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Are We One?

2001

in are we one jerold s auerbach presents a surprising new interpretation of this contemporary jewish dilemma his conclusion that the modern jewish impulse to embrace western values exacts a terrible price stems from a brilliant reassessment of zionism and a challenging analysis of the sources of the identification of american jews with israel drawing upon original historical analysis and extensive personal experience in israel auerbach invites readers to consider the debilitating consequences of an adulterated jewish identity in israel and in the united states for the very future of judaism jacket

Toward a One-world Jewry

1980

the subject of jewish identity is one of the most vexed and contested issues of modern religious and ethnic group history this interdisciplinary collection draws on work in law anthropology history sociology literature and popular culture to consider contemporary and historical responses to the question who and what is jewish these essays are focused especially on the issues of who creates the definitions and how and in what social and political contexts the ten leading authorities writing here also look at the forces ranging from new genetic and

reproductive technologies to increasingly multicultural societies that push against established boundaries the authors examine how jews have imagined themselves and how definitions of jewishness have been established enforced challenged and transformed does being a jew require religious belief practice and formal institutional affiliation is there a biological or physical aspect of jewish identity what is the status of the convert to another religion how do definitions play out in different geographic and historical settings what makes boundaries of jewish identity distinctive is its attention to the various jewish epistemologies or ways of knowing who counts as a jew these essays reveal that possible answers reflect the different social intellectual and political locations of those who are asking this book speaks to readers concerned with jewish life and culture and to audiences interested in religious cultural and ethnic studies it provides an excellent opportunity to examine how jews fit into an increasingly diverse america and an increasingly complicated global society

Boundaries of Jewish Identity

2011-07-01

an investigation of jewish identity politics and jewish contemporary ideology using both popular culture and scholarly texts jewish identity is tied up with some of the most difficult and contentious issues of today the purpose in this book is to open many of these issues up for discussion since israel defines itself openly as the jewish state we should ask what the notions of judaism jewishness jewish culture and

jewish ideology stand for gilad examines the tribal aspects embedded in jewish secular discourse both zionist and anti zionist the holocaust religion the meaning of history and time within the jewish political discourse the anti gentile ideologies entangled within different forms of secular jewish political discourse and even within the jewish left he questions what it is that leads diaspora jews to identify themselves with israel and affiliate with its politics the devastating state of our world affairs raises an immediate demand for a conceptual shift in our intellectual and philosophical attitude towards politics identity politics and history

The Wandering Who

2011-09-30

a celebrated israeli author explores the roots of the divide between religion and secularism in israel today and offers a path to bridging the divide a thoughtful social political and philosophical examination of judaism a cogent consideration of the place of religion in the modern world kirkus reviews zionism began as a movement full of contradictions between a pull to the past and a desire to forge a new future israel has become a place of fragmentation between those who sanctify religious tradition and those who wish to escape its grasp now a new middle ground is emerging between religious and secular jews who want to engage with their heritage without being restricted by it or losing it completely in this incisive book acclaimed author micah goodman explores israeli judaism and the conflict between religion and

secularism one of the major causes of political polarization throughout the world revisiting traditional religious sources and seminal works of secularism he reveals that each contains an openness to learn from the other s messages goodman challenges both orthodoxies proposing a new approach to bridge the divide between religion and secularism and pave a path toward healing a society torn asunder by extremism

The Wondering Jew

2020-11-10

these essays address jewish identity jewish survival and jewish continuity the authors account for and analyze trends in jewish identification and the reciprocal effects of the relationship between the diaspora and israel at the end of the twentieth century jewish identification in contemporary society is a complex phenomenon since the emancipation of jews in europe and the major historic events of the holocaust and the establishment of the state of israel there have been substantial changes in the collective jewish identity as a result jewish identity and the jewish process of identification had to confront the new realities of an open society its economic globalization and the impacts of cultural pluralism the trends in jewish identification are toward fewer and weaker points of attachment fewer jews who hold religious beliefs with such beliefs held less strongly less religious ritual observance attachment to zionism and israel becoming diluted and ethnic communal bonds weakening jews are also more involved in the wider society in the diaspora due to fewer barriers and less overt anti semitism this opens up

