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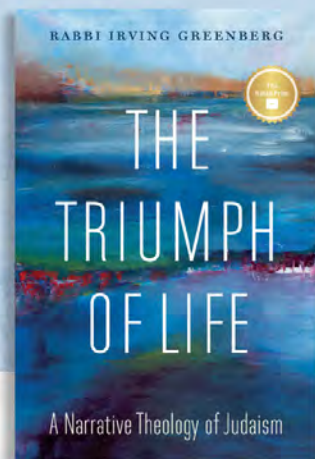
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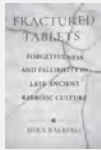
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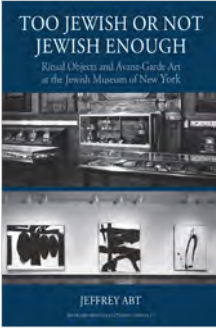
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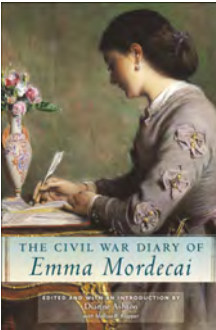
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Ritual Objects and Avant-Garde Art
at the Jewish Museum of New York**
Jeffrey Abt

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On the evolution from exhibiting Jewish ritual objects to Jewish art to art devoid of Jewish content, considering struggles over religion and secularism, particularism and universalism, ethnic pride and assimilation.



The Civil War Diary of Emma Mordecai
Dianne Ashton and Melissa R. Klapper
New York University Press

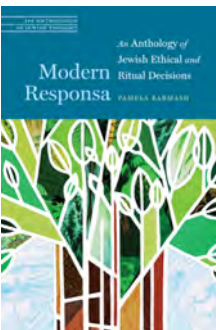
A vivid look at the wartime experiences of a Southern Jewish white woman, a slaveholder who was forced to leave her home but remained devoted to her family and Confederate values.



Mazaltob: A Novel

Yaëlle Azagury and Frances Malino, editors
Brandeis University Press

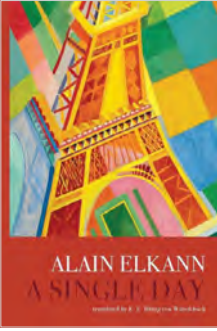
The first English translation of Blanche Bendahan's novel *Mazaltob*, which received a 1930 Académie Française prize, and is a forerunner of modern Sephardi feminist literature. Includes an introduction, annotations, and literary analysis.



**Modern Responsa: An Anthology of
Jewish Ethical and Ritual Decisions**
Pamela Barmash

Jewish Publication Society

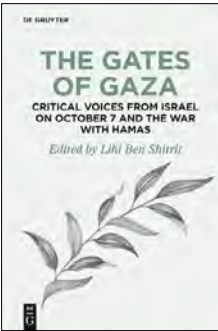
How do rabbis expert in Judaism's legal tradition answer modern dilemmas? This book includes modern responsa by rabbinic authorities, male and female, across movements, geographic locales, and Ashkenazic, Sefardic, and Mizrahi communities.



A Single Day

K.E. Bättig von Wittelsbach, *translator*
Bordighera Press

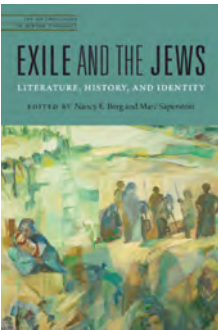
Alain Elkann's novel is a character study following its protagonist for a single day as he discovers his Jewish origins and finds answers to questions about the past and his family's fate in World War II.



The Gates of Gaza: Critical Voices from Israel on October 7 and the War with Hamas

Lihi Ben Shitrit, *editor*
De Gruyter

This book focuses on voices that are critical of Israeli government policies and chronicles the reactions of intellectuals and scholars to unfolding events, comprising an archive of a particular discourse taking shape in Israel.



