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Jews and Power 2008-12-24 part of the jewish encounter series taking in everything from the kingdom of david to the oslo accords ruth wisse offers a radical new way to think about the jewish relationship to power traditional jews believed that upholding the covenant with god constituted a treaty with the most powerful force in the universe this later transformed itself into a belief that unburdened by a military jews could pursue their religious mission on a purely moral plain wisse an eminent professor of comparative literature at harvard demonstrates how jewish political weakness both increased jewish vulnerability to scapegoating and violence and unwittingly goaded power seeking nations to cast jews as perpetual targets although she sees hope in the state of israel wisse questions the way the strategies of the diaspora continue to drive the jewish state echoing abba eban s observation that israel was the only nation to win a war and then sue for peace and then she draws a persuasive parallel to the united states today as it struggles to figure out how a liberal democracy can face off against enemies who view western morality as weakness this deeply provocative book is sure to stir debate both inside and outside the jewish world wisse s narrative offers a compelling argument that is rich with history and bristling with contemporary urgency

Turkish-Jewish Encounters 2001 part of the jewish encounter series novelist and critic jonathan wilson clears away the sentimental mists surrounding an artist whose career spanned two world wars the russian revolution the holocaust and the birth of the state of israel marc chagall s work addresses these transforming events but his ambivalence about his role as a jewish artist adds an intriguing wrinkle to common assumptions about his life drawn to sacred subject matter chagall remains defiantly secular in outlook determined to narrate the miraculous and tragic events of the jewish past he frequently chooses jesus as a symbol of martyrdom and sacrifice wilson brilliantly demonstrates how marc chagall s life constitutes a grand canvas on which much of twentieth century jewish history is vividly portrayed chagall left belorussia for paris in 1910 at the dawn of modernism looking back dreamily on the world he abandoned after his marriage to bella rosenfeld in 1915 he moved to petrograd but eventually returned to paris after a stint as a soviet commissar for art fleeing paris steps ahead of the nazis chagall arrived in new york in 1941 drawn to israel but not enough to live there chagall grappled endlessly with both a nostalgic attachment to a vanished past

and the magnetic pull of an uninhibited secular present wilson s portrait of chagall is altogether more historical more political and edgier than conventional wisdom would have us believe showing us how chagall is the emblematic jewish artist of the twentieth century visit nextbook.org chagall for a virtual museum of chagall images

Marc Chagall 2009-04-22 winner of the national jewish book award the definitive biography of the poet whose sonnet the new colossus appears on the base of the statue of liberty welcoming immigrants to their new home emma lazarus s most famous poem gave a voice to the statue of liberty but her remarkable life has remained a mystery until now she was a woman so far ahead of her time that we are still scrambling to catch up with her a feminist a zionist and an internationally famous jewish american writer before these categories even existed drawing upon a cache of personal letters undiscovered until the 1980s esther schor brings this vital woman to life in all her complexity born into a wealthy sephardic family in 1849 lazarus published her first volume of verse at seventeen and gained entrée into new york s elite literary circles although she once referred to her family as outlaw jews she felt a deep attachment to jewish history and peoplehood her compassion for the downtrodden jews of eastern europe refugees whose lives had little in common with her own helped redefine the meaning of america itself in this groundbreaking biography schor argues persuasively for lazarus s place in history as a poet an activist and a prophet of the world we all inhabit today a world that she helped to invent jewish encounters series [Emma Lazarus](#) 2008-10-21 part of the jewish encounter series as might be expected from this fiercely provocative writer david mamet s interest in anti semitism is not limited to the modern face of an ancient hatred but encompasses as well the ways in which many jews have themselves internalized that hatred using the metaphor of the wicked son at the passover seder the child who asks what does this story mean to you mamet confronts what he sees as an insidious predilection among some jews to seek truth and meaning anywhere in other religions in political movements in mindless entertainment but in judaism itself at the same time he explores the ways in which the jewish tradition has long been and still remains the wicked son in the eyes of the world written with the searing honesty and verbal brilliance that is the hallmark of mamet s work the wicked son is a scathing look at one of the most destructive and tenacious forces in contemporary life a powerfully thought provoking and