possibilities for cultural integration and assimilation in israel too there are signs of greater interest in the modern world culture the major questions addressed by this volume is whether jewish civilization will continue to provide the basic social framework and values that will lead jews into the twenty first century and ensure their survival as a specific social entity the book contains special contributions by professor julius gould and professor irving louis horowitz and chapters on sociological analysis of jewish identity jewish community boundaries and factual accounts from the diaspora and israel

Jewish Survival

2023-04-14

journeys of dislocation and return of discovery and conquest hold a prominent place in the imagination of many cultures wherever an individual or community may be located it would seem there is always the dream of being elsewhere this has been especially true throughout the ages for jews for whom the promises and perils of travel have influenced both their own sense of self and their identity in the eyes of others how does travel writing as a genre produce representations of the world of others against which one s own self can be invented or explored and what happens when jewish authors in particular whether by force or of their own free will whether in reality or in the imagination travel from one place to another how has travel figured in the formation of jewish identity and what cultural and ideological work is performed by texts that document or figure specifically jewish travel featuring

essays on topics that range from abraham as a traveler in biblical narrative to the guest book entries at contemporary israeli museum and memorial sites from the marvels medieval travelers claim to have encountered to eighteenth century jewish critiques of orientalism from the wandering jew of legend to one mid twentieth century yiddish writer s accounts of his travels through peru jews and journeys explores what it is about travel writing that enables it to become one of the central mechanisms for exploring the realities and fictions of individual and collective identity

Jews and Journeys

2021-08-06

a unique collection of essays that deal with the intriguing and complex problems connected to the question of jewish identity in the contemporary world concerning the problem of identity formation this book addresses very important issues what is the content or meaning of jewish identity what has replaced religion in defining the content of jewishness how do people in different age groups construct their jewish identity in most cases the authors have combined a variety of research methods they drew samples or relied on the sample surveys of others used personal interviews with respondents who are especially knowledgeable about their own jewish communities or based their research on participant observation of particular communities or communal institutions

New Jewish Identities

2003-01-01

this clarion call to the jewish community explores the purpose possibilities and limitations of peoplehood as a unifying concept of community for a people struggling profoundly with jewish identity it defines what peoplehood is and is not and explores both collective and personal jewish identity and the nature of identity construction

The Case for Jewish Peoplehood

2009

the drawing of boundaries has always been a key part of the jewish tradition and has served to maintain a distinctive jewish identity at the same time these boundaries have consistently been subject to negotiation transgression and contestation the increasing fragmentation of judaism into competing claims to membership from orthodox adherence to secular identities has brought striking new dimensions to this complex interplay of boundaries and modes of identity and belonging in contemporary judaism boundaries identity and belonging in modern judaism addresses these new dimensions bringing together experts in the field to explore the various and fluid modes of expressing and defining jewish identity in the modern world its interdisciplinary scholarship opens new perspectives on the prominent questions

challenging scholars in jewish studies beyond simply being born jewish observance of judaism has become a lifestyle choice and active assertion addressing the demographic changes brought by population mobility and marrying out as well as the complex relationships between israel and the diaspora this book reveals how these shifting boundaries play out in a global context where orthodoxy meets innovative ways of defining and acquiring jewish identity this book is essential reading for students and scholars of jewish studies as well as general religious studies and those interested in the sociology of belonging and identities