Exile and the Jews: Literature, History, and Identity

Nancy E. Berg and Marc Saperstein, *editors*
Jewish Publication Society & University of Nebraska Press

This anthology explores how different realities and interpretations of exile have shaped Jewish religion, thought, politics, and identity through a comprehensive curation of Jewish literary creativity, across genres and time.



The Destruction of Jewish Cemeteries in Poland

Krzysztof Bielawski, *author*; **Richard Bialy**, *translator*
Academic Studies Press

Examines the destruction of Jewish cemeteries in Poland done by Germans, the local Polish population (during and after World War II), and the postwar state.



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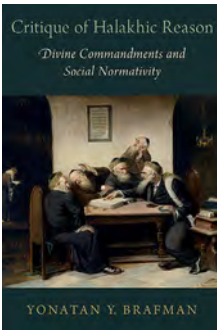


Hitler's Twilight of the Gods: Music and the Orchestration of War and Genocide in Europe

Alexandra Birch

University of Toronto Press

This book demonstrates the integral role music played in Nazi statecraft and ideology, from the personal obsessions of the Nazi leadership to the harrowing use of musical sadism in the Holocaust.



Critique of Halakhic Reason: Divine Commandments and Social Normativity

Yonatan Y. Brafman

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This book examines the reasoning operative in the justification and jurisprudence of the Jewish commandments and develops the consequences of such reasoning for the study and philosophy of religion.



Between Borders: The Great Jewish Migration from Eastern Europe

Tobias Brinkmann

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This book discusses the journeys of Jews leaving Eastern Europe from the 1860s to the 1960s with a focus on the origins of migration and refugee studies.

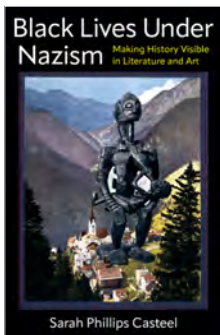


Arbeit Macht Frei: Representations and Meanings in Art

Batya Brutin

De Gruyter

This book focuses on the various representations, meanings, and interpretations of the infamous phrase *Arbeit Macht Frei* in art. This is the first book-length treatment of this difficult yet necessary topic.



Black Lives Under Nazism: Making History Visible in Literature and Art

Sarah Phillips Casteel

Columbia University Press

This groundbreaking book challenges the invisibility of Black wartime experience by identifying the significance of African diaspora artistic expression for Holocaust history, memory, and representation.

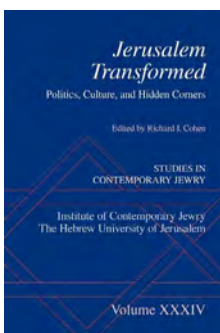


From Language to Performance: Jewish Tongues Onstage in Israel

Sarit Cofman-Simhon

Mofet Institute

This book deals with theatrical productions in Jewish languages in Israel, such as Ladino, Yiddish, Maghrebi, Juhuri, Judeo-Aramaic, Bukharan, Judeo-Iraqi, and others.

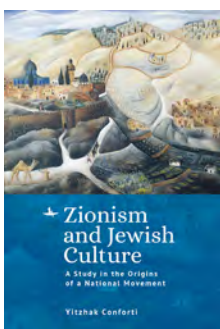


Jerusalem Transformed: Politics, Culture, and Hidden Corners

Richard I. Cohen

Oxford University Press

The collection offers a wide range of political and cultural perspectives on Jerusalem in the last 120 years and dozens of reviews on contemporary Jewish life and history.



Zionism and Jewish Culture: A Study in the Origins of a National Movement

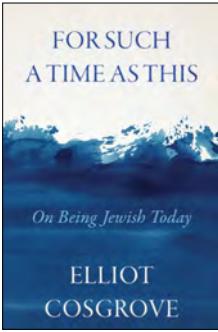
Yitzhak Conforti

Academic Studies Press

This book offers a new cultural perspective on Zionism, investigating the cultural world of Zionist activists, offering an understanding of the history, politics, and Zionist vision of the pre-state period.



