children who have been victimized by chaos and disease, and teaches how to help them grow within the context of a loving, accepting, and ethical bond. Using these examples, along with writings of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik on religion and psychology and the wisdom of trauma specialists, Dr. Fried shows how divine connections can serve as an inspiration, as well as a template, for other healthy interactions in a world that needs repair. Through directed action, biblical citations, and psychotherapeutic techniques that provide empowerment and hope, Dr. Fried takes the reader on a journey toward healthier functioning.

Contributor Bio
Norman J. Fried, PhD, is a clinical psychologist and a disaster mental health specialist for the American Red Cross of Greater New York. He is a former director of psychosocial services at the Cancer Center for Kids and the division of pediatric hematology/oncology at Winthrop University on Long Island. He has also taught in the medical schools of New York University and St. John’s University, and has been a fellow in clinical and pediatric psychology at Harvard Medical School. He is the author of The Angel Letters: Lessons that Dying Can Teach Us about Living and Every Day I Bless You: Reflections on the Healing Power of Shiva. He lives in Roslyn, New York.
The Shame Borne in Silence (2nd Edition)
Spouse Abuse in the Jewish Community
Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski

Summary
Providing a religious lens on the topic, this book directly addresses the problem of spousal abuse in the Jewish community, in hopes of confronting the truth and taking definitive steps to end this violation of all that Judaism stands for. A leading rabbi and psychiatrist reveals with striking candor, firmness, and compassion what may have been closely kept dark secrets in many Jewish families and offers urgently needed advice and direction. Rabbi Twerski’s book was one of the first titles to break open the issue, and this new edition relates the recognition of abuse, the warning signs, and how to respond.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, MD, is the founder and medical director of GatewayRehabilitationCenter, a not-for-profit drug and alcohol treatment system in western Pennsylvania, cited by Forbes magazine as one of the 12 best drug and alcohol treatment centers in the United States. He has served as clinical director of the department of psychiatry at St.FrancisHospital and is currently associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He has written more than 20 books, including Addictive Thinking: Understanding Self-Deception; I’d Like to Call for Help but I Don’t Know the Number; Let Us Make Man: Self-Esteem Through Jewishness; Life’s Too Short; Waking Up Just in Time; and When Do the Good Things Start? He lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Torah of the Mothers
Contemporary Jewish Women Read Classical Jewish Texts
Ora Wiskind Elper, Susan Handelman

Summary
Combining erudition with a deep concern for the daily aspects of spiritual life, Torah of the Mothers is a landmark collection of essays and teachings culled from years of Bible and Jewish study by highly accomplished female Torah scholars and educators. Contributors such as Rachel Adelman, Erica Brown, Ilana Goldstein Saks, Simi Peters, and Leah Rosenthal bring their own area of expertise to bear, providing novel and refreshing insights into biblical and rabbinic texts. Each also offers thought-provoking commentary on the ever-present themes of exile and redemption, which are intrinsic to the ongoing saga of the Jewish people. These contemporary women also reflect upon the teachers who have personally influenced and inspired them, individuals such as Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan, and Nechama Leibowitz.

Contributor Bio
Ora Wiskind Elper is a teacher of Jewish thought at Michlalah College, Matan Institute for Women’s Studies, and Touro College in Jerusalem. She has translated several works from Hebrew, French, and German, and is the author of Tradition and Fantasy in the Tales of Reb Nahman of Bratslav. Susan Handelman is professor of literature at Bar-Ilan University in Israel and a former professor of English and Jewish studies at the University of Maryland. She is the author of Fragments of Redemption: Jewish Thought and Literary Theory in Scholem, Benjamin and Levinas and The Slayer of Moses: The Emergence of Rabbinic Interpretation in Modern Literary Theory.
Total Immersion
A Mikvah Anthology
Rivkah Slonim

Summary
In this absorbing collection of 50 essays and stories about the mikvah—the Jewish ritual bath—women and men contribute their thoughts on this ancient Jewish tradition. The issues of mikvah and Jewish family purity are addressed from philosophic, psychological, mystical, legal, practical, historical, and personal points of view.

Contributor Bio
Rivkah Slonim is an internationally recognized activist and lecturer who focuses on the intersection of traditional Jewish observance and contemporary life, with a special emphasis on Jewish women. She is, with her husband, the founder and director of the Chabad House Jewish Student Center at Binghamton University.

The Night That Unites Passover Haggadah
Teachings, Stories, and Questions from Rabbi Kook, Rabbi Soloveitchik, and Rabbi Carlebach
Aaron Goldscheider

Summary
This book is the first Haggadah that brings together the teachings of three of the most influential and brilliant Rabbinic personalities of the 20th century: Rabbi Kook, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. The Night That Unites also offers a special section of contemporary readings and stories related to the Land of Israel and the Holocaust. Suggested questions are offered as a way of encouraging and guiding discussion at the Seder that will enhance the Passover night experience, and illustrations depicting all 15 steps of the Seder are featured throughout.

Contributor Bio
Aaron Goldscheider has served as a synagogue rabbi for 20 years and received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University.
The Third Seder
A Haggadah for Yom Hashoah
Irene Lilienheim Angelico, Yehudi Lindeman

Summary
Drawing from contemporary and traditional texts and music, this is a moving and uplifting guide to commemorating Yom Hashoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day. Enabling the growing audience of individuals, families, schools, and community groups to create new symbols in order to cope with this historic loss, this study illustrates the significance behind each part of the ritual, illuminating the rising worldwide movement among Jewish, Christian, interfaith, and secular groups to honor this meaningful occasion.

Contributor Bio
Irene Lilienheim Angelico is the writer, producer, and director of several documentaries, including Between the Solitudes; Black Coffee; Canadaville, USA; The Cola Conquest; Dark Lullabies; Inside the Great Magazines; Unbreakable Minds; and Vendetta Song. She is the coeditor of The Aftermath: A Survivor’s Odyssey Through War-Torn Europe, a manuscript written by her father, Henry Lilienheim, and endorsed by Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Elie Wiesel and the Dalai Lama. Yehudi Lindeman is a child survivor of the Holocaust who was separated from his family and spent more than two years in hiding in rural Holland. He is a retired professor of English at McGill University and the founder and former director of Living Testimonies, the Holocaust Video Archive at McGill. He is a cofounder of the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust and the author of Shards of Memory: Narratives of Holocaust Survival. They both live in Montreal, Quebec.

Miracles Like You and Me
Rabbi Jason Bonder, Julie Wohl

Summary
Based on the Biblical creation narratives, "Miracles Like You and Me" shows young children that our world is a miraculous place and that human beings are the most wonderful miracle of all. It is our obligation as human beings to respect our environment and respect each other. When we recognize just how miraculous our world is, and just how miraculous human beings are, we are more likely to care for our world and to care for each other.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Jason Bonder grew up in Plainview, New York. He is passionate about Judaism, sports, fitness, and education. Rabbi Jason is continually grateful for the miracles in his life which include his family and his friends. Rabbi Jason is the Assistant Rabbi / Educator at Temple Emanuel of Tempe in Tempe, Arizona. He and his wife, Rina, experience a miracle every day named Mark. Their son Mark has been, and continues to be, a wonderful guide on their journey through parenthood.
The Zombie Haggadah
Elisha Simkovich, Avi Litwack

Combine the children's questions, enlightening discussions, and scholarly words found in the Maggid with key passages and stories from the Talmud and Torah. Add that mixture to your simmering pot of matzo ball soup. Now quickly, throw in a zombie head marinated in cerebrospinal fluid and Trioxin, an...

Summary
In the tradition of great Jewish sages like Rashi, Maimonides, and Dr. Emmett Brown, divine inspiration took hold of Elisha Simkovich, and he immediately dove into the important questions and developed the ideas that built this completely new Zombie Passover world. If the zombies are filling in for the Isrealites in this Haggadah, what classic horror characters represent the other nations? What are the plagues?!?!?!? What would happen if Jonah was a zombie in the belly of the whale? What awesome things would Ben Zoma declare as Ben Zombie? How fantastic is the phrase, "These are the Brains of our affliction"... and how can we possibly explain what that means? (We do... gotta read it though!) Why isn't the Leviathan a more featured character in our history? (Shout out to Rabbi Slifkin) Elisha discusses and dissects each question in great, great detail, and as the first zombie guest at a seder table since the Maharal's shindigs back in Prauge, The Zombie Haggadah breaks new grounds with its zombie take on the traditional Jewish stories. Pick up this book and watch Elisha's take on the zombie ex...

Contributor Bio
Avi Litwack is a DC-based illustrator who has not only illustrated blog posts but is also known to illustrate on forums and social networking sites. He is the illustrator of the #1 BEST SELLING Zombie Haggadah of all time. To escape the limelight, Avi spends his free time with his family and friends, traveling across the Eastern US, and relaxing by fires. He once saw a fox in his backyard! To learn more, please see his bio located in his book, The Zombie Haggadah.