important book

The Wicked Son 2008-10-24 national jewish book award finalist part of the jewish encounter series one may day in 1896 at a dining room table in cambridge england a meeting took place between a romanian born maverick jewish intellectual and twin learned presbyterian scotswomen who had assembled to inspect several pieces of rag paper and parchment it was the unlikely start to what would prove a remarkable continent hopping century crossing saga and one that in many ways has revolutionized our sense of what it means to lead a jewish life in sacred trash macarthur winning poet and translator peter cole and acclaimed essayist adina hoffman tell the story of the retrieval from an egyptian geniza or repository for worn out texts of the most vital cache of jewish manuscripts ever discovered this tale of buried scholarly treasure weaves together unforgettable portraits of solomon schechter and the other heroes of this drama with explorations of the medieval documents themselves letters and poems wills and marriage contracts bibles money orders fiery dissenting tracts fashion conscious trousseaux lists prescriptions petitions and mysterious magical charms presenting a panoramic view of nine hundred years of vibrant mediterranean judaism hoffman and cole bring modern readers into the heart of this little known trove whose contents have rightly been dubbed the living sea scrolls part biography and part meditation on the supreme value the jewish people has long placed on the written word sacred trash is above all a gripping tale of adventure and redemption

Sacred Trash 2011-04-05 part of the jewish encounter series moises maimonides was a renaissance man before there was a renaissance a great physician who served a sultan a dazzling torah scholar a community leader a daring philosopher whose greatest work the guide for the perplexed attempted to reconcile scientific knowledge with faith in god he was a jew living in a muslim world a rationalist living in a time of superstition eight hundred years after his death his notions about god faith the afterlife and the messiah still stir debate his life as a physician still inspires and the enigmas of his character still fascinate sherwin b nulan best selling author of how we die focuses his surgeon s eye and writer s pen on this greatest of rabbis most intriguing of jewish philosophers and most honored of jewish doctors he gives us a portrait of maimonides that makes his life his times and his thought accessible to the general reader as they have never been before

Maimonides 2008-08-26 finalist 2012 national jewish book awards a riveting account of general ulysses s grant s decision in the middle of the civil war to order the expulsion of all jews from the territory under his command and the reverberations of that decision on grant s political career on the nascent american jewish community and on the american political process on december 17 1862 just weeks before abraham lincoln announced the emancipation proclamation general grant issued what remains the most notorious anti jewish order by a government official in american history his attempt to eliminate black marketeers by targeting for expulsion all jews as a class unleashed a firestorm of controversy that made newspaper headlines and terrified and enraged the approximately 150 000 jews then living in the united states who feared the importation of european antisemitism onto american soil although the order was quickly rescinded by a horrified abraham lincoln the scandal came back to haunt grant when he ran for president in 1868 never before had jews become an issue in a presidential contest and never before had they been confronted so publicly with the question of how to balance their american and jewish interests award winning historian jonathan d sarna gives us the first complete account of this little known episode including grant s subsequent apology his groundbreaking appointment of jews to prominent positions in his administration and his unprecedented visit to the land of israel sarna sheds new light on one of our most enigmatic presidents on the jews of his day and on the ongoing debate between group loyalty and national loyalty that continues to roil american political and social discourse jewish encounters series