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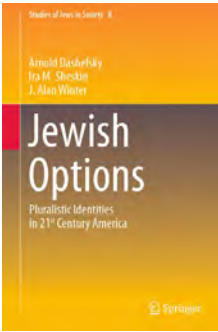


For Such a Time as This: On Being Jewish Today

Elliot Cosgrove

Harvest

A leading voice in modern Judaism offers courage, spirit, and unwavering hope in the wake of the October 7th attack on Israel.

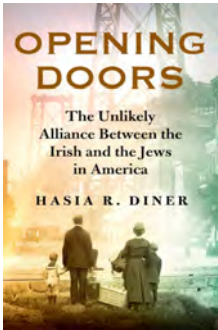


Jewish Options: Pluralistic Identities in 21st Century America

Arnold Dashefsky, Ira M. Sheskin, and J. Alan Winter

Springer Nature

This book offers an examination of an expanding set of options for being Jewish in contemporary American society.

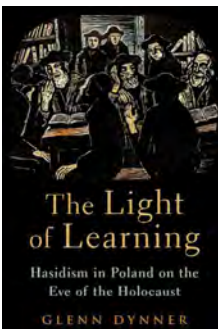


Opening Doors: The Unlikely Alliance Between the Irish and the Jews in America

Hasia Diner

St. Martin's Press

This book draws on historical sources to show how Jewish and Irish immigrants at the turn of the twentieth century worked together to secure legitimacy in America.



The Light of Learning: Hasidism in Poland on the Eve of the Holocaust

Glenn Dynner

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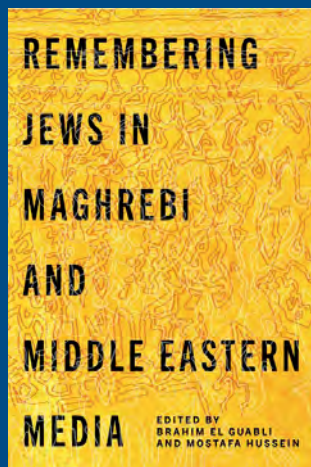
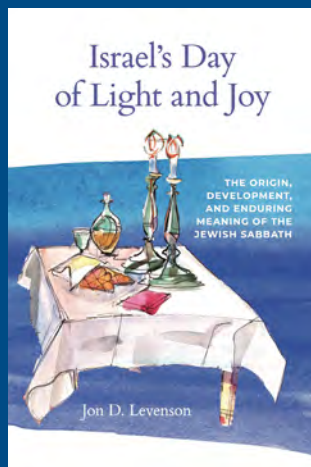
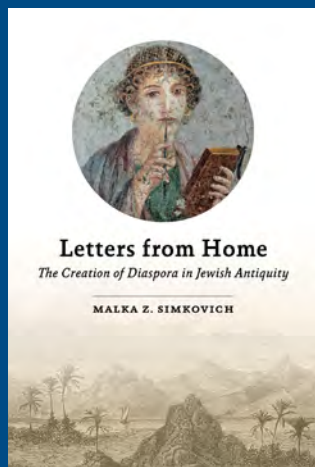


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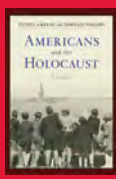
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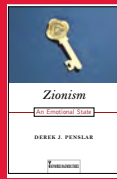


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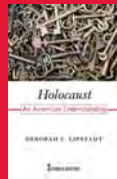
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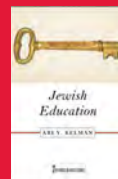
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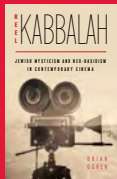
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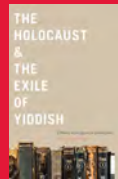
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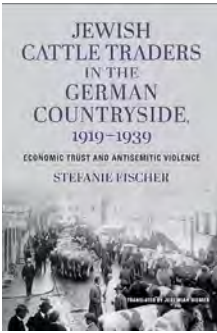


Messianic Zionism in the Digital Age: Jews, Noahides, and the Third Temple Imaginary

Rachel Z. Feldman

Rutgers University Press

Through transnational ethnographic research, the author details how theocratic Third Temple visions have gained support in Israel and abroad, transforming religious identities and inspiring the creation of a new Judaic faith.