Why We Remain Jews
The Path to Faith
Vladimir Tsesis

Summary
Dr. Tsesis describes the path he traversed from religious ignorance to strong belief in the Jewish religion. Tsesis assigns a special place to the proof of his conclusion that religion and science—especially in light of recent discoveries—are not antagonists, and are, in fact, in complete harmony, supplementing and not excluding each other. In the spirit of ecumenism Tsesis speaks about coexistence of different religions, which share the common objective of assurance of perpetual survival of the human race. The unifying theme of this book, however, is the beauty of the Jewish religion and a possible answer to the question of why we remain Jews.

Contributor Bio
Vladimir Tsesis grew up in the former Soviet union and practiced general pediatrics there for 10 years before immigration with his wife and son the the USA in 1974.
Merton & Judaism
Holiness in Words: Recognition, Repentance, and Renewal
Edward K. Kaplan, Beatrice Bruteau, Terrence A. Ta...

Summary
Contributors to this volume present Thomas Merton as making a significant opening to reverent appreciation of past and present Judaism, as he aspires to be, or claims to be "a true Jew under my Catholic skin."

Shalom/Salaam
A Story of a Mystical Fraternity
Thomas Block

Summary
A groundbreaking study, this record introduces the virtually unknown story of Sufi influence on the development of Jewish mysticism. Illustrating that the Jewish religion was completely reconfigured due to sustained medieval contacts between Jewish and Muslim thinkers, this remarkable examination argues that the Islamic impact reverberates within Judaic traditions to this day. More than just a historical work, this exploration provides a fresh perspective on the social, religious, and political issues that have complicated Jewish-Muslim relations since the founding of Israel.

Contributor Bio
Thomas Block is a writer, artist, and theoretician. He has contributed to the *International Journal of the Arts in Society* and the *Mid-Atlantic Almanack*. His artwork is in collections at the Irish Center for Human Rights and the Contemporary Art Museum of Montecatini in Italy.
Symbolism of the Ark
Universal Symbolism of the Receptacle of Divine Immanence
Timothy Scott

Summary
A compendium of religious symbols and their meanings, this scholarly reference is relevant to a wide variety of spiritual and metaphysical interests, including Judeo-Christian theology, Jungian psychology, ancient mythology, mystical and occult traditions, and New Age practices. Building on the pioneering labors of René Guénon and Ananda Coomaraswamy, the study mines the symbolism of the Bible—particularly the stories of Noah’s ark and the Ark of the Covenant—for comparison with other traditions.

Contributor Bio
Timothy Scott is the editor in chief of Eye of the Heart: A Journal of Traditional Wisdom for the Philosophy and Religious Studies Program at La Trobe University in Victoria, Australia. He is the author of The Elect and the Predestination of Knowledge in Esotericism and the Control of Knowledge; The Logic of Mystery & the Necessity of Faith in The Betrayal of Tradition; and Withdrawal, Extinction and Creation.

Judaism - Simple Guides
David Starr-Glass

Summary
THIS BOOK WILL HELP YOU • to appreciate the wisdom of the world’s oldest monotheistic religion • to understand what it means to be a Jew • to recognize the key Jewish festivals and the different aspects of Jewish practice and belief • to avoid faux pas in conversation, in travelling and in personal relationships

Judaism is the world's oldest monotheistic religion. While the number of its adherents has always been small, its principles and ethics have influenced Christianity and Islam, and its holy book, the Hebrew Bible, is arguably the foundation document of Western civilization. The most important principle in Judaism is the belief in a single, ineffable Godhead, who created the universe and continues to govern it with justice and compassion. According to Jewish tradition, Judaism began with the covenant between God and Abraham, the patriarch and progenitor of the Jewish people. The central moment in their spiritual journey was the revelation of His laws to Moses on Mount Sinai, acceptance of which bound them to create a moral and ethical society that would be “a light unto nations...

Contributor Bio
David Starr-Glass is a senior lecturer in management studies at several American campuses in Jerusalem. Born and educated in Scotland, he worked extensively in California before emigrating to Israel in 1983. His writings include an autobiography (Gathered Stones) and cross-cultural studies, including A Simple Guide to Customs and Etiquette in Israel.
Abuse in the Jewish Community
Religious and Communal Factors that Undermine the Apprehension of Offenders and the Treatment of Victims
Michael J. Salamon

Contributor Bio
Michael J. Salamon, PhD, is the founder and director of the Adult Developmental Center, Inc. (ADC), a comprehensive psychological consulting practice in Hewlett, New York. The ADC specializes in substance abuse and alcoholism counseling; crisis management; child, family, and marital counseling; and gerontology. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association as well as of the Gerontological Society of America's Behavioral and Social Sciences Section.

Bread and Fire
Jewish Women Find God in the Everyday
Rivkah Slonim, Liz Rosenberg

Summary
What does it mean to be a Jewish woman today? What does Jewish tradition offer to modern women who are looking for practical ways to bring spirituality and meaning to their lives and the lives of their loved ones? These questions and more are addressed in this book that examines the everyday lives of Jewish women and the struggles and aspirations and failings and triumphs of their spiritual endeavors. The women whose writings appear in this book span a wide range of ages, backgrounds, perspectives, and professions. In her own way, each one reveals God as an anchoring force in her life from the birthing room to the boardroom, cleaning in the kitchen or scrubbing up for surgery. In places as far apart as Jerusalem, Washington, DC, and southern India, these women help readers find the sacred within the apparently mundane. Bread and Fire contains moving teachings and honest reflections from more than 60 contributors, including Shoshana S. Cardin, Elizabeth Ehrlich, Ruchama King Feuerman, Susan Handelman, Francesca Lunzer-Kritz, Rachel Naomi Remen, Liz Rosenberg, Julie Salamon, Wendy Shal...

Contributor Bio
Rivkah Slonim is an internationally recognized activist and lecturer who focuses on the intersection of traditional Jewish observance and contemporary life, with a special emphasis on Jewish women. She is the editor of Total Immersion: A Mikvah Anthology and, with her husband, the founder and director of the Chabad House Jewish Student Center at Binghamton University. Liz Rosenberg is a poet, novelist, children's book author, and book reviewer. She is a professor of English at Binghamton University.
Crisis, Covenant and Creativity
Jewish Thoughts for a Complex World
Nathan Lopes Cardozo

Summary
Crisis, Covenant and Creativity deals with some of the most widely discussed issues in contemporary Jewish religious life. How do religious people deal with tolerance of different beliefs? How can devout living lead to a greater awareness of the mystery and beauty of life? What is the meaning of Jewish authenticity and identity in light of anti-Semitism?

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Dr. Nathan Lopes Cardozo is a world renowned thinker, lecturer, and ambassador for Judaism and the Jewish people. He is known for his original insights into how Judaism relates to and remains relevant in our complex, modern times. A prolific author, Rabbi Lopes Cardozo's books and essays are read by laymen, Rabbis and academicians throughout the Jewish and non-Jewish world. He is a sought-after lecturer on Judaism and Israel at numerous institutions throughout the world, including the Jewish studies programs at Cambridge, Oxford and Harvard Universities, various Young Israel communities, the Orthodox Union, and the Union of Sephardi Communities. He is the founder and Dean of the David Cardozo Academy and Machon Ohr Aaron in Jerusalem and pens a weekly "Thought to Ponder," which may be subscribed to through the website cardozoacademy.org. Rabbi Lopes Cardozo is a distinguished member of the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish Community, received his rabbinical degree from Gateshead Talmudical College, and holds a Doctorate degree in philosophy.

Kaddish
Women's Voices
Michal Smart, Barbara Ashkenas

Summary
Winner of:
2013 National Jewish Book Award

For centuries, Jews have turned to the Mourner's Kaddish prayer upon experiencing a loss. This groundbreaking book explores what the recitation of Kaddish has meant specifically to women. Did they find the consolation, closure, and community they were seeking? How did saying Kaddish affect their relationships with God, with prayer, with the deceased, and with the living? With courage and generosity, 52 authors from around the world reflect upon their experiences of mourning. They share their relationships with the family members they lost and what it meant to move on; how they struggled to balance the competing demands of child rearing, work, and grief; what they learned about tradition and themselves; and the disappointments and particular challenges they confronted as women. The collection shares viewpoints from diverse perspectives and backgrounds and examines what it means to heal from loss and to honor memory in family relationships, both loving and fraught with pain. It is a precious record of women searching for their place within Jews...

Contributor Bio
Michal Smart teaches widely on Jewish texts and philosophy, with a focus on Jewish women. A Fulbright scholar in Jewish Thought, she pioneered Jewish outdoor and environmental education in the United States. She is a founder of the TEVA Learning Center and the coauthor of Spirit in Nature: Teaching Judaism and Ecology on the Trail. Barbara Ashkenas has been professionally involved in the arts for more than 30 years. She conducts seminars for staff development on the integration of the arts into Jewish educational settings and has served as the educational outreach coordinator at the Stamford Center for the Arts and as an adjunct professor of art education at Housatonic Community College. Barbara is an active member of Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford, Connecticut, where she is a founding member of the Women's Tefillah Group. They both live in Stamford, Connecticut.
Learning to Read Midrash
Simi Peters

Summary
Presenting a systematic approach to the study of midrash, each of the readings featured in this book attempts to reconstruct the reasoning behind midrashic commentary on biblical narrative. The study begins by defining what midrash is, discussing why it can be so difficult to understand, and explaining how the Jewish sages used midrash to interpret biblical text. It then explores two genres of midrash—the parable and the midrashic story—and utilizes detailed readings to demonstrate how to “translate” the language of the sages into contemporary terminology. Among the texts analyzed in the book are some of the most fascinating and complex biblical stories, including the binding of Isaac, the sin of David and Bathsheba, the book of Jonah, and Moses and the burning bush. This study conveys a sensitivity to the language and meanings of the Hebrew Bible and helps readers develop an appreciation for the language and teachings of the Jewish sages.