Boundaries, Identity and belonging in Modern Judaism

2015-09-07

for too long jews have defined themselves in light of the bad things that have happened to them and it is true that many times in the course of history they have been nearly decimated when the first and second temples were destroyed when the jews were expelled from spain when hitler proposed his final solution astoundingly the jewish people have survived catastrophe after catastrophe and remained a thriving and vibrant community the question rabbi jonathan sacks asks is quite simply how how in the face of such adversity has judaism remained and flourished making a mark on human history out of all proportion to its numbers written originally as a wedding gift to his son and daughter in law a letter in the scroll is rabbi sacks s personal answer to that question a testimony to the enduring strength of his religion tracing the revolutionary series of philosophical and theological ideas that judaism created

from covenant to sabbath to formal education and showing us how they remain compellingly relevant in our time sacks portrays jewish identity as an honor as well as a duty the ba al shem tov an eighteenth century rabbi and founder of the hasidic movement famously noted that the jewish people are like a living torah scroll and every individual jew is a letter within it if a single letter is damaged or missing or incorrectly drawn a torah scroll is considered invalid so too in judaism each individual is considered a crucial part of the people without whom the entire religion would suffer rabbi sacks uses this metaphor to make a passionate argument in favor of affiliation and practice in our secular times and invites us to engage in our dynamic and inclusive tradition never has a book more eloquently expressed the joys of being a jew this is the story of one man s hope for the future a future in which the next generation his children and ours will happily embrace the beauty of the world s oldest religion

A Letter in the Scroll

2004-04-16

seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 1 university of southampton course jewish fiction 6 entries in the bibliography language english abstract this essay examines what it means to be jewish and will give further details about the different definitions of jewishness found especially in america it looks at the way jewishness is presented in arthur miller s novelfocus and it examines whether lowenthal s definition of

jewishness is affirmed or challenged by novel

'A Jew cannot be defined by religion, race, or national identity: one is a Jew if a Gentile says one is a Jew.'
(Lawrence D. Lowenthal)

2005-11-28

in who needs arab jewish identity interpellation exclusion and inessential solidarities reuven snir presents a fresh approach to the study of arab jewish identity showing that singularity not identity has become the major war cry among arabized jews

Who Needs Arab-Jewish Identity?

2015-02-24

who are the jews and who can we become tackles perhaps the most urgent question facing the jewish people today given unprecedented denominational tribalism how can we jews speak of ourselves in collective terms crucially the way each of us tells our shared story is putting our collective identity at risk donniel hartman argues we need a new story built on judaism s foundations and poised to inspire a majority of jews to listen discuss and retell it this book is that story since our beginnings

hartman explains the jewish identity meta narrative has been a living synthesis of two competing religious covenants genesis judaism which defines jewishness in terms of who one is and the group to which one belongs independent of what one does or believes and exodus judaism which grounds identity in terms of one s relationship with an aspirational system of values ideals beliefs commandments and behaviors when one narrative becomes too dominant jewish collective identity becomes distorted conversely when genesis and exodus interplay the sparks of a rich compelling identity are found hartman deftly applies this genesis exodus meta narrative as a roadmap to addressing contemporary challenges including diaspora jewry s eroding relationship with israel the othering of israeli palestinians interfaith marriage the israeli palestinian conflict and collectively who we jews can become

Who Are the Jews--And Who Can We Become?

2023-11

peoplehood everyone s talking about it but what does it actually mean and why is it important to the future of judaism why is this conversation important why does it merit your attention if you care about jewish identity and community then you know that we have no trouble identifying the problems that fragmentize us as a people but have far less success identifying that which unites us without a unifying collective notion of jewish identity that is meaningful and robust it is virtually impossible to make a strong case for jewish continuity from the introduction this call to jewish community explores the purpose possibilities and limitations of peoplehood as

a unifying concept of community for a people struggling profoundly with jewish identity it defines what peoplehood is and is not and explores both collective and personal jewish identity and the nature of identity construction drawing on history sacred texts and contemporary scholarship the case for jewish peoplehood identifies some of the obstacles that challenge a shared notion of peoplehood personal choices construct of membership and boundaries growth of jewish illiteracy identity fragmentation between israeli and diaspora jewry and the generational divide affecting traditionalists baby boomers and generations x and y to help you join the conversation the authors support a vision for the future and provide practical guidance and recommendations for getting there