Jewish Cattle Traders in the German Countryside, 1919-1939: Economic Trust and Antisemitic Violence

Stefanie Fischer, *author*; Jeremiah Riemer, *translator*

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Explores the social and economic networks and the informal but durable bonds between Jewish cattle traders and farmers that not even incessant Nazi attacks could break.

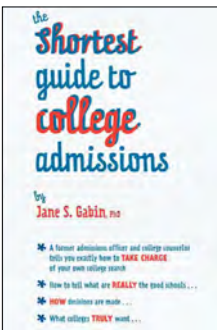


Oberbrechen: A German Village Confronts Its Nazi Past

Stefanie Fischer and Kim Wünschmann, *authors*; Liz Clarke, *illustrator*

Oxford University Press

This book provides a multilayered narrative that explores the experiences of both Jewish and non-Jewish villagers from the First World War to the present.

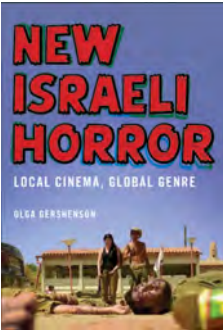


The Shortest Guide to College Admissions

Jane S. Gabin

Lystra Books

Without naming institutions, this book provides significant questions to ask colleges, including why tuition has increased by twice the rate of inflation and the effect of hiring so many contingent faculty.



New Israeli Horror: Local Cinema, Global Genre

Olga Gershenson

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This is the first book to tell the story of Israeli horror films. Through in-depth analysis, engaging storytelling, and interviews with the filmmakers, films are explored from inception to reception.

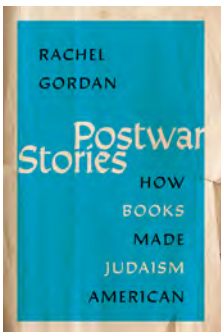


The Life of the Soul: Jewish Perspectives on Reincarnation from the Middle Ages to the Modern Period

Andrea Gondos and Leore Sachs-Shmueli, editors

State University of New York Press

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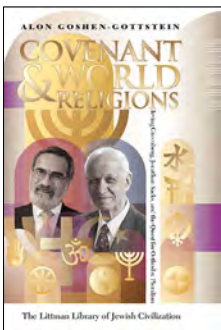


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Rachel Gordan

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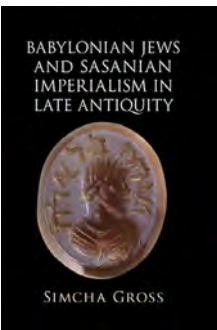


Memoirs of a Jewish District Attorney from Soviet Ukraine: Mikhail Goldis

Marat Grinberg, translator

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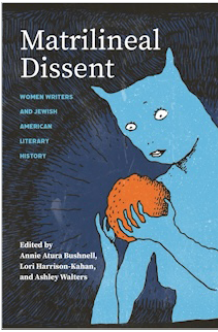


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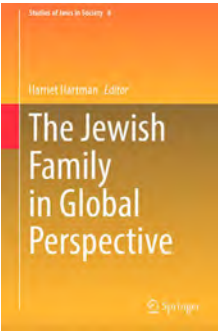
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Matrilineal Dissent: Women Writers and Jewish American Literary History
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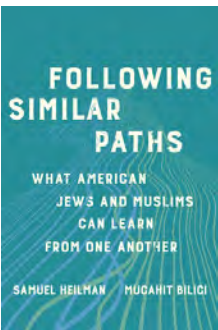
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Following Similar Paths: What American Jews and Muslims Can Learn from One Another
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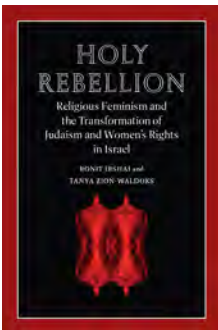