When General Grant Expelled the Jews 2012-03-13 part of the jewish encounter series a masterly biography of yehuda halevi one of the greatest of hebrew poets and a shining example of the synthesis of religion and culture that defined the golden age of medieval spanish jewry like maimonides with whom he contrasts sharply yehuda halevi spanned multiple worlds poet philosopher and physician he is known today for both his religious and secular verse including his famed songs of zion and for the kuzari an elucidation of judaism in dialogue form hillel halkin brilliantly evokes the fascinating world of eleventh and twelfth century andalusian spain in which halevi lived and discusses the influences that formed him relying on the astonishing discoveries of the cairo geniza he pieces together the mystery of halevi s last days with its fateful voyage to palestine which became a haunting legend an

acclaimed writer and translator halkin builds his account of halevi s life and death on his magnificent translations of halevi s poems he places the kuzari within the wider context of jewish thought and explains why more perhaps than any other medieval jewish figure halevi has become an inspirational yet highly controversial figure in modern jewish and israeli intellectual life

Yehuda Halevi 2010-02-16 national jewish book award finalist 2012 part of the jewish encounter series the capture of ss lieutenant colonel adolf eichmann by israeli agents in argentina in may of 1960 and his subsequent trial in jerusalem by an israeli court electrified the world the public debate it sparked on where how and by whom nazi war criminals should be brought to justice and the international media coverage of the trial itself was a watershed moment in how the civilized world in general and holocaust survivors in particular found the means to deal with the legacy of genocide on a scale that had never been seen before award winning historian deborah e lipstadt gives us an overview of the trial and analyzes the dramatic effect that the survivors courtroom testimony which was itself not without controversy had on a world that had until then regularly commemorated the holocaust but never fully understood what the millions who died and the hundreds of thousands who managed to survive had actually experienced as the world continues to confront the ongoing reality of genocide and ponder the fate of those who survive it this trial of the century which has become a touchstone for judicial proceedings throughout the world offers a legal moral and political framework for coming to terms with unfathomable evil lipstadt infuses a gripping narrative with historical perspective and contemporary urgency

The Eichmann Trial 2011-03-15 from the acclaimed author of the man without a face the previously untold story of the jews in twentieth century russia that reveals the complex strange and heart wrenching truth behind the familiar narrative that begins with pogroms and ends with emigration in 1929 the soviet government set aside a sparsely populated area in the soviet far east for settlement by jews the place was called birodzhan the idea of an autonomous jewish region was championed by jewish communists yiddishists and intellectuals who envisioned a haven of post oppression jewish culture by the mid 1930s tens of thousands of soviet jews as well as about a thousand jews from abroad had moved there the state building ended quickly in the late 1930s with arrests and purges instigated by stalin but after the second

world war biobidzhan received another influx of jews those who had been dispossessed by the war in the late 1940s a second wave of arrests and imprisonments swept through the area traumatizing biobidzhan s jews into silence and effectively shutting down most of the jewish cultural enterprises that had been created where the jews aren t is a haunting account of the dream of biobidzhan and how it became the cracked and crooked mirror in which we can see the true story of the jews in twentieth century russia part of the jewish encounters series

Where the Jews Aren't 2016-08-23 part of the jewish encounter series what is hateful unto you do not do unto your neighbor that is the whole torah all the rest is commentary now go and study this is the most famous teaching of hillel one of the greatest rabbis of the talmudic era what makes it so extraordinary is that it was offered to a gentile seeking conversion joseph telushkin feels that this talmudic story has great relevance for us today at a time when religiosity is equated with ritual observance alone when few jews seem concerned with bringing jewish teachings into the world and when more than 40 percent of jews intermarry judaism is in need of more of the openness that hillel possessed two thousand years ago hillel s teachings stories and legal rulings can be found throughout the talmud many of them share his emphasis on ethical and moral living as an essential element in jewish religious practice including his citing the concept of tikkun olam repairing the world as a basis for modifying jewish law perhaps the most prominent rabbi and teacher in the land of israel during the reign of herod hillel may well have influenced jesus his junior by several decades in a provocative analysis of both judaism and christianity telushkin reveals why hillel s teachings about ethics as god s central demand and his willingness to encourage the process of conversion began to be ignored in favor of the stricter and less inclusive teachings of his rabbinic adversary shammai here is a bold new look at an iconic religious leader

