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# Belonging and Betrayal

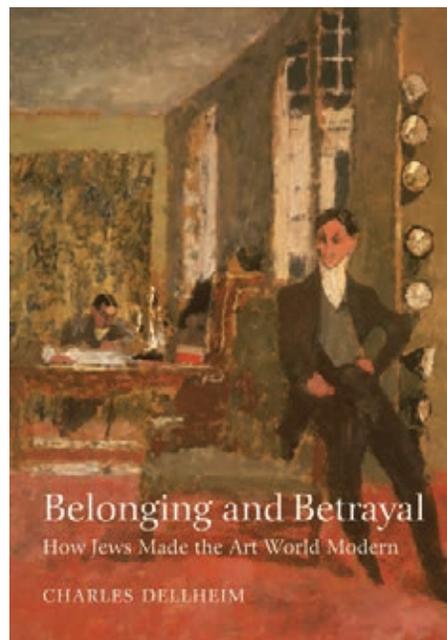
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Charles Dellheim

**The story of dealers of Old Masters, champions of modern art, and victims of Nazi plunder.**

Since the late 1990s, the fate of Nazi stolen art has become a cause célèbre. In *Belonging and Betrayal*, Charles Dellheim turns this story on its head by revealing how certain Jewish outsiders came to acquire so many old and modern masterpieces in the first place—and what this reveals about Jews, art, and modernity. This book tells the epic story of the fortunes and misfortunes of a small number of eminent art dealers and collectors who, against the odds, played a pivotal role in the migration of works of art from Europe to the United States and in the triumph of modern art. Beautifully written and compellingly told, this story takes place on both sides of the Atlantic from the late nineteenth century to the present. It is set against the backdrop of critical transformations, among them the gradual opening of European high culture, the ambiguities of Jewish acculturation, the massive sell-off of aristocratic family art collections, the emergence of different schools of modern art, the cultural impact of World War I, and the Nazi war against the Jews.

**Charles Dellheim** is professor of history at Boston University. He is the author of *The Face of the Past: The Preservation of the Medieval Inheritance in Victorian England* and *The Disenchanted Isle: Mrs. Thatcher's Capitalist Revolution*.



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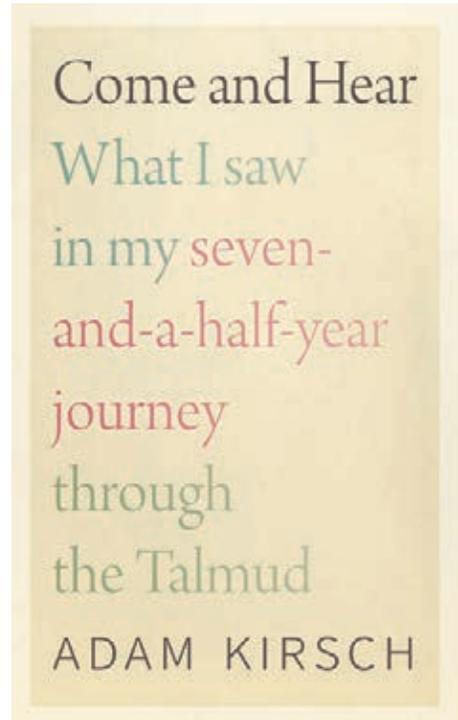
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**Adam Kirsch**

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**Adam Kirsch** is a poet and literary critic. A former book critic for the *New York Sun* and the *New Republic*, he is currently a contributing editor of *Tablet* magazine and an editor at the *Wall Street Journal's* Weekend Review section. He is the author of three collections of poems and five other books of criticism and biography, including, most recently, *The People and the Books* and *The Blessing and the Curse: The Jewish People and Their Books in the Twentieth Century*.



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Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi and  
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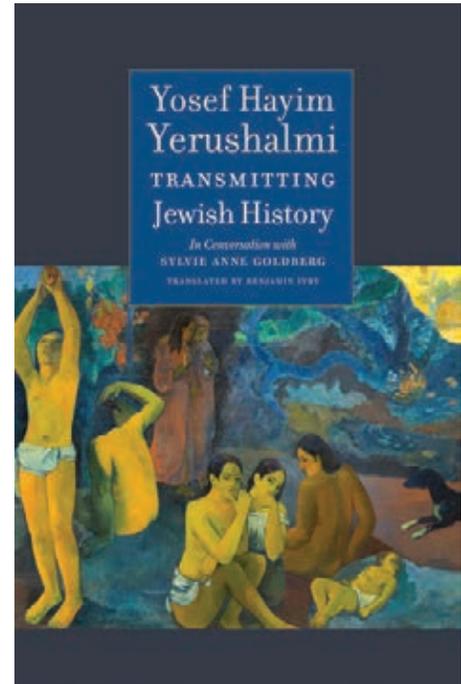
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**Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi** (1932–2009) was one of the most eminent Jewish historians of the twentieth century. **Sylvie Anne Goldberg** is associate professor at the Center for Historical Research, l'École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, where she heads the Jewish Studies Program. She is the author of several books, including *Crossing the Jabbok: Illness and Death in Ashkenazi Judaism in Sixteenth- through Nineteenth-Century Prague* and *Clepsydra: Essay on the Plurality of Time in Judaism*.

**Benjamin Ivry** is the author of biographies of Francis Poulenc, Arthur Rimbaud, and Maurice Ravel, as well as a poetry collection, *Paradise for the Portuguese Queen*. He has also translated books from the French by André Gide, Jules Verne, Witold Gombrowicz, and Balthus, among others, and has written extensively about culture for numerous media.



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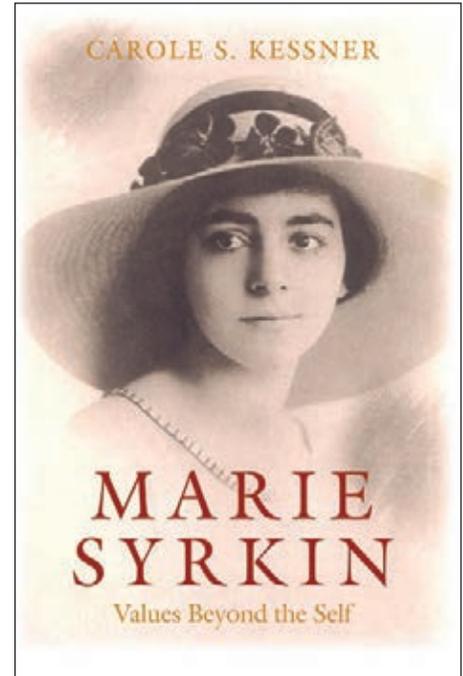
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