The Case for Jewish Peoplehood

2012-05-17

the role of religion in a democratic society best book award given by the israel political science association since the 1980s relationships between secular and religious israelis have gone from bad to worse what was formerly a politics of accommodation one whose main objective was the avoidance of strife through arrangements and compromises has become a winner take all zero sum game the conflict is not over who gets what rather it is a conflict over the very character of the polity a struggle to define israel s collective character in israel and the politics of jewish identity asher cohen and bernard susser show how this transformation has been caused by structural changes in israel s public sphere surveying many different

levels of public life they explore the change of israel s politics from a dominant party system to a balanced two camp system they trace the rise of the haredi parties and the growing consonance of religiosity with right wing politics other topics include the new basic laws on freedom dignity and occupation the effects of massive immigration of secular jews from the former soviet union the greater emphasis on liberal good government and the rise of an aggressive investigative press and electronic media

Israel and the Politics of Jewish Identity

2000-06-16

this book explores the fraught aftermath of the german jewish conversionary experience through the story of one family as it grapples with the meaning of its jewish origins in a post holocaust post conversionary milieu utilizing archival family texts and multiple interviews spanning three generations beginning with the author s german jewish parents 1940s refugees and engaging the insights of contemporary scholars the book traces the impact of a contested jewish identity on the deconstruction and reconstruction of the jewish self the holocaust as post memory and the impact of the german jewish culture personified by the author s parents leads to a retrieval of a lost jewish identity postmodern in its implications reinforcing the concept of judaism as ultimately a family affair focusing on the personal to illuminate a complex historical phenomenon this book proposes a new cultural history that challenges conventional boundaries of what is

jewish and what is not

German Jews and the Persistence of Jewish Identity in Conversion

2021-08-23

who are the jews and who can we become tackles perhaps the most urgent question facing the jewish people today given unprecedented denominational tribalism how can we jews speak of ourselves in collective terms crucially the way each of us tells our shared story is putting our collective identity at risk donniel hartman argues we need a new story built on judaism s foundations and poised to inspire a majority of jews to listen discuss and retell it this book is that story since our beginnings hartman explains the jewish identity meta narrative has been a living synthesis of two competing religious covenants genesis judaism which defines jewishness in terms of who one is and the group to which one belongs independent of what one does or believes and exodus judaism which grounds identity in terms of one s relationship with an aspirational system of values ideals beliefs commandments and behaviors when one narrative becomes too dominant jewish collective identity becomes distorted conversely when genesis and exodus interplay the sparks of a rich compelling identity are found hartman deftly applies this genesis exodus meta narrative as a roadmap to addressing contemporary challenges including diaspora jewry s eroding relationship with israel the othering of israeli palestinians interfaith marriage the israeli palestinian conflict and collectively who we jews can become

Who Are the Jews—And Who Can We Become?

2023-11

this work aims to explore whether one can still speak at the beginning of the 21st century of one jewish people encompassing all jews in the world and based on shared principles of collective identity it covers factors of convergence and divergence that characterize contemporary jewries

Contemporary Jewries

2003-01-01

this book collects twenty two previously published essays and one new one by erich s gruen who has written extensively on the literature and history of early judaism and the experience of the jews in the greco roman world his many articles on this subject have however appeared mostly in conference volumes and festschriften and have therefore not had wide circulation by putting them together in a single work this will bring the essays to the attention of a much broader scholarly readership and make them more readily available to students in the fields of ancient history and early judaism the pieces are quite varied but develop a number of connected and related themes jewish identity in the pagan world the literary representations by jews and pagans of one another the interconnections of hellenism and judaism and the jewish experience under hellenistic monarchies and the roman empire