Contributor Bio
Simi Peters is on the faculty of Nishmat: The Jeanie Schottenstein Center for Advanced Torah Study for Women, the Academy for Torah Initiatives and Directions, and Darchei Bina Seminary. She also serves as a text consultant for the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America’s Ethical Start Pirkei Avot Curriculum Project.

Maimonides – Between Philosophy and Halakhah
Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik’s Lectures on the Guide of the Perplexed
Lawrence J. Kaplan, Dov Schwartz

Summary
This is the first and only comprehensive study of the philosophy of Maimonides by the noted 20th-century rabbinic scholar and thinker, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Based on a complete set of notes, taken by Rabbi Gerald (Yaakov) Homnick, on R. Soloveitchik’s lectures on Maimonides’ Guide of the Perplexed at the Bernard Revel Graduate School, and edited by the noted scholar Lawrence Kaplan, this work constitutes a major contribution to our knowledge of both Maimonides and Soloveitchik. In these lectures Soloveitchik emerges as a major commentator on the Guide. In a wide-ranging analysis he eloquently and incisively explores such diverse topics in Maimonides’ philosophy as his views on prophecy, the knowledge of and approach to God—normative, intellectual, and experiential; divine knowledge; human ethics and moral excellence; the divine creative act; imitation of God; and the love and fear of God. He also undertakes an extensive and penetrating comparison and contrast of Maimonides' and Aristotle’s philosophical views. Over the course of these lectures develops a very profound and cha...

Contributor Bio
Lawrence J. Kaplan is professor of rabbinics and Jewish philosophy in the department of Jewish studies of McGill University in Montreal. He coedited both The Thought of Moses Maimonides and Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook and Jewish Spirituality. He lives in Montreal. Dov Schwartz is a professor of Jewish thought at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, where he has served as dean of the faculty of humanities, chair of the department of philosophy, chair of the department of music, and head of the Interdisciplinary Program on Contemporary Jewry. He is currently The Natali and Isidor Friedman Chair for “Teaching the Writings of Joseph Dov Soloveitchik.” He is an award-winning author of some two dozen books and scores of articles.
Memoirs of a Hopeful Pessimist
A Life of Activism through Dialogue
Debbie Weissman

Summary
For many people, "observant Jew," "feminist," and "interfaith pioneer" are not necessarily words they would put together in the same sentence. And yet, in this book by Dr. Debbie Weissman, each is a vitally important aspect of a dynamic and passionate life.

Between 2008 and 2014, Weissman broke new ground by serving two terms as the first Jewish woman president of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ). On her quest to do interfaith work, she tells about meeting people from other religions and the unique friendships that ensue. Weissman does not have a ringside seat to history; she is in the ring itself, having created institutions and movements in areas such as interfaith relations, women's education, Israeli peace initiatives, a new prayer community, and much more.

Her engaging journey - related with humor, grace, and style - discovers meaning and hope in the life of a pessimist.

Contributor Bio
Dr. Debbie Weissman was president of the International Council of Christians and Jews from 2008-2014. After moving to Jerusalem in 1972, Debbie Weissman taught Jewish education and women's studies at the Hebrew University, and was also the director of the Kerem Institute, a teacher training institute for Israeli high-school teachers.

Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Exodus
Explorations in Text and Meaning
Rabbi Francis Nataf

Summary
Is there nothing new to learn from reading the Book of Exodus again? Must all attempts at finding relevant meaning for today wallow in superficiality and flightiness? As he did with the Book of Genesis, veteran educator and Bible teacher Rabbi Francis Nataf shows us that careful and creative analysis of the text can still reap completely new and provocative insights geared to the intelligent modern reader. In a series of sophisticated yet readable essays, Rabbi Nataf uses his literary awareness and profound knowledge of text, Midrash and commentaries to come up with refreshingly original readings of some of the major stories in Exodus. The centrality of exile and alienation, national memory, the significance of clothing and how to relate to the other are only some of the topics that he discusses via the Biblical text's treatment of Moshe, Moshe's family and the Jewish nation as a whole. A must-read for anyone looking to appreciate how we should study Exodus in our time.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Francis Nataf is the Educational Director of the David Cardozo Academy in Jerusalem and the author of Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Genesis (Urim, 2006). He has also published numerous articles concerning Jewish education, Bible and Jewish thought. Rabbi Nataf was ordained at Yeshiva University and holds degrees in Jewish history and international affairs.
The Encyclopedia of Jewish Values
Nachum Amsel

Summary
A follow-up to his widely acclaimed *The Jewish Encyclopedia of Moral and Ethical Issues*, this is a comprehensive reference book on Jewish ethics for contemporary times. The topics addressed in this work include Jewish attitudes toward homosexuality, stem cell medical procedures, the environment, Internet piracy, and more. Gleaning from the Bible and classic Jewish texts, as well as later authorities such as Maimonides, Nachmanides, Rashi, and the Code of Jewish Law, this work is accessible to readers of all backgrounds.

Contributor Bio
Nachum Amsel is the director of education at the Destiny Foundation and the author of *The Jewish Encyclopedia of Moral and Ethical Issues*.

The Soul of Jewish Social Justice
Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

Summary
Finalist:
2014 National Jewish Book Award, Contemporary Jewish Life and Pratice

*The Soul of Jewish Social Justice* offers a novel intellectual and spiritual approach for how Jewish wisdom must be relevant and transformational in its application to the most pressing moral problems of our time. The book explores how spirituality, ritual, narratives, holidays, and tradition can enhance one’s commitment to creating a more just society. Readers will discover how the Jewish social justice ethos can help address issues of education reform, ethical consumption, the future of Israel, immigration, prison reform, violence, and business ethics.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz is the executive director of the Arizona Valley Beit Midrash, the founder and president of Uri L’Tzedek, and the founder and CEO of the Shamayim V’Aretz Institute. He was listed in *Newsweek*’s “America’s Top 50 Rabbis for 2012.” He lives in Scottsdale, Arizona.
**Torah for Its Intended Purpose**

**Selected Writings (1988–2013)**

Gordon Tucker

**Summary**

Gathering a wealth of dispersed material, some previously published and some new to print, *Torah for Its Intended Purpose* comprises twenty-one articles in a breadth of themes, from theology and exegesis to homiletics and Jewish law, Israel and the Jewish world, and their relation to the larger world. Diverse in genre, the essays, sermons, reviews—and one groundbreaking, dissenting responsum—chart a course that is scholarly and spiritual, yet engaged in social activism as well.

**Contributor Bio**

Gordon Tucker is a former dean of the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and is an adjunct assistant professor of Jewish thought at that institution. He served for 25 years on the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, and has been the senior rabbi at Temple Israel Center in White Plains, New York since 1994. He lives in White Plains, New York.

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**The Jews of Iraq**

**3000 Years of History and Culture**

Nissm Rejwan

**Summary**

An overview of the long tenure of the Jewish community in Iraq, this fascinating history details the comfortable, centuries-long coexistence between Jews and Muslims under an Islamic majority government. Opening with the Babylonian captivity in 731 BC, this account chronicles a time when the Jews were pushed out of Israel and Judea and deported to Babylon. Tracing the growth of Jewish towns in this new setting, the discussion points to a long period when Babylon was the center of Jewish life in exile and Talmudic study flourished. Continuing thought the centuries, the material covers the Mongol massacres of the Middle Ages, the Arab and Ottoman domination of Iraq, and the horrors of World War II, during which time the Rashid Ali regime carried out a Nazi-inspired pogrom in which Jews were murdered in the streets of Baghdad. The final chapters detail the exodus in 1951 of 100,000 Iraqi Jews to Israel.

**Contributor Bio**

Nissm Rejwan is the author of *Arabs Face the Modern World, Israel in Search of Identity, Israel’s Place in the Middle East, and The Last Jews in Baghdad.*
For the Love of Israel and the Jewish People
Essays and Studies on Israel, Jews and Judaism
Nathan Lopes Cardozo

Summary
The unique, almost mysterious connection between the land of Israel and the Jewish people is at the heart of this remarkable collection of essays. Author Nathan Lopes Cardozo addresses questions such as How is it that contrary to all the laws of history, the Jewish people outlived so many powerful empires? How has such a tiny nation been able to make an unprecedented contribution to the well-being of all of humankind? Why did the Jewish people become a source of endless irritation to those who opposed their ethical teachings? and How can the State of Israel rediscover its Jewish identity as the source of its greatest blessing and hope? As he explores these issues, Lopes Cardozo explains how the Jews, even in their exile, were able to develop almost a portable homeland, taking the spirit and the concept of Israel with them wherever they went.