Christian Zionism in the Twenty-First Century: American Evangelical Public Opinion on Israel

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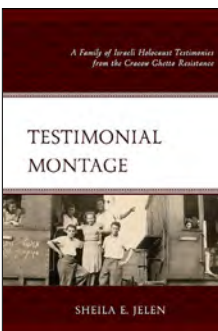


Holy Rebellion: Religious Feminism and the Transformation of Judaism and Women's Rights in Israel

Ronit Irshai and Tanya Zion-Waldoks

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This book examines social change in Israel through a rigorous analysis of the shifting entanglements of religion, gender, and law in times of cultural transformation.



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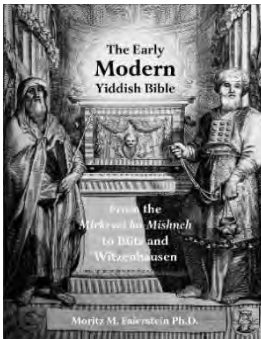
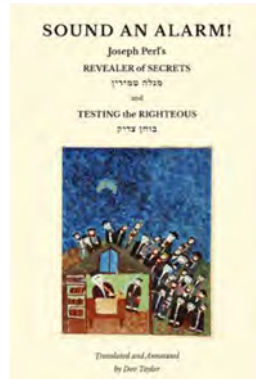
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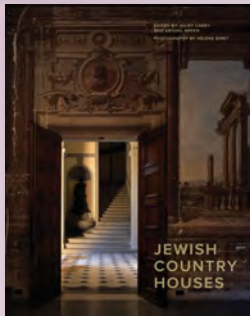


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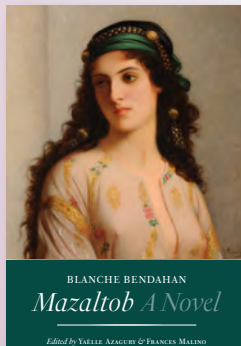
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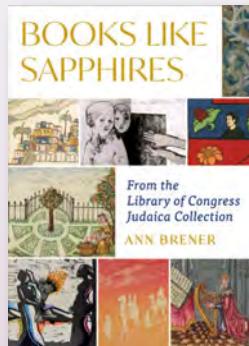
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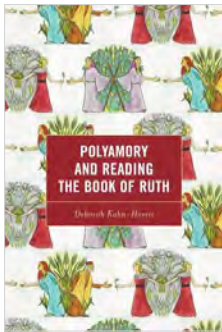
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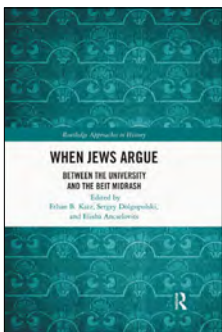


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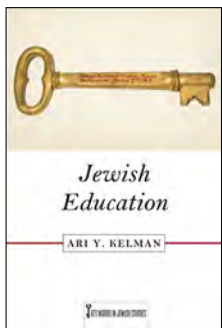


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Ethan B. Katz, Sergey Dolgopolski, and Elisha Ancselovits, editors

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Jewish Education

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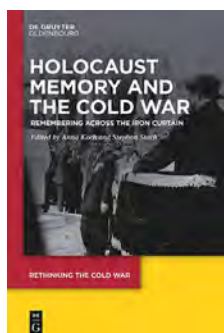
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Jewish Education and Jewish Studies have been construed as mutually exclusive endeavors; this book argues that they should be considered constitutive of a broader enterprise committed to producing and transmitting Jewish knowledge.