The Construct of Identity in Hellenistic Judaism

2016-09-12

five short plays that make audiences laugh and believe well crafted plays of depth and heart with irresistible characters that deliver the laughs john driver co artistic director innovative stages westchester county ny perfect balance of humor and pathos bloom is a master of dialog sandee martin veteran director for westchester theatre groups warm funny plays a hit with our audiences irit magnes jewish cultural director robert and dorothy ludwig schenectady jewish community center can you ever forgive arthur kleinman forty years ago arthur refused to go through with his bar mitzvah will his 91 year old rebbe finally forgive him daniel ortega and those yom kippur blues arthur s back looking for his lost faith this time in a latino saloon where he finds it s easier to sin than he ever expected the best meal you ever ate an exquisite meal for the two last remaining jews fighting the nazis but is it kosher and could that dish actually be ham the last request of eddie carmichael cohen on his deathbed eddie announces he s really jewish not catholic and wants to marry his jewish lover but he could be lying and he might be crazy are you jewish rose glassman thinks lovely weathercaster sonny simmons would make a nice match with her son it all plays out on tv live

Are You Jewish?

2005-07

jewish identity is a perennial concern as jews seek to define the major features and status of those who belong while at the same time draw distinctions between individuals and groups on the inside and those on the outside from a variety of perspectives scholarly as well as confessional there is intense interest among non jewish and jewish commentators alike in the basic question who is a jew this collection of articles draws diverse historical cultural and religious insights from scholars who represent a wide range of academic and theological disciplines some of the authors directly address the issue of jewish identity as it is being played out today in israel and diaspora communities others look to earlier time periods or societies as invaluable resources for enhanced and deepened analysis of contemporary matters all authors in this collection make a concerted effort to present their evidence and their conclusions in a way that is accessible to the general public and valid for other scholars the result is a richly textured approach to a topic that seems always relevant if as is the case no single answer appeals to all of the authors this is as it should be we all gain from the application of a number of approaches and perspectives which enrich our appreciation of the people whose lives are affected for better or worse by real life discussions of this issue and the resultant actions toward exclusivity or inclusivity

Who Is A Jew?

2015-04-15

world jewry today is concentrated in the us and israel and while distinctive judaic approaches and practices have evolved in each society parallels also exist this volume offers studies of substantive and creative aspects of jewish belonging while research in israel on judaism has stressed orthodox or extreme versions of religiosity linked to institutional life and politics moderate and less systematized expressions of jewish belonging are overlooked this volume explores the fluid and dynamic nature of identity building among jews and the many issues that cut across different jewish groupings an important contribution to scholarship on contemporary jewry it reveals the often unrecognized dynamism in new forms of jewish identification and affiliation in israel and in the diaspora

Dynamic Belonging

2011-12-30

how can we make sense of being born and growing up in the shadows of the shoah without being able to speak about the unspeakable terror that killed so many in our families as the second generation we were rarely to hear stories of love and loss or to participate in the mourning of so many who had been brutally murdered rather we were to grow up normally and to learn to turn our backs on the past as we struggled

towards future identities while imagining ourselves like everyone else fearful of difference we were often ambivalent about jewish identities that could threaten a sense of englishness exploring the painful dynamics of personal identity and belonging victor jeleniewski seidler shares the difficulties of memory how is it possible ever really to belong and feel safe and yet remember what happened to jewish families in poland how can one remember without feeling overwhelmed by the terror crossing boundaries in a journey to poland enabled the author to rethink a relationship between judaism and modernity as well as to reflect on the painful histories between poles and jews questions about memory identity and belonging touch the lives of many people who live in the shadows of historical trauma learning to think in new ways about the shoah as a defining crisis within modernity seidler also helps us imagine an ethics for a postmodern time