Contributor Bio
Nathan Lopes Cardozo is a Jewish scholar and lecturer recognized for his insights into how Judaism can rejuvenate itself. He is the founder and dean of the David Cardozo Academy, the Aron and Betsy Spijer Institute, a think tank dedicated to recapturing the ideological foundations of Judaism. He has lectured on Judaism and Israel at numerous universities, religious academies, and rabbinical colleges.

Moses and the Path to Leadership
Zvi Grumet

Summary
Many believe that the stories surrounding the birth of Moses mark him from the cradle as being destined for leadership. Others argue that the track record of Moses as a leader leaves much to be desired, and that without the constant prompting by God, he would never have survived. The central proposition in this book is that neither of these polar positions reflects the profound transformations and growth of the experiences of Moses and that it is only within the turbulent space of change that he becomes a great leader, but not without his fair share of missteps along the way. It is precisely within, and from, those mistakes that Moses learns and ultimately becomes a model leader. This book traces this path to leadership and readers are given close readings of the text as stepping stones to developing themes and patterns.

Contributor Bio
Zvi Grumet is a rabbi and a senior staff member at the Lookstein Center for Jewish Education where he is the editor of the journal Jewish Educational Leadership. He is the chairman of the Bible department at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi and is a faculty member at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem.
Sages of the Talmud
The Lives, Sayings and Stories of 400 Rabbinic Masters
Mordechai Judovits

Summary
With biographical information on the 400 authors of the Talmud and hundreds of anecdotes about these sages as recorded in the Talmud itself, this collection is both an excellent and practical guide for students of the Talmud as well as a fascinating read for the lay reader. The author details the time period in which each sage lived, who his teachers and significant colleagues were, and the house of study or city associated with the sage. The wealth of stories and anecdotes offered in the book are linked to the correct Talmudic sage and offer a fascinating glimpse into the social environment in which each man lived. An appendix with the corresponding general history of the time also provides readers with an understanding of the political climate in which each master worked.

Contributor Bio
Mordechai Judovits is a Holocaust survivor and a longtime student of the Talmud. He is the author of Sages of the Talmud. He lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

The Quest for Authenticity
The Thought of Reb Simhah Bunim
Michael Rosen

Summary
Distilling the teachings and thought of Rabbi Simha Bunim, one of the foremost figures in the Przysucha school of Hasidism, this study sheds light both on what students of the Pryzsucha tradition believed as well as on its influence on Polish Hasidism at large. Pryzsucha Hasidism believed in a service to God that demanded both passion and analytical study, and sought to understand the human being, rather than God himself. This exploration of Rabbi Bunim’s thought illustrates how the spiritual leader was able to transform Pryzsucha Hasidism into a genuine movement and, in doing so, become the dominant personality in the Hasidic community in Poland during the early part of the 19th century.

Contributor Bio
Michael Rosen was the founder of Yakar Jewish Center for Tradition and Creativity, which has locations in London, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv.
Why We Pray What We Pray

The Remarkable History of Jewish Prayer
Rabbi Dr. Barry Freundel

Summary
Why We Pray What We Pray details the various factors that have influenced six important Jewish prayers and shaped how and when Jews recite them. This book shows that each prayer—Shema, Nishmat, Biraket HaHodesh, Anim Zemirot, Aleinu and Kaddish—has a complex history of which contemporary worshippers are mostly unaware. As readers learn about the factors and forces that shaped these prayers and Jewish liturgy in general, they will gain a more profound appreciation of what Jewish worship is all about. Why We Pray What We Pray also sets forth important moments in Jewish history with depth and detail.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Dr. Barry Freundel is the rabbi of Congregation Kesher Israel in Washington, DC. He is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University and an associate professor of religion at Towson University. He serves as the vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America and as chair of its Geirus Policies and Standards Committee. He is the author of Contemporary Orthodox Judaism’s Response to Modernity. He lives in the Washington, DC area.

A Tapestry for the Soul

The Introduction to the Zohar by Rabbi Yehudah Lev Ashlag, Explained Using Excerpts Collated from His Other Writings Including Suggestions for Inner Work
Rabbi Yehudah Lev Ashlag, Yedidah Cohen

Summary
A Tapestry for the Soul takes the Introduction to the Zohar (as translated in In the Shadow of the Ladder) as its main thread, from its beginning to its end. Excerpts from Rabbi Ashlag’s other writings are skillfully placed throughout, in order to explain the Introduction to the Zohar in depth. This is a totally innovative way of teaching. The benefits thus obtained include the fact that the reader can follow Rabbi Ashlag’s thought directly, without the need for an intermediary to explain his ideas, thus enabling direct contact between the Master Kabbalist and the reader. Now, even the beginner is able to learn from authentic Kabbalah texts.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Yehudah Lev Ashlag was a major Kabbalist, opening up the whole field of the Kabbalah by deciphering the code it was written in. He was the author of In the Shadow of the Ladder: Introductions to Kabbalah. Yedidah Cohen, with her husband, translated Rabbi Ashlag’s In the Shadow of the Ladder: Introductions to Kabbalah. She teaches at a gifted children’s college in Northern Israel and appears frequently on Israel National Radio.
**In the Shadow of the Ladder**

*Introductions to Kabbalah*

Rabbi Yehudah Lev Ashlag, Mark Cohen, Yedidah Cohen...

**Summary**

This authentic translation into English of two Kabbalah texts written in Hebrew asks deeply personal questions about the essence of an individual and the existence of a soul. Discussing the experience of an individual and the role of humans in creation, it offers an understanding of the places of evil, suffering, compassion, and joy in the full experience of divine love. The Kabbalah is presented here not as an esoteric study limited to the divinely inspired, but as a universal pathway of the spirit. Coming from the West rather than the East, this book fills a long-awaited gap as it teaches an essential spirituality within the conceptual framework of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

**Contributor Bio**

**Rabbi Yehudah Lev Ashlag** (1886–1955) was the author of *Perush HaSulam*, the first major commentary ever written on the Zohar, the key work of the Kabbalah, which dates from the first century. **Mark Cohen, PhD**, and **Yedidah Cohen, MB, BS**, have studied these texts in the original Hebrew with a student of Rabbi Baruch Ashlag, the son of Rabbi Yehudah Lev Ashlag. They teach this work in Hebrew and English in seminars and to groups in Israel and around the world.

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**Dybbuks and Jewish Women in Social History, Mysticism and Folklore**

Rachel Elior

**Summary**

How and why a person comes to be possessed by a dybbuk—the possession of a living body by the soul of a deceased person—and what consequences ensue from such possession, form the subject of this book. Though possession by a dybbuk has traditionally been understood as punishment for a terrible sin, it can also be seen as a mechanism used by desperate individuals—often women—who had no other means of escape from the demands and expectations of an all-encompassing patriarchal social order. *Dybbuks and Jewish Women* examines these and other aspects of dybbuk possession from historical and phenomenological perspectives, with particular attention to the gender significance of the subject.

**Contributor Bio**

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Nefesh HaTzimtzum, Volume 1
Rabbi Chaim Volozhin’s Nefesh HaChaim with Translation and Commentary
Avinoam Fraenkel

Summary
Nefesh HaTzimtzum provides the single most comprehensive and accessible presentation of the teachings and worldview of the Vilna Gaon’s primary student, Rabbi Chaim Volozhin. It is focused on Rabbi Chaim’s magnum opus, Nefesh HaChaim, a work that has lain in almost total obscurity for nearly two centuries due to its deep Kabbalistic subject matter. Nefesh HaTzimtzum opens up the real depth of the ideas presented in Nefesh HaChaim together with all of Rabbi Chaim’s related writings, making them accessible to the public for the first time in any language. In addition to the complete English translation, Nefesh HaTzimtzum includes the full facing page Hebrew text of Nefesh HaChaim and many other writings by Rabbi Chaim, along with in-depth explanations, an informative historical overview, an easily consumable innovative presentation layout and a full index.

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Nefesh HaTzimtzum, Volume 2
Understanding Nefesh HaChaim through the Key Concept of Tzimtzum and Related Writings
Avinoam Fraenkel

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Visions of a Compassionate World
Guided Imagery for Spiritual Growth and Social Transformation
Menachem Ekstein, David Zeller

Summary
First printed in 1921, *Visions of a Compassionate World* is a practical guide for spiritual development that addresses the whole person: mind, body, and soul. In an age of self-discovery and the search for self-awareness, this dynamic work brings clarity through meditation, guided imagery, psychology, and kabbalah. With its uplifting message of universal peace, this book reveals a spiritual path away from ego traps and self-centered consciousness and toward the pursuit of a more compassionate life.

Contributor Bio
Menachem Ekstein was the son of Mordechai Ekstein, a prominent Hassidic communal leader in Reisha, Poland in the early 20th century. He and his family were victims of the Holocaust. Yehoshua Starrett is the author of several books on topics of Jewish interest, including *The Breslov Haggadah*, *Esther: A Breslov Commentary on the Megillah*, *The Inner Temple*, and *To Heal the Soul*. David Zeller was the executive director of the Yakar Center for Tradition and Creativity and the Shevet Center for Jewish Meditation, both in Jerusalem. His work focused on combining transpersonal psychology with Jewish spirituality and mediation. He worked extensively with a range of Jewish communities, as well as with yoga, Sufi, Buddhist, and Christian centers, and with psychological programs in North America, Europe, and Israel.