The Jewish Community of Acre in Mandatory Palestine: The Story of a Forgotten Community
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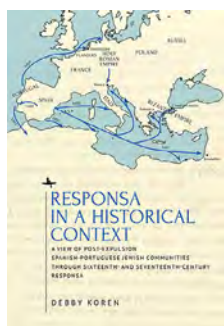
Holocaust Memory and the Cold War: Remembering across the Iron Curtain
Anna Koch and Stephan Stach, editors
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Promised Lands North and South: Jewish Canada and Jewish Argentina in Conversation
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Responsa in a Historical Context: A View of Post-Expulsion Spanish-Portuguese Jewish Communities through Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Responsa
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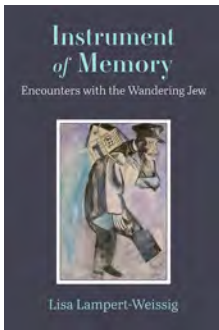


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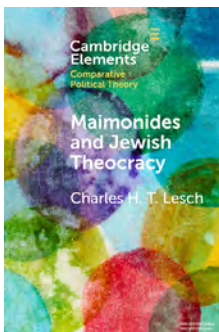


Instrument of Memory: Encounters with the Wandering Jew

Lisa Lampert-Weissig

University of Michigan Press

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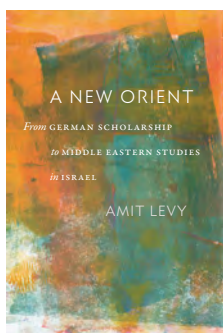


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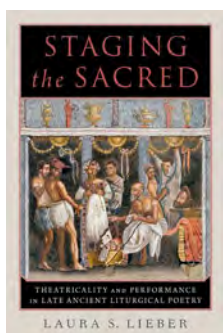


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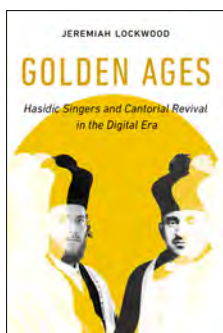


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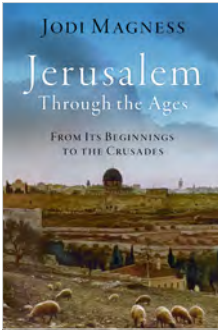
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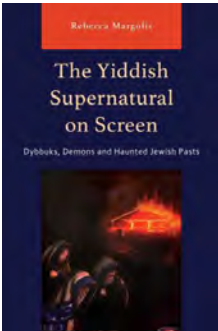


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Smoothing the Jew: Abie the Agent and Ethnic Caricature in the Progressive Era

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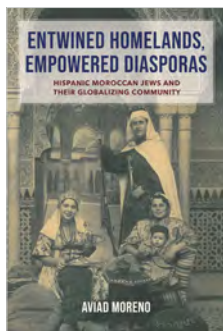


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Entwined Homelands, Empowered Diasporas: Hispanic Moroccan Jews and Their Globalizing Community

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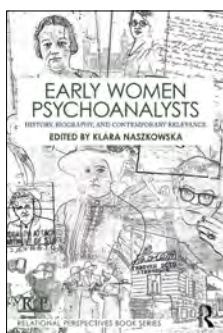


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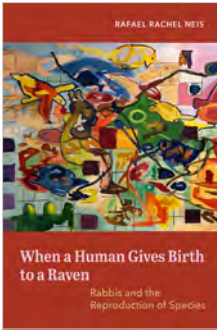
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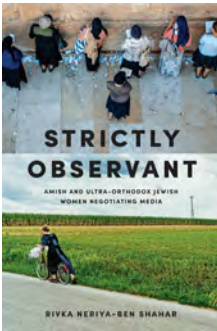
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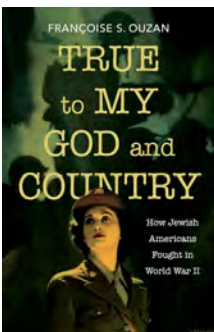


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Rivka Neriya-Ben Shahar

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This book presents an ethnographic study of the complex dynamic between women in both the Old Order Amish and Israeli ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities and contemporary media technologies.