Shadows of the Shoah

2000-03-01

the resurgence of ethnic consciousness over the past decade has had a profound effect on many jewish artists writers performers and the jewish community at large surprisingly however jewish identity remains one of the least explored terrains in contemporary discussions of multiculturalism and identity based art too jewish takes a fresh often confrontational and sometimes humorous approach to newly considered representations of jewish identity this book accompanied by a major exhibition at the jewish museum new york places the jewish identity subjects in the recent art of

such artists as deborah kass rona pondick archie rand elaine reichek art spiegelman hannah wilke and others within a larger continuum of influences ranging from nineteenth century art history to twentieth century media and pop culture essays by major writers explore the historic and scientific roots of the construction of the jew s otherness assimilation strategies and stereotypes inherent in past and present definitions of jewish masculinity and femininity the contributors include cultural critic maurice berger sociologist sander l gilman playwright tony kushner art theorist rhonda lieberman art historian margaret olin and anthropologist riv ellen prell renowned art historian linda nochlin provides a clever and highly personal foreword that captures her complicated reaction to the hasidic inspired clothing from jean paul gaultier s fall 1993 collection the exhibition curator and editor of this work norman l kleeblatt offers an insightful introduction on the complex history of post war jewish identity and its impact on visual artists this is a lively and provocative book that offers a unique critical perspective on jewish identity multiculturalism or contemporary art

Too Jewish?

1996

jewish cosmopolitanism is key to understanding both modern globalization and the old and new nationalism jewish cultures existing in the western world during the last two centuries have been and continue to be read as hyphenated phenomena within a specific national context such as german jewish or american jewish culture yet to

what extent do such nationalized constructs of jewish culture and identity still dominate jewish self expressions and the discourses about them in the rapidly globalizing world of the twenty first century in a world in which diaspora societies have begun to reshape themselves as part of a super or nonnational identity what has happened to a cosmopolitan jewish identity in a post zionist world where one of the newest and most substantial diaspora communities is that of israelis in the new globalized culture is being jewish suddenly something that can reach beyond the older models of diasporic integration or nationalism which new paradigms of jewish self location within the evolving and conflicting global discourses about the nation race genocides anti semitism colonialism and postcolonialism gender and sexual identities does the globalization of jewish cultures open up to what extent might transnational notions of jewishness such as european jewish identity create new discursive margins and centers is there a possibility that a virtual makom jewish space might constitute itself recent studies on cosmopolitanism cite the jewish experience as a key to the very notion of the movement of people for good or for ill as well as for the resurgence of modern nationalism these theories reflect newer models of postcolonialism and transnationalism in regard to global jewish cultures the present volume spans the widest reading of jewish cosmopolitanisms to study jews on the move this book was originally published as a special issue of the european review of history

Jews on the Move: Modern Cosmopolitanist Thought and its

Others

2019-12-18

a deeply humane learned and personal reflection on jewish identity rowan williams
this inspiring book has made me a better jew one who understands more who knows more
daniel finkelstein this remarkable book takes us on a journey geographic historical
cultural philosophical political autobiographical and yes religious michael marmot
being jewish today gives an account of both the journey of a particular british jew
and the journey of millions of women and men through today s perplexing and
difficult world with honesty and integrity rabbi tony bayfield breaks new ground in
exploring the meaning of jewish identity and its relationship to jewish tradition
and belief he does so from the perspective of a person fully integrated into the
modern western world the rigorous questions he asks of his jewishness judaism and
the jewish god are therefore substantially the same as those asked by individuals of
all faiths and none beginning with an account of the journey of jewish people and
thought from ancient times to the present day bayfield goes on to consider jewish
identity israel as land and the scourge of anti semitism he then turns to the twin
concerns of torah halakhah practice and aggadah ethics along with the matter of
belief in a world faced with global extinction finally in addressing the manifest
injustice of life rabbi bayfield confronts the widely evaded questions of universal
suffering and divine inaction drawing on key religious and secular thinkers who
contribute to the force of his argument bayfield s masterful challenging and urgent
book will appeal to all jews whether religious or cultural and to anyone curious

about the nature of judaism and religion today

Being Jewish Today

2019-09-05

rarely have i encountered a collection of essays that coheres so well around an overarching theme this will be an important resource hillel j kieval author of languages of community