Halakhic Man, Authentic Jew
Modern Expressions of Orthodox Thought from Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits
Ira Bedzow

Summary
*Halakhic Man, Authentic Jew* is a comparative study of the thought of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits about what constitutes a model Jew and the understanding and presentation of Halakha in a modern era.

Contributor Bio
Ira Bedzow is a Rabbi, a senior scholar of The Aspen Center for Social Values, and a member of the Atlanta Dayanut Institute. He is the author of *Standing on Both Feet: The Value of Promoting Jewish Social Values* and *Things Overheard in the Synagogue*. He lives in Atlanta.
Judaism and Homosexuality
An Authentic Orthodox View
Rabbi Chaim Rapoport

Summary
In light of modern changes in attitude regarding homosexuality, and recent controversy surrounding Government legislation, Orthodox Rabbi Chaim Rapoport, Chief Medical Advisor in the Cabinet of the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, explores the Jewish stance on homosexuality. Rabbi Rapoport combines an unswerving commitment to Jewish Law, teachings and values with a balanced, understanding perspective that has, arguably, been lacking among many in the Orthodox Jewish establishment. This work represents a milestone in understanding an issue at the heart of a great deal of debate, not to mention prejudice and discrimination. It will undoubtedly be a vehicle for future discussion and will serve as a brick in the wall of an increasingly harmonious World Jewish Community. The book combines clearly written prose for instant and easy access with exhaustive endnotes for all those who wish to explore the issue further. Judaism and Homosexuality is the first word on Orthodox attitudes to homosexuality, and will be a 'must have' on the desk of all professionals who find themselves...

Pillar of Prayer
Guidance in Contemplative Prayer, Sacred Study, and the Spiritual Life, from the Baal Shem Tov and His Circle
Menachem Kallus, Aubrey L. Glazer

Summary
The spiritual involution that swept through eastern Europe in the 18th century continues to resonate for spiritual seekers today. The mystic Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer revealed profound teachings of great insight that continue delineating the foundations of Jewish contemplative spiritual practice. What remains to be rediscovered is a remarkable journey into the mystical foundation of Jewish prayer life, including: "The Union of Worlds, Souls and Divinity in Prayer, Study, and Speech;" "Constricted Consciousness and Actualizing Genuine Presence;" "Preaching Reproof and Prayer;" "Sincere Prayer—The Union of Speech and Thought;" "Teachings on Sincerity, Spontaneity, and Volition;" and "God’s Will and Knowledge." Appealing beyond Hasidism alone, this modern translation of an important spiritual work is a must for those both newly- and well-acquainted with Jewish tradition.

Contributor Bio
Menachem Kallus is a rabbi and a translator who has contributed to Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility. Aubrey L. Glazer serves as senior rabbi at the Jewish Community Center of Harrison, New York. His research is part of a larger commitment to revitalizing Hebrew culture and civilization, and his publications include scholarly studies and annotated translations in Hebrew. He lives in New York City.
**Telling the Story**

*A Passover Haggadah Explained*

Barry Louis Polisar

**Summary**

Authentic and simple, this retelling of the Passover story in the Haggadah is designed to guide Passover participants through the Seder while educating them about the practice. Detailing the meaning of the ceremony in the past and present, the book also discusses the authenticity of the ceremony and the story, allowing those with little or no experience conducting a Seder to do so with confidence. A phonetic version of the Hebrew text is also included to aid those unfamiliar with Hebrew pronunciation.

**Contributor Bio**

**Barry Louis Polisar** has written numerous children's books, poems, stories, and songs, including *Noises from Under the Rug*, *Old Enough to Know Better*, and *Stolen Man*. He travels throughout the United States and Europe as a visiting author in schools and libraries, and his songs and stories can be heard on radio and television. He lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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**A Lifetime Companion to the Laws of Jewish Family Life**

Deena R. Zimmerman, Rabbi Yehuda Henkin

**Summary**

Written to help married and soon-to-be-married couples of all ages learn and understand the laws that govern Jewish marital life, this guide also places a particular emphasis on achieving an understanding of the interplay between Jewish law and women's health issues throughout the life cycle.

**Contributor Bio**

**Deena R. Zimmerman, MD, MPh, IBCLC** is a pediatrician for Maccabi Health Services and TEREM-Immediate Medical Care in Israel, as well as a medical advisor to the Jerusalem Breastfeeding Center. She has written a number of articles relating to women's health issues and Jewish law and has lectured extensively on medicine, women's health and Jewish law, and Jewish medical ethics. **Rabbi Yehuda Henkin** is a modern Jewish orthodox legal scholar and the author of, among other works, *Equality Lost: Essays in Torah Commentary, Halacha, and Jewish Thought; Is Shaking Hands a Torah Violation?*; and *Responsa on Contemporary Women's Issues*. 
### Hide and Seek

**Jewish Women and Hair Covering**
Lynne Schreiber

**Summary**

One of the few books to consider the very personal, yet also public, matter of married Jewish women covering their hair, *Hide and Seek* explains the law, considers the customs surrounding the practice, and includes the voices of women from around the world who are moved by the nature of this challenging observance. The book includes legal and sociological perspectives of the practice, citing relevant texts and rabbinic discourse, as well as the history, tradition, and customs of Jewish communities from around the world. Twenty-four personal essays from women on this sensitive issue lend a very personal face to the debate.

**Contributor Bio**

**Lynne Schreiber** is a journalist, a college instructor, and the author of *Driving Off the Horizon*, a book of poetry; *In the Shadow of the Tree: A Therapeutic Writing Guide for Children with Cancer*; and *Residential Architecture*. She lives in Oak Park, Michigan.

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### Jewish Guide to Practical Medical Decision-Making

**Jason Weiner**

**Summary**

Due to the rapid advances in the medical field, existing books on Jewish medical ethics are quickly becoming outdated and irrelevant, *Jewish Guide to Practical Medical Decision-Making* seeks to remedy that by presenting the most contemporary medical information and rabbinic rulings in an accessible, user-friendly manner. Rabbi Weiner addresses a broad range of medical circumstances such as surrogacy and egg donation, assisted suicide, and end of life decision making. Based on his extensive training and practical familiarity inside a major hospital, Rabbi Weiner provides clear and concise guidance to facilitate complex decision-making for the most common medical dilemmas that arise in contemporary society.

**Contributor Bio**

With a degree in bioethics and health policy, two rabbinic ordinations, and a pending doctorate in clinical bioethics, **Rabbi Jason Weiner** currently serves as the senior rabbi and manager of the Spiritual Care Department at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, where he is responsible for the chaplaincy team and all aspects of spiritual care. Rabbi Weiner is also the president of the Southern California Board of Rabbis and has been honored with Rabbinic Leadership Awards from the Orthodox Union and Chai Lifeline. He is a member of the Cedars-Sinai End of Life Committee, the Organ Donor Council, and the Bioethics Committee, for which he serves on the internal advisory board. Rabbi Weiner is also the rabbi of Knesset Israel Synagogue of Beverlywood. Additionally, he teaches a Talmud class at Shalhevet High School, and frequently serves as a scholar-in-residence at conferences and synagogues throughout the US.
Jewish Law as Rebellion
A Plea for Religious Authenticity and Halachic Courage
Nathan Lopes Cardozo

Summary
Jewish Law as Rebellion is unconventional and controversial in its approach to the world of Jewish Law and its response to religious crises. The book delves into the contemporary application and development of halacha and pointedly protests many accepted methods and ideals, offering new solutions to existing halachic dilemmas. Rabbi Cardozo discusses hot topics such as same-sex marriage, conversion, and religion in the State of Israel and presents a critical analysis and explanation of the application of halacha.

Contributor Bio
A sought-after lecturer on the international stage for both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences, Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo is the author of 13 books and numerous articles. Rabbi Cardozo heads a Think Tank focused on finding new Halachic and philosophical approaches to dealing with the crisis of religion and identity among Jews and the State of Israel. Hailing from the Netherlands, Rabbi Cardozo is known for his original and often fearlessly controversial insights into Judaism. Rabbi Cardozo is the Founder and Dean of the David Cardozo Academy and the Bet Midrash of Avraham Avinu in Jerusalem.

On the Relationship of Mitzvot Between Man and His Neighbor and Man and His Maker
Daniel Sperber

Summary
Finalist:
2014 National Jewish Book Award, Modern Jewish Thought and Experience

This study seeks to examine the relationship between the two major categories of commandments (mitzvot): ritual commands (between man and his Maker) and social interpersonal commands (between man and his neighbor). It is argued here that when there is a clash between these two categories, and one cannot carry out both, the interpersonal mitzvot almost always override those of a ritual nature. Different scenarios from a broad spectrum of Jewish law are cited to prove this contention, and the conclusion is underscored through the examination of the behavior and rulings of several leading Jewish legal authorities. Finally, the implications of this conclusion and their impact on religious educational direction and rationale are also discussed.