Hillel 2010-09-14 a history of the jewish people from bris to burial from muscle jews to nose jobs melvin konner a renowned doctor and anthropologist takes the measure of the jewish body considering sex circumcision menstruation and even those most elusive and controversial of microscopic markers jewish genes but this is not only a book that examines the human body through the prism of jewish culture konner looks as well at the views of jewish physiology held by non jews and the way those views seeped into jewish thought he describes in detail the

origins of the first nose job and he writes about the nazi ideology that categorized jews as a public health menace on par with rats or germs a work of grand historical and philosophical sweep the jewish body discusses the subtle relationship between the jewish conception of the physical body and the jewish conception of a bodiless god it is a book about the relationship between a land israel and the bodily sense not merely of individuals but of a people as konner describes a renewed focus on the value of physical strength helped generate the creation of a jewish homeland and continued in the wake of it with deep insight and great originality konner gives us nothing less than an anatomical history of the jewish people part of the jewish encounter series

The Jewish Body 2009-01-13 in germany at the turn of the century buddhism transformed from an obscure topic of interest to only a few misfit scholars into a cultural phenomenon many of the foremost authors of the period were profoundly influenced by this rapid rise of buddhism among them some of the best known names in the german jewish canon sebastian musch excavates this neglected dimension of german jewish identity drawing on philosophical treatises novels essays diaries and letters to trace the history of jewish buddhist encounters up to the start of the second world war franz rosenzweig martin buber leo baeck theodor lessing jakob wassermann walter hasenclever and lion feuchtwanger are featured alongside other lesser known figures like paul cohen portheim and walter tausk as musch shows when these thinkers wrote about buddhism they were also negotiating their own jewishness

Jewish Encounters with Buddhism in German Culture 2019-10-10 irish and jews met each other in urban america and in the process transformed each other and the nation as a whole

Forged in America 2023-11-28 a different way of looking at heritage for the first time in a boxed set a perfect addition to your family s library are 3 of the remarkable titles in the jewish encounters series betraying spinoza maimonides and the life of david discover 3 000 years of jewish life history and culture with the series that the washington post calls lively and distinguished the critically acclaimed jewish encounters series brings together writers of the first rank with people ideas and events from the jewish past

Jewish Encounters 2007-10-30 part of the jewish encounter series here is the stirring story of how hebrew was rescued from the fate of a dead language to become the living tongue of a modern nation ilan stavans s

quest begins with a dream featuring a beautiful woman speaking an unknown language when the language turns out to be Hebrew a friend diagnoses language withdrawal and Stavans sets out in search of his own forgotten Hebrew as well as the man who helped revive the language at the end of the nineteenth century Eliezer Ben Yehuda the search for Ben Yehuda who raised his eldest son in linguistic isolation not even allowing him to hear the songs of birds so that he would be the first Hebrew speaking child becomes a journey full of paradox it was Orthodox anti Zionists who had Ben Yehuda arrested for sedition and although Ben Yehuda was devoted to Jewish life in Palestine it was in Manhattan that he worked on his great dictionary of the Hebrew language the resurrection of Hebrew raises urgent questions about the role language plays in Jewish survival questions that lead Stavans not merely into the roots of modern Hebrew but into the origins of Israel itself all the tensions between the diaspora and the idea of a promised land pulse beneath the surface of Stavans's story which is a fascinating biography as well as a moving personal journey