True to My God and Country: How Jewish Americans Fought in World War II

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First Lady of Laughs: The Forgotten Story of Jean Carroll, America's First Jewish Woman Stand-up Comedian

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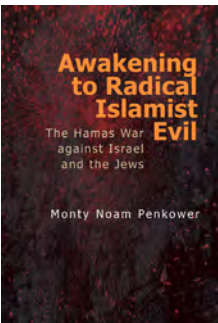


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Thomas Pegelow Kaplan

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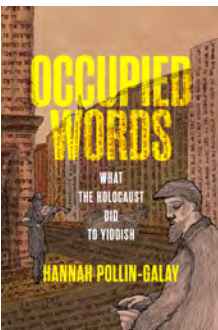


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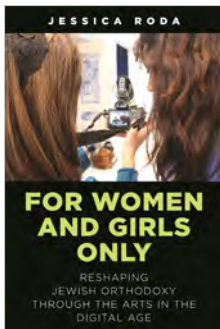
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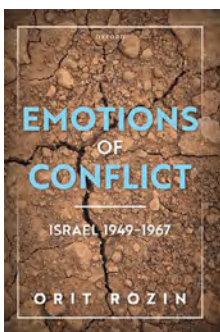


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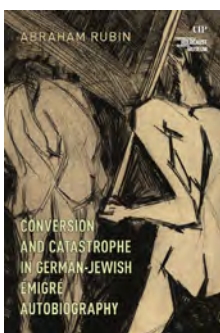


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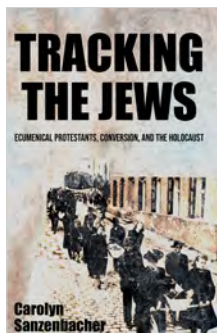


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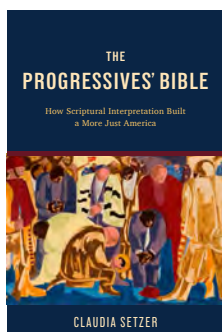


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Carolyn Sanzenbacher

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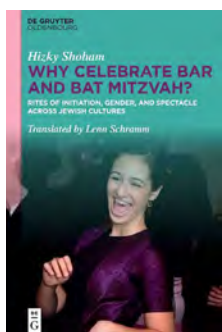


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This book discusses the interpretive use of the Bible in American reform movements, including abolitionism, nineteenth-century women's rights, temperance, civil rights, and contemporary social justice organizations.



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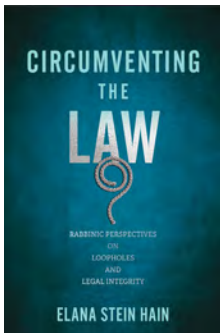
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Circumventing the Law: Perspectives on Loopholes and Legal Integrity

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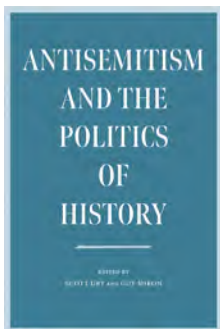
This book probes the rabbinic logic behind the use of loopholes, the legal phenomenon of finding and using gaps within law to achieve otherwise illegal outcomes.



Israel/Palestine in World Religions: Whose Promised Land?

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Antisemitism and the Politics of History

Scott Ury and Guy Miron, editors;
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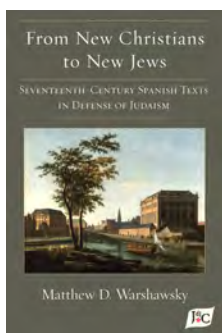


Traces of a Jewish Artist: The Lost Life and Work of Rahel Szalit

Kerry Wallach

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This biography explores the life, work, and cultural contexts of an exceptional Jewish woman artist, bringing Rahel Szalit into the larger conversation about Jewish artists, Expressionism, and modern art.