Contributor Bio
Daniel Sperber is a leading scholar of Jewish law, customs, and ethics. He has taught in the Talmud department of Bar-Ilan University, was the dean of the faculty of Jewish studies, and serves as the president of the Jesselson Institute for Advanced Torah Studies. The incumbent of the Milan Roven Chair of Talmudic Research, he received the Israel Prize in 1992 for his research in Talmud and the history of Jewish customs, and served as the chairman of the Council for Religious Education at the Israel Ministry of Education for a decade. He has published 30 books—including a well-known eight-volume series, Minhagei Yisrael, on the history of Jewish customs—and more than 400 articles on the subjects of Talmudic and Jewish socioeconomic history, law and customs, classical philology, and Jewish art.
Rabbinic Authority, Volume 1
The Vision and the Reality
A. Yehuda Warburg

**Summary**
Introducing English-speaking readers to the parameters and scope of rabbinic authority in general, and the workings of the institution of the *beit din*—the Jewish court of law—in particular, this book presents 10 rulings in cases of Jewish civil law that the author handed down as a member of a *beit din* panel. These decisions touch on matters pertaining to employment termination, tenure rights and severance pay, rabbinic contracts, issues in the not-for-profit boardroom, real estate brokerage commission, drafting a halakhic will, a revocable living trust agreement, the division of marital assets upon divorce, spousal abuse, and a father's duty to support his estranged children. Accompanying these presentations is an examination of the notion of rabbinic authority, the business judgment rule, and an *agunah*'s ability to recover for the infliction of emotional stress.

**Contributor Bio**
A. Yehuda Warburg has served as a rabbinical judge on various *battei din* panels in the Hasidic, Modern Orthodox, Sephardic, and Yeshiva communities in the New York–New Jersey metropolitan area. He is a former research fellow at the Institute of Jewish Law at Boston University School of Law. He is a member of the editorial board of the journal * Tradition* and served on the editorial board of the *Jewish Law Annual*. He is the author of dozens of articles in the areas of jurisprudence, family law, bioethics, contracts, and securities law that address the interface of Halakha and U.S. law.

Rabbinic Authority, Volume 2
The Vision and the Reality, Beit Din Decisions in English, Volume 2
A. Yehuda Warburg

**Summary**
Volume 2 of the only English books on rabbinic authority
In this second volume of *Rabbinic Authority*, Rabbi Warburg presents new rabbinical court arbitration decisions in English. He is the first rabbinic arbitrator to publish *piskei din* (decisions) on cases in Jewish civil law. It is important that those who service the institution of a *beit din* (a Jewish court) know the inner dynamics and reasoning of those who issue rulings. This volume focuses on a number of topics, such as the halakhic identity of an investment broker, the propriety of a civil will, contemporary issues relating to domestic violence, and the role of a rabbinical advocate in the *beit din* process.

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Rabbinic Authority, Volume 3
The Vision and the Reality, Beit Din Decisions in English - Halakhic Divorce and the Agunah
A. Yehuda Warburg

Summary
In the third volume of his groundbreaking series on rabbinic authority in English, Rabbi Warburg discusses the ramifications of a Jewish divorce. In this well-composed monograph, Rabbi Warburg primarily focuses on the case of the modern day agunah, a wife who is unable to get divorced due to her husband's recalcitrance. He addresses the various techniques, such as obligating the giving of a get (Jewish divorce document), finding relief for an agunah who signed an exploitative agreement, and listing different avenues to void a marriage (bitul kiddushin) used by the rabbinical court. This issue is of some controversy in the Jewish community, and there is heated debate about it.

Contributor Bio
Since 1999, Rabbi Dr. A. Yehuda Warburg has served as a dayan (rabbinical judge) on various battei din panels in the Hassidic, Modern Orthodox, Sephardic, and Yeshiva communities in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. He is a former research fellow at the Institute of Jewish Law at Boston University School of Law. He is a member of the editorial board of the journal Tradition and served on the editorial board of The Jewish Law Annual. For over two decades, Rabbi Warburg delivered classes in Hoshen Mishpat (business law) and Even ha-Ezer (family law) to rabbinical students at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University. He is the author of dozens of articles in the areas of jurisprudence, family law, bioethics, contracts, and securities law that address the interface of Halakha and U.S. law, and he is the author of Rabbinic Authority volumes 1 and 2.

Siddur Shevet Asher
The Tribe Siddur for Children and Families
Tribe: Young United Synagogue, Jonathan Sacks

Summary
This siddur (Jewish daily prayer book) - in Hebrew text with English notations - is written for children ages 8-12. Each religious service and section of prayer in the siddur is now color coded. Symbols throughout will guide readers - both children and their families - to information, instructions, and brief translations. Links to 'JOG,' the Jewish Online Guides on the United Synagogue website, and a QR code will take the reader straight to instructional video clips - another innovation. With an introduction by Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks, this revised edition has also been expanded to include all the additional prayers for High Holydays. It is designed for teachers and children's service leaders, avoiding the need for an additional prayerbook. Also included are additional tehillim, psalms said at time of difficulty and for the healing of a sick person, etc. With full color illustrations throughout, the Siddur Shevet Asher is certain to become the new 'must have' prayer book for all children and families, as a stepping stone to the, now familiar, 'Sacks' Singer's Authorised Daily Prayer B...
Embroidery and Sacred Text
New Designs in Judaic Needlework
Rachel Braun

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Contributor Bio
Some twenty years ago, Rachel Braun began to explore ways that Jewish texts could be embroidered – literally and figuratively – in original needlecraft designs. During a sabbatical year from her career as a high school mathematics and statistics teacher, she collected her work and thoughts in this volume. Her many talents – artistic, spiritual, and mathematical – come together in this work. Rachel's embroidery canvases have hung in many venues, including libraries and places of worship. In 2014, her embroidery Bamidbar: In the Wilderness was selected for display in the juried exhibit accompanying the American Mathematical Society's special session on mathematics and fiber arts. Rachel lives in the Washington, DC area with her husband, Steven. Together, they raised four children who have become passionate and adventurous young adults. In addition to her mathematical undertakings, Rachel is a synagogue service leader, Torah chanter, and Jewish educator. Fun fact: she holds a Guinness Book of World Records certificate for the largest graph paper collection in the world, with more than 7...

On Changes in Jewish Liturgy
Options and Limitations
Daniel Sperber

Summary
Recognizing that certain of the more archaic aspects of Jewish liturgy contain passages and statements that apply more to past eras than to the present day—and can in some cases be offensive to segments of modern society—this book attempts to delineate the parameters of halachically permissible changes in the liturgy. This consideration argues that these changes should have precedents in traditional sources and that they should be made only when they correct anachronisms and defuse potential conflict, thus enhancing the experience of prayer for an ever-widening spectrum of Orthodox Jewry.

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Daniel Sperber is a leading scholar of Jewish law, customs, and ethics. He has taught in the Talmud department of Bar-Ilan University, was the dean of the faculty of Jewish studies, and serves as the president of the Jesselson Institute for Advanced Torah Studies. The incumbent of the Milan Roven Chair of Talmudic Research, he received the Israel Prize in 1992 for his research in Talmud and the history of Jewish customs, and served as chairman of the council for Religious Education at the Israel Ministry of Education for a decade. He has published 30 books—including a well-known eight-volume series, Minhagei Yisrael, on the history of Jewish customs—and more than 400 articles on the subjects of Talmudic and Jewish socioeconomic history, law and customs, classical philology, and Jewish art.
Passages
Text and Transformation in the Parasha
Rabbi Michael Hattin

Summary
Deftly weaving literary analysis of the biblical text with selected teachings of classical Jewish commentary, Passages is a thought-provoking study of the weekly parasha. Revealing the intricacies of the Torah portion and offering innovative readings, the book applies the Torah’s message to the complexities of modern living. This journey into the landscape of biblical study will both challenge and refresh readers.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Michael Hattin is a master teacher of Tanakh at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and the director of the Beit Midrash for the Pardes Educators Program. He has been a scholar-in-residence in many communities throughout North America and Europe.

Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Deuteronomy
Explorations in Text and Meaning
Francis Nataf

Summary
Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Deuteronomy continues Rabbi Francis Nataf’s innovative analysis of the five books of the biblical Torah. A fresh look at the final and most challenging of the five books, this volume focuses on topics such as mortality, personal vision, identity, humanity, and religion and state. Rabbi Francis Nataf shows his talent for discovering previously untouched facets of the Torah and connecting them to Jewish tradition. The clarity of the insights and patterns presented shows how a personal analysis of the biblical text can lead to living a more spiritually rewarding and ethically correct life.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Francis Nataf is a Jerusalem based thinker, writer, and educator. He is the author of Redeeming Relevance in the Torah series and of many articles on comparative religious thought, biblical studies, and education.
Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Genesis
Explorations in Text and Meaning
Rabbi Francis Nataf

Summary
Examining the book of Genesis, the foundational text in the Hebrew Bible, this study seeks to mine the stories of some of the greatest figures in Judaism for their relevance to modern life. Rabbi Francis Nataf focuses on Abraham, the Matriarchs, Ishmael and Israel, Isaac, Jacob and Esau, and Judah, examining the stories in light of the protagonists’ humanity. In doing so, Nataf reveals how much more these figures have to offer a contemporary readership than when placed within a hagiographic framework. This work encourages readers to engage with—and even risk misinterpreting—the Torah in order to make it more alive and relevant.