Resurrecting Hebrew 2008-09-16 part of the Jewish Encounters series the first comprehensive biography of one of the most beloved authors of all time the creator of Tevye the Dairyman the collection of stories that inspired Fiddler on the Roof novelist playwright journalist essayist and editor Sholem Aleichem was one of the founding giants of modern Yiddish literature the creator of a pantheon of characters who have been immortalized in books and plays he provided readers throughout the world with a fascinating window into the world of Eastern European Jews as they began to confront the forces of cultural political and religious modernity that tore through the Russian Empire in the final decades of the nineteenth century but just as compelling as the fictional lives of Tevye Golde Menakhem Mendel and Motel was Sholem Aleichem's own life story born Sholem Rabinovich in Ukraine in 1859 he endured an impoverished childhood married into fabulous wealth and then lost it all through bad luck and worse business sense turning to his pen to support himself he switched from writing in Russian and Hebrew to Yiddish in order to create a living body of literature for the Jewish masses he enjoyed spectacular success as both a writer and a performer of his work throughout Europe and the United States and his death in 1916 was front page news around the world a New York Times editorial mourned the loss of the Jewish Mark Twain but his greatest fame lay ahead of him as the

english speaking world began to discover his work in translation and to introduce his characters to an audience that would extend beyond his wildest dreams in jeremy dauber s magnificent biography we encounter a sholem aleichem for the ages with 16 pages of black and white illustrations

The Worlds of Sholem Aleichem 2013-10-08 first published in 1998 this book brings together contributions which examine various islamic and selected jewish writings of this kind analysing their ideas methods sources and meanings relating them to the new historical and political situations as well as to ancient and medieval writings for comparative purposes the texts discussed either elaborate attitudes towards the other within the two traditions or address themes that are part of their common heritage

Muslim-Jewish Encounters 2014-01-02 part of the jewish encounter series israel s current president gives us a dramatic and revelatory biography of israel s founding father and first prime minister shimon peres was in his early twenties when he first met david ben gurion although the state that ben gurion would lead through war and peace had not yet declared its precarious independence the old man as he was called even then was already a mythic figure peres who came of age in the cabinets of ben gurion is uniquely placed to evoke this figure of stirring contradictions a prophetic visionary and a canny pragmatist who early grasped the necessity of compromise for national survival ben gurion supported the 1947 united nations partition plan for palestine though it meant surrendering a two thousand year old dream of jewish settlement in the entire land of israel he granted the orthodox their first exemptions from military service despite his own deep secular commitments and he reached out to germany in the aftermath of the holocaust knowing that israel would need as many strong alliances as possible within the european community a protégé of ben gurion and himself a legendary figure on the international political stage shimon peres brings to his account of ben gurion s life and towering achievements the profound insight of a statesman who shares ben gurion s dream of a modern democratic jewish nation state that lives in peace and security alongside its arab neighbors in ben gurion peres sees a neglected model of leadership that israel and the world desperately need in the twenty first century

Ben-Gurion 2011-10-25 wim leydes in his third book in the series as he

continues on his jewish journey encounters with survivors research into his own family and amazing interactions with some of his heroes and events

My Jewish Journey 2019-08-22 from the acclaimed author of the Jew in the Lotus comes an engrossing and wonderful book the Washington Times about the unexpected connections between Franz Kafka and Hasidic Master Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav and the significant role played by the imagination in the Jewish spiritual experience Rodger Kamenetz has long been fascinated by the mystical tales of the Hasidic Master Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav and for many years he has taught a course in Prague on Franz Kafka the more he thought about their lives and writings the more aware he became of unexpected connections between them Kafka was a secular artist fascinated by Jewish mysticism and Rabbi Nachman was a religious mystic who used storytelling to reach out to secular Jews both men died close to age forty of tuberculosis both invented new forms of storytelling that explore the search for meaning in an illogical unjust world both gained prominence with the posthumous publication of their writing and both left strict instructions at the end of their lives that their unpublished books be burnt Kamenetz takes his ideas on the road traveling to Kafka's birthplace in Prague and participating in the pilgrimage to Uman the burial site of Rabbi Nachman visited by thousands of Jews every Jewish New Year he discusses the hallucinatory intensity of their visions and offers a rich analysis of Nachman's and Kafka's major works revealing uncanny similarities in the inner lives of these two troubled and beloved figures whose creative and religious struggles have much to teach us about the Jewish spiritual experience