Diasporas and Exiles

2002-10-07

divdivin this powerful book one of the most important jewish thinkers in the world today grapples with issues that increasingly divide israel s secular jewish community from its religious zionists addressing the concerns of both communities from the point of view of one who is deeply committed to religious pluralism david hartman suggests a more inclusive and inviting framework for the modern israeli engagement of the jewish tradition he offers a new understanding of what it means to be jewish one which is neither assimilationist nor backward looking and one that enables different jewish groups to celebrate their own traditions without demonizing or patronizing others in a world polarized between religious and secular and caught within a sectarian denominationalism hartman shows the way to build bridges of

understanding the book explores the philosophies of two major jewish thinkers of the middle ages yehuda halevi and mores maimonides a careful analysis of maimonides approach to judaism shows that messianism is not the predominant organizing principle that makes judaism intelligible and significant hartman contends he argues against halevi s triumphalism and in favor of using the sinai covenant for evaluating the religious significance of israel for this approach gives meaning to zionists religious commitments while also empowering secular israelis to reengage with the jewish tradition div div

Israelis and the Jewish Tradition

2008-10-01

an innovative and provocative study tackling the main assumptions surrounding israel s claim to jewish identity

Israel's Jewish Identity Crisis

2020-01-30

an examination of intersecting racial ethnic and religious identities among couples where one partner is jewish american and the other is asian american

JewAsian

2016-07-01

harvey mitchell s book argues that a reassessment of voltaire s treatment of traditional judaism will sharpen discussion of the origins of and responses to the enlightenment his study shows how voltaire s nearly total antipathy to judaism is best understood by stressing his self regard as the author of an enlightened and rational universal history which found judaism s memory of its past incoherent and in addition failed to meet the criteria of objective history a project in which he failed calling on an array of jewish and non jewish figures to reveal how modern interpretations of judaism may be traced to the core ideas of the enlightenment this book concludes that voltaire paradoxically helped to foster the ambiguities and uncertainties of judaism s future

Voltaire's Jews and Modern Jewish Identity

2012-08-21

when traumatic historical events and transformations coincide with one s entry into young adulthood the personal and historical significance of life course transitions interact and intensify in this volume alena heitlinger examines identity formation among a generation of czech and slovak jews who grew up under communism coming of age during the de stalinization period of 1962 1968 heitlinger s main focus is on

the differences and similarities within and between generations and on the changing historical and political circumstances of state socialism communism that have shaped an individual's consciousness and identity as a jew assimilated czech slovak czechoslovak and where relevant as an emigre or an immigrant the book addresses a larger set of questions about the formation of jewish identity in the midst of political upheavals secularization assimilation and modernity who is a jew how is jewish identity defined how does jewish identity change based on different historical contexts how is jewish identity transmitted from one generation to the next what do the czech and slovak cases tell us about similar experiences in other former communist countries or in established liberal democracies heitlinger explores the official and unofficial transmission of holocaust remembering and non remembering the role of jewish youth groups attitudes toward israel and zionism and the impact of the collapse of communism this volume is rich in both statistical and archival data and in its analysis of historical institutional and social factors heitlinger's wide ranging approach shows how history generational and individual biography intertwine in the formation of ethnic identity and its ambiguities

In the Shadows of the Holocaust and Communism

2017-07-12

the past few decades have seen a remarkable surge in jewish influences on american culture entertainers and artists such as jerry seinfeld adam sandler allegra goodman and tony kushner have heralded new waves of television film literature and theater a

major klezmer revival is under way bagels are now as commonplace as pizza and kabbalah has become as cool as crystals does this broad range of cultural expression accurately reflect what it means to be jewish in america today bringing together fourteen new essays by leading scholars you should see yourself examines the fluctuating representations of jewishness in a variety of areas of popular culture and high art including literature the media film theater music dance painting photography and comedy contributors explore the evolution that has taken place within these cultural forms and how we can best explain these changes are variations in our understanding of jewishness the result of general phenomena such as multiculturalism politics