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Rabbi Francis Nataf is Jerusalem-based thinker, writer, and educator. He is the author of the Redeeming Relevance in Torah series and of many articles on comparative religious thought, biblical studies, and education.

Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Numbers
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Continuing Rabbi Francis Nataf’s innovative analysis of the Bible’s five books, this volume focuses on some of the text’s most perplexing stories in the Book of Numbers. It weaves them into discussions about the individual and the community, religious leadership and its abuse, and about communication and disappointment. Taking a new look at Judaism’s most basic text, Rabbi Nataf reads the Bible in ways that make it more accessible and more exciting to study. The clarity of the insights in Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Numbers reveals new patterns in the biblical text.

Contributor Bio
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**Song of Teshuvah: Book One**

A Commentary on Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook's Oros HaTeshuvah, 1: I-VII

Rav Moshe Weinberger, Yaacov Dovid Shulman

**Summary**

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Song of Teshuvah: Book Four
A Commentary on Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook's Oros HaTeshuvah
Rav Moshe Weinberger, Yaakov Dovid Shulman

Summary
This is the only English translation of the esteemed Rav Kook’s book on repentance and self-improvement

Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaKohen Kook’s seminal work on repentance, Oros HaTeshuvah, is recognized as a classic of Jewish thought but has, because of its difficult language and its theological depth, remained inaccessible to many. This book presents readers with the original Hebrew text of Oros HaTeshuvah with a new translation into English, as well as expert commentary in English from Rabbi Moshe Weinberger. Weinberger draws on his extensive knowledge of Jewish philosophical and inspirational literature to provide profound, moving, and fresh insights into the text, richly explicating the ideas in Oros HaTeshuvah in an accessible and clear but not superficial manner. Readers will come away with a firm grasp on the profound truth at the heart of Kook’s classic work: that teshuvah—repentance—is not a somber process of self-deprivation but a joyful journey back to God and to the core of each individual. This volume covers chapters 14 through 17 of Oros HaTeshuvah and is the final volume in...

Contributor Bio
Rav Moshe Weinberger is the founder and rabbi of Congregation Aish Kodesh in Woodmere, New York. He is a sought-after lecturer and educator on matters pertaining to Judaism, and the author of the previous three books of Song of Teshuvah. He lives in Woodmere, New York. Yaacov Dovid Shulman has contributed to more than 40 books as an author, an editor, a ghostwriter, and a translator, and he adapted the previous three books of Song of Teshuvah.
The Path of Torah
HaRav Naftali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin (Netziv), Rabbi E...

Summary
Demonstrating how the truth path of Torah becomes realized through the proper application of analysis and the development of the proper character and attitude for discovering God’s truth, Darhak Shel Torah, or Kadmas Ha’amek, was originally published as a preface to Netziv’s magnum opus, Ha’amek Sh’alah. In an effort to facilitate an understanding of this seminal work, this translation of Darhak Shel Torah employs numerous footnotes that cite the Netziv’s other works and the sources he used, as well as explanations of his numerous references. For the particularly difficult chapters, summaries are provided.

Contributor Bio
HaRav Naftali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin (Netziv) was an Orthodox rabbi and the dean of the Volozhin yeshiva, at the time the largest institution of its kind, for nearly 40 years. He is the author of several works of rabbinic literature. Rabbi Elchanan Greenman studied Talmud and Codes for four years at Yeshiva Brisk of Chicago, where he also received his rabbinic ordination. He served as a faculty member at Yeshiva University of Los Angeles and has taught adult and young adult classes for more than 20 years in Chicago, Houston, and Los Angeles. He lives in Houston.

Tiferet Yisrael
Translation and Commentary—Volume 1: Introduction and Chapters 1–9
The Maharal of Prague, Ramon Widmonte

Summary
The famed Maharal of Prague, a 16th-century mystic, is known for the legend of the Golem, but his Torah scholarship has remained a closed book to English speakers for far too long. While several attempts have been made to translate or abridge the Maharal’s Torah, the complexity of his thought has defied standard translation methodologies. This edition of the Tiferet Yisrael (the Splendor of Israel) seeks to present the Maharal’s thought in all its majesty and to enable beginners and scholars alike to grasp the overall structure of the Maharal’s concepts through the addition of innovative summaries and graphical aids. In the work, the Maharal contemplates questions of Jewish life, such as How can there be ritually observant Jews who behave immorally? What is the reason for performing Mitzvot (commandments)? Is there any relevance or meaning to performing Mitzvot if one doesn’t understand God’s reasons for commanding them? What is the path to self-fulfillment? The translation is lucid and faithful, with in-line comments to guide the reader in exploring the Maharal’s depths.

Contributor Bio
The Maharal of Prague was an important 16th-century Talmudic scholar, Jewish mystic, and philosopher who served as a leading rabbi in the cities of Mikulov in Moravia and Prague in Bohemia. Ramon Widmonte learned at Yeshivat Har Etzion and holds a degree in mathematics and computer science. He serves as a rabbi and educator in Johannesburg, South Africa.
Torah Conversations with Nechama Leibowitz

Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur

Summary
Many of teachings of the renowned Torah scholar Nechama Leibowitz are gathered in this book that takes readers on a journey to discover the story-beneath-the-story of key biblical passages. Each chapter presents one or more principles of Torah learning, introducing new dimensions in familiar narratives. Students of the Torah as well as lay readers will find insights to ponder, ask questions, and experience the joy of discovery with this biblical guide.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur studied under, and maintained an ongoing correspondence with, Nechama Leibowitz for more than 20 years. He is the rabbi of Congregation Torah Ohr in Boca Raton, Florida, and the former rabbi of Congregation Beth Tefillah in Paramus, New Jersey. He lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

Find It in the Talmud
An Encyclopedia of Jewish Ethics and Conduct
Mordechai Judovits

Summary
The Talmud—an ancient and seminal text central to Rabbinic Judaism—is the focal point of this reference book. With more than 6,000 entries, this book serves as a path finder for those interested in the Talmud and a useful tool for scholars when searching for a particular Talmudic subject. The book also contains stories, anecdotes, and sayings recorded in the Talmud while placing an emphasis on topics of ethics, morality, charity, decency, and proper conduct.

Contributor Bio
Mordechai Judovits is a Holocaust survivor and a longtime student of the Talmud. He is the author of Sages of the Talmud. He lives in Boca Raton, Florida.
A Torah Giant
The Intellectual Legacy of Rabbi Dr. Irving (Yitz) Greenberg
Shmuly Yanklowitz, Rabbi Avi Weiss, Rabbi Joseph T...

Summary
Discover the breadth of wisdom provided by this generation’s giant of Torah: Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg. Rabbi Yitz is one of the most renowned leaders in contemporary Jewish communal life. His dedication to foster a more interconnected and vibrant Judaism has been felt across the academic and broader world. In this new work, the legacy of Rabbi Yitz is discussed at length by those who have been affected by his inclusive model of contemporary Judaism, his approachable erudition, commitment to fostering meaningful interfaith dialogue, and constant striving to make the world a more just place. These intellectual progenies divulge the lasting impact Rabbi Yitz has had on their lives and the lives of people around the globe.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz is the President & Dean of Valley Beit Midrash, the Founder & President of Uri L’Tzedek, and Founder & CEO of Shamayim V’Aretz. As a global social justice educator, Rav Shmuly has volunteered, taught, and staffed missions across five continents. He was named one of "The Most Inspiring Rabbis in America" by The Forward, and by Newsweek as one of the "Top 50 Rabbis in America." Shmuly, his wife Shoshana, and their children live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Rabbi Avi Weiss is founding rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – the Bayit, Bronx, New York, and founder of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and Yeshivat Maharat. He is also co-founder of the International Rabbinic Fellowship (IRF) and PORAT: People for Orthodox Renaissance And Torah. Joseph Telushkin is a rabbi, scholar, and bestselling author of eighteen books. His book Jewish Literacy is the widest-selling work on the topic of Judaism. He lives in New York City.

Journey to Heaven
Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife
Leila Leah Bronner

Summary
A number of the basic tenets of Jewish belief regarding the afterlife, resurrection, immortality, judgment, messianism, and the world to come are laid out in this fascinating and accessible volume. Beginning with the Bible's references to Sheol and its allusions to resurrection, this survey explores immortality and bodily resurrection in Second Temple literature; the Mishnah’s discussions of olam ha-ba, or the world to come, and how to merit entry into it; and the Talmud’s depictions of paradise and hell, and the soul’s journey through these metaphysical landscapes. The book also explores the views of medieval scholars such as Maimonides and Nahmanides, Jewish mystical teachings about reincarnation, and modern views of faith and belief, as well as the evolving view of the Messiah over the course of Jewish history. This absorbing study demonstrates that the afterlife is indeed a vital part of Judaism as it reveals how generations of Jews, from biblical times to the present, have grappled with the core ideas and beliefs about the hereafter.