Burnt Books 2010-10-19 reviled as a fascist by his great rival Ben-Gurion venerated by Israel's underclass the first Israeli to win the Nobel Peace Prize a proud Jew but not a conventionally religious one Menachem Begin was both complex and controversial born in Poland in 1913 Begin was a youthful admirer of the Revisionist Zionist Ze'ev Jabotinsky and soon became a leader within Jabotinsky's Betar movement a powerful orator and mesmerizing public figure Begin was imprisoned by the Soviets in 1940 joined the Free Polish Army in 1942 and arrived in Palestine as a Polish soldier shortly thereafter joining the underground paramilitary Irgun in 1943 he achieved instant notoriety for the organization's bombings of British military installations and other violent acts

intentionally left out of the new israeli government begin s right leaning herut political party became a fixture of the opposition to the labor dominated governments of ben gurion and his successors until the surprising parliamentary victory of his political coalition in 1977 made him prime minister welcoming egyptian president anwar sadat to israel and cosigning a peace treaty with him on the white house lawn in 1979 begin accomplished what his predecessors could not his outreach to ethiopian jews and vietnamese boat people was universally admired and his decision to bomb iraq s nuclear reactor in 1981 is now regarded as an act of courageous foresight but the disastrous invasion of lebanon to end the plo s shelling of israel s northern cities combined with his declining health and the death of his wife led begin to resign in 1983 he spent the next nine years in virtual seclusion until his death in 1992 begin was buried not alongside israel s prime ministers but alongside the irgun comrades who died in the struggle to create the jewish national home to which he had devoted his life daniel gordis s perceptive biography gives us new insight into a remarkable political figure whose influence continues to be felt both within israel and throughout the world this title is part of the jewish encounters series

Menachem Begin 2014-03-04 part of the jewish encounter series from elie wiesel winner of the nobel peace prize comes a magical book that introduces us to the towering figure of rashi rabbi shlomo yitzchaki the great biblical and talmudic commentator of the middle ages wiesel brilliantly evokes the world of medieval european jewry a world of profound scholars and closed communities ravaged by outbursts of anti semitism and decimated by the crusades the incomparable scholar rashi whose phrase by phrase explication of the oral law has been included in every printing of the talmud since the fifteenth century was also a spiritual and religious leader his perspective encompassing both the mundane and the profound is timeless wiesel s rashi is a heartbroken witness to the suffering of his people and through his responses to major religious questions of the day we see still another side of this greatest of all interpreters of the sacred writings both beginners and advanced students of the bible rely on rashi s groundbreaking commentary for simple text explanations and midrashic interpretations wiesel a descendant of rashi proves an incomparable guide who enables us to appreciate both the lucidity of rashi s writings and the milieu in which they were formed

Rashi 2009-08-11 examines how irish and jewish americans defined their place in a complex society the story of america is the story of the unlikely groups of immigrants brought together by their sharedoutsider status urban american life took much of its shape from the arrival of irish and jewishimmigrants in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and forged in america is the story of how irishamerica and jewish america collided cooperated and collaborated in the cities where they made theirhomes all the while shaping american identity and nationhood as we know it bringing together leading scholars in their fields this volume sheds light on the underexplored historiesof irish and jewish collaboration while mutual antagonism was clearly evident so too wereopportunities for cooperation as settled irish immigrants served to model mentor and mediate forjewish newcomers together the chapters in this volume draw fascinating portraits that show mutualityin action and demonstrate its cultural reverberations

Forged in America 2023 there is so much to louis harap s three volumes this extraordinary trilogy that a reviewer can only hint at the depth penetrating intelligence research and insight of the author this is a monumental work american jewish archives this volume the final one in a three part series on the jewish presence in twentieth century american literature first examines the special literary relationship of blacks and jews as exemplified in the writings of the two groups harap locates the historical roots of this relationship in black folklore and history and finds illustrations of it in the work of black novelists from richard wright to paule marshall he examines the partial breakdown of this relationship in both social and literary terms during the 1970s