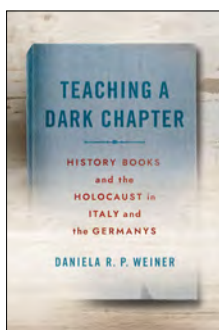


From New Christians to New Jews: Seventeenth-Century Spanish Texts in Defense of Judaism

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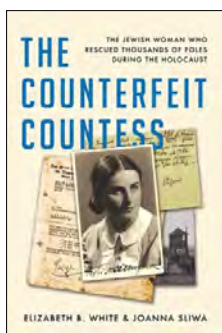


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Daniela R. P. Weiner

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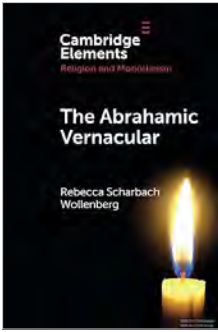
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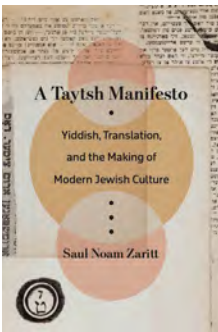
The Abrahamic Vernacular
Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg
Cambridge University Press

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Teaching Israel: Studies of Pedagogy from the Field
Sivan Zakai and Matt Reingold, editors
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A Taytsh Manifesto: Yiddish, Translation, and the Making of Modern Jewish Culture
Saul Noam Zaritt
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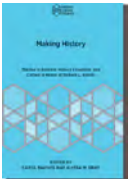
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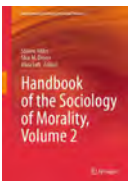
Carol Bakhos (NELC) co-edited the volume *Making History: Studies in Rabbinic History, Literature, and Culture in Honor of Richard L. Kalmin* (Brown UP, 2024).



Aomar Boum (Anthropology/NELC) co-authored a book with his daughter Majdouline Boum-Mendoza titled *The Last Rekkas: Chronicles of a Foot Courier in Southern Morocco* (*Le Dernier Rekkas: Chroniques d'un messenger-piéton dans le sud du Maroc*).



Lia Brozgal's (ELTS) translation of *A Jewish Childhood in the Muslim Mediterranean* (UC Press, 2023), completed with Rebecca Glasberg, was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award.



Aliza Luft (Sociology) co-edited the *Handbook of the Sociology of Morality, Volume 2* with Steven Hitlin and Shai M. Dromi (Springer, 2023).



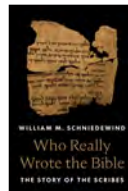
David N. Myers (History) co-edited with Nechumi Malovicki-Yaffe *New Trends in the Study of Haredi Culture and Society* (Purdue UP, 2024).



Todd S. Presner (ELTS/Comparative Literature) edited *Ethics of the Algorithm: Digital Humanities and Holocaust Memory* (Princeton UP, 2024) with contributions by Anna Bonazzi, Rachel Deblinger, Lizhou Fan, Michelle Lee, Kyle Rosen, and Campbell Yamane.



Michael Rothberg (English/Comparative Literature) A Spanish translation of Rothberg's *Multidirectional Memory: Remembering the Holocaust in the Age of Decolonization* (Stanford UP, 2009) will appear in Argentina this year.



William Schniedewind (NELC) published *Who Really Wrote the Bible: The Story of the Scribes* (Princeton UP, 2024).



Susan Slyomovics (Anthropology/NELC) published *Monuments Decolonized: Algeria's French Colonial Heritage* (Stanford UP, 2024) and edited *Ordering Imperial Worlds: From Late Medieval Spain to the Modern Middle East* (Edinburgh UP, 2023).

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