Contributor Bio
Leila Leah Bronner is a noted community activist, professor and writer. She is a former professor of Bible and Jewish history at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, as well as former visiting scholar at Bar Ilan University in Israel, Harvard University, and Yeshiva University’s Institute of Adult Studies in New York. She is the author of several books, including From Eve to Esther: Rabbinic Reconstructions of Biblical Women and Stories of Biblical Mothers: Maternal Power in the Hebrew Bible. She lives in Los Angeles.
Scholarly Man of Faith
Studies in the Thought and Writings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik
Ephraim Kanarfogel, Dov Schwartz

Summary
This book sets forward a series of interesting and less-explored aspects of Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik's teachings. These essays delve into the Rav’s approach toward understanding biblical figures, his views on emotions and intellect, his appreciation of R. Yehudah ha-Levi, his understanding of medieval history, and the implications for modernity.

Contributor Bio
Ephraim Kanarfogel is a Professor of Jewish History, Literature and Law at Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and a winner of the National Jewish Book Award for Scholarship and the Goldstein-Goren International Book Prize in Jewish Thought. Dov Schwartz is Professor of Philosophy at Bar-Ilan University

Destiny Seekers (Revised)
James Morel

In Destiny Seekers Pastor James Morel introduces his readers to a young man named James as he begins his walk of faith up the mountain. Through the use of allegory, Morel points to the ancient path Scripture calls us to walk in order to discover our destiny and find answers to questions like

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What is your destiny in Christ?

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- How can we know our true destiny in Christ?
- Where in Scripture does God call His people to return to the ancient paths?
- Why is our destiny tied to the Hebraic roots of our faith?
- Are we the last generation who must prepare for the coming of Messiah?

In his second book, Two Sides of the Mountain, Morel explains the Church’s Elijah Task and reveals the ancient wisdom of the other side of the mountain.

The time has come for the church to return to Scripture and rediscover the hidden truths rather than chasing after the wavering winds of opinion.

Contributor Bio
James Morel has served in the mission field in nine different countries and pastored several churches over thirty years. He currently pastors New Covenant Christian Church of Laconia, New Hampshire.
Two Sides of the Mountain
The Holy Conversation
James Morel

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Walk with James as he experiences visions and knowledge about the law and the prophets, about the spirit of Elijah, and the dangers of mixed worship. In *Two Sides of the Mountain*, James Morel answers questions like:

- Who are the two peoples God is drawing to the mountain of the Lord?
- Are we the last generation?
- How is God awakening the Church?
- When will the “restoration of all things” take place?

God is calling the Church to a holy conversation and a commission Pastor Morel calls “the Elijah Task.”

*Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established ... and all nations shall flow to it. Isaiah 2:1-2*

Contributor Bio

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Discourses of Rav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik on the Weekly Parashah
Darosh Darash Yosef
Rabbi Avishai C. David

Summary

Principally drawing from end-of-Shabbat lessons and discourses given by the Rabbi Yosef Dov Soloveitchik during his time in Boston, this compendium also includes Soloveitchik lectures from his tenure as the rabbi of Congregation Moriah in Manhattan and his summer lecture series. Compiled by Rabbi Avishai David, a student of Soloveitchik’s, this collection serves as a comprehensive introduction to the thought of one of the great Talmudists of the 20th century, a man who drew from a vast reservoir of Jewish and general knowledge to bring Jewish thought and law to bear on the interpretation and assessment of the modern experience.

Contributor Bio

Rabbi Avishai C. David is a former student of Rabbi Yosef Soloveitchik’s. He is the rosh yeshiva, or dean, of Yeshivat Torat Shraga in Jerusalem, a post–high school yeshiva program for young men, as well as the rabbi of a synagogue in Beit Shemesh, Israel.
Stages of Spiritual Growth
Resolving the Tension Between Self-Expression and Submission to Divine Will
Batya Gallant

Summary
Exploring the system of spiritual growth set forth by Rabbi Tzadok Hakohen of Lublin, this study begins with a description of the stages: youth, which is most conducive to growth in love and kindness; middle age, which provides the best opportunity for learning submission to divine authority; and the later years, which are the optimal time for growth in truth perception. The book clarifies the necessary steps within each stage of growth, explains why each stage of life lends itself to that specific facet of development, examines some of the underlying axioms of non-Jewish culture that can sabotage psychological and spiritual progress, and—perhaps most significant for the current generation—dispels the common misconception that spiritual growth in Torah stifles an individual’s self-expression. Stages of Spiritual Growth provides a philosophical framework for incorporating individuality into a person’s quest to serve God.

Contributor Bio
Batya Gallant has been a teacher of Torah in women’s community classes, post-high school seminaries, and women’s beginner programs for more than 40 years. Currently a teacher at Darchei Binah Seminary in Israel, she focuses primarily on Torah psychology, philosophy, and intellectual history.

Britain’s Jews in the First World War
Paula Kitching

Summary
This book tells the story of the Jewish community, of its individuals and its groups that contributed to the First World War from London. It will describe the experiences of some of those that served and fought; of the impact the war had on the community and its members; and explore some of the uniquely Jewish experiences and questions that the war raised e.g. how do you keep Kosher on the front line? In August 1914 Britain declared war on Germany. Immediately following the declaration an appeal went out for volunteers to join the army. Despite a huge global Empire and large Navy, Britain had a small professional army. The Jewish communities of London stepped up in response providing well over 40,000 men for the forces and thousands more for activities on the Home Front. The Jewish community was a small ethnic/religious minority but one that was prepared to be counted. The stories and experiences of London’s Jewry and the First World War is the story of how a community often viewed as outsiders became very much entwined with British society and how British society and culture became v...

Contributor Bio
Paula Kitching is an historian and writer. She is the Project manager and historian for a project that is building a digital archive on the Jewish experience of World War I. Paula is a regular contributor to the Historian magazine of the Historical Association, and has written articles for commemorative publications for the Royal British Legion, the MOD and The London Jewish Cultural Centre. She has written education materials for the Department of Education, the Scottish Executive, the British Library, the Historical Association and others. She is an independent battlefield guide and a history tours advisor for Rayburn Tours. Paula Lectures in many aspects of cultural history in particular relating to war and genocide for adult audiences.
Hidden Treasures and Intercultural Encounters
Studies on East Syriac Christianity in China and Central Asia
Dietmar Winkler, Li Tang

Summary
East Syriac Christianity spread outside the Roman Empire as a result of the missions carried out by the "Church of the East", formerly known as "Nestorian Church". This volume contains the most recent cutting edge research on this very Church in China and Central Asia. World-renowned scholars from universities and institutions in China, India, Europe and North America contributed to the study of this fascinating chapter of the history of Christianity. They come from various disciplines such as Religious and Ecclesiastical History, Philology (Sinology, Syrology), Archeology, Theology, and Central Asiatic Studies.

Contributor Bio
Dietmar W. Winkler is a professor of patristic studies and history of Christianity at the University of Salzburg, Austria.

Li Tang is a senior research fellow and lecturer of the department of biblical studies and ecclesiastical history at the University of Salzburg, Austria.

For the Love of Being Jewish
An A-to-Z Primer for Bubbies, Mensches, Meshugas, Tzaddiks, and Yentas!
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein, Mark Anderson

Summary
Using all 26 letters of the alphabet accompanied by rhymes, colorful illustrations, and informative text, this tribute to Jewish religion and heritage explores key concepts in a humorous way. Readers will enjoy fun facts, inspiring quotes, important terminology, and clever caricatures.

Contributor Bio
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein was ordained in 1995 from the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion, and he serves Congregation Am Shalom in Glencoe, Illinois. Mark Anderson is an illustrator whose work has appeared on the back cover of National Geographic, the New Yorker, and Time and inside the Atlantic Monthly, BusinessWeek, Harvard Business Review, Outside, and many other periodicals. He is the illustrator and designer of Triumph Books' popular For the Love of . . . series. He lives in Chicago.
**Opening the Drawer**  
The Hidden Identities of Polish Jews  
Barry Cohen, Witold Krassowski

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**Surviving the Holocaust with the Russian Jewish Partisans**  
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**Summary**  
Two cousins relate their experiences with Bielski’s partisan brigade in war-torn Russia during the Second World War. Natives of Novogrodek, part of present-day Belarus, they describe Jewish life before the Holocaust and furnish a most moving account of how a thriving and prosperous Jewish center was decimated by the Nazis and local collaborators. Initial joy when their hometown was taken over by the Soviet Union disappeared when the Germans ran the Russians out of town and started implementing policies to eradicate all Jews and anything Jewish. Dov (Berl), the elder of the cousins, whose account comprises the first section of the book, lost his immediate family in the early days of German occupation and escaped from ghetto life in November 1942 to join the partisans in the dense forests of the area. He joined the Kalinin brigade and spent the rest of the war fighting the Germans and Russian sympathisers. Jack (Idel), seven years his junior, remained in the ghetto with the remnants of their once-large family. After a failed attempt in December 1942 to escape to reach the partisans...