Dramatic Encounters 1987-06-23 this volume puts to rest the myth that the jews went passively to the slaughter like sheep indeed jews resisted in every nazi occupied country in the forests the ghettos and the concentration camps the essays presented here consider jewish resistance to be resistance by jewish persons in specifically jewish groups or by jewish persons working within non jewish organizations resistance could be armed revolt flight the rescue of targeted individuals by concealment in non jewish homes farms and institutions or by the smuggling of jews into countries where jews were not objects of nazi persecution other forms of resistance include every act that jewish people carried out to fight against the dehumanizing agenda of the nazis acts such as smuggling food clothing and medicine into the ghettos

putting on plays reading poetry organizing orchestras and art exhibits forming schools leaving diaries and praying these attempts to remain physically intellectually culturally morally and theologically alive constituted resistance to nazi oppression which was designed to demolish individuals destroy their soul and obliterate their desire to live

Jewish Resistance Against the Nazis 2014-04-20 tracing its history from moses mendelssohn to today alan levenson explores the factors that shaped what is the modern jewish bible and its centrality in jewish life today the making of the modern jewish bible explains how jewish translators commentators and scholars made the bible a keystone of jewish life in germany israel and america levenson argues that german jews created a religious bible israeli jews a national bible and american jews an ethnic one in each site scholars wrestled with the demands of the non jewish environment and their own indigenous traditions trying to balance fidelity and independence from the commentaries of the rabbinic and medieval world

The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible 2011-08-16 part of the jewish encounter series in 1656 amsterdam s jewish community excommunicated baruch spinoza and at the age of twenty three he became the most famous heretic in judaism he was already germinating a secularist challenge to religion that would be as radical as it was original he went on to produce one of the most ambitious systems in the history of western philosophy so ahead of its time that scientists today from string theorists to neurobiologists count themselves among spinoza s progeny in betraying spinoza rebecca goldstein sets out to rediscover the flesh and blood man often hidden beneath the veneer of rigorous rationality and to crack the mystery of the breach between the philosopher and his jewish past goldstein argues that the trauma of the inquisition s persecution of its forced jewish converts plays itself out in spinoza s philosophy the excommunicated spinoza no less than his excommunicators was responding to europe s first experiment with racial anti semitism here is a spinoza both hauntingly emblematic and deeply human both heretic and hero a surprisingly contemporary figure ripe for our own uncertain age from the hardcover edition

Betraying Spinoza 2009-08 hinduism has become a vital other for judaism over the past decades the book surveys the history of the relationship from historical to contemporary times from travellers to religious leadership it explores the potential enrichment for jewish

theology and spirituality as well as the challenges for jewish identity
The Jewish Encounter with Hinduism 2017-08-01 part of the jewish encounter series from one of our most trusted spiritual advisers a thoughtful illuminating guide to that most fascinating of biblical texts the book of job and what it can teach us about living in a troubled world the story of job is one of unjust things happening to a good man yet after losing everything job though confused angry and questioning god refuses to reject his faith although he challenges some central aspects of it rabbi harold s kushner examines the questions raised by job s experience questions that have challenged wisdom seekers and worshippers for centuries what kind of god permits such bad things to happen to good people why does god test loyal followers can a truly good god be all powerful rooted in the text the critical tradition that surrounds it and the author s own profoundly moral thinking kushner s study gives us the book of job as a touchstone for our time taking lessons from historical and personal tragedy kushner teaches us about what can and cannot be controlled about the power of faith when all seems dark and about our ability to find god rigorous and insightful yet deeply affecting the book of job is balm for a distressed age and rabbi kushner s most important book since when bad things happen to good people

The Book of Job 2012-10-02 torah as both book and process is the taproot that penetrates to the heart of jewish meaning understanding and expression torah study is how we mine not just meaning from the text but our awareness of god s will writes rabbi daniel pressman in the introduction to torah encounters genesis this book series invites readers into the richness of the torah sharing context and information for each parasha as well as commentary from generations of biblical interpreters historical and modern and rabbi pressman s own insights the third in the five volume torah encounters series torah encounters leiticus makes the weekly torah portion approachable and applicable it is a wonderful resource for clergy adult or high school hebrew education or personal study

Torah Encounters 2021-10-15 part of the jewish encounter series one of the world s best known attorneys gives us a no holds barred history of jewish lawyers from the biblical abraham through modern day advocates who have changed the world by challenging the status quo defending the unpopular contributing to the rule of law and following the biblical command to pursue justice the hebrew bible s two great examples of

advocacy on behalf of problematic defendants abraham trying to convince god not to destroy the people of sodom and moses trying to convince god not to destroy the golden calf worshipping children of israel established the template for jewish lawyers for the next 4 500 years whether because throughout history jews have found themselves unjustly accused of crimes ranging from deicide to ritual child murder to treason or because the biblical exhortation that justice justice shall you pursue has been implanted in the jewish psyche jewish lawyers have been at the forefront in battles against tyranny in advocating for those denied due process in negotiating for just and equitable solutions to complex legal problems and in efforts to ensure a fair trial for anyone accused of a crime dershowitz profiles jewish lawyers well known and unheralded admired and excoriated victorious and defeated and of course gives us some glimpses into the gung ho practice of law dershowitz style louis brandeis theodor herzl judah benjamin max hirschberg rené cassin bruno kreisky ruth bader ginsburg and irwin cotler are just a few of the idol smashers advocates collaborators rescuers and deal makers who helped to change history dershowitz s thoughts on the future of the jewish lawyer are presented with the same insight shrewdness and candor that are the hallmarks of his more than four decades of writings on the law and how it is and should be practiced

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novelist as well as a statesman recognizing that the outsider jew who
became one of the world s most powerful men was his own greatest
character though baptized by his father at the age of twelve disraeli was
seen and saw himself as a jew but her created an idea of jewishness to
rival the british notion of aristocracy disraeli was a figure of fascinating
contradictions an archconservative who benefited from england s liberal
attitudes a baptized christian who saw jewishness as a matter of racial
superiority a perennial outsider who dreamed of glory for england which
in the words of one contemporary became for disraeli the israel of his
imagination

Benjamin Disraeli 2008-09-02 envisioned as a tribe of ruddy faced
redheaded red bearded jewish warriors bedecked in red attire who
purportedly resided in isolation at the fringes of the known world the red

jews are a legendary people who populated a shared jewish christian imagination but in fact the red variant of the ten lost tribes of israel is a singular invention of late medieval vernacular culture in germany this idiosyncratic figure together with the peculiar term red jews existed solely in german and yiddish the german jewish vernacular these two language communities assessed the red jews differently and contested their significance which is to say they viewed them in different shades of red the voyage of the red jews through the jewish and christian imagination from their medieval christian nascence through early modern old yiddish literature to modern yiddish culture in eastern europe palestine and america is the story of this book by studying this vernacular icon rebekka voß contributes to our understanding of the formation of minority awareness and the construction of ashkenazic jewish identity through visual cultural encounters she also spotlights the vitality of vernacular culture by demonstrating how the premodern motif of the red jews informed modern yiddish literature and how the stereotype of jewish red hair found its way into jewish social critiques political thought and arts through the present day sons of saviors is a story about power the yiddish reappropriation of the red jews subverted the christian color symbolism by adjusting the focus on redness from a negative stereotype into a proud badge of self assertion the book also includes in an appendix the full text of a significant yiddish tale featuring the red jew translated by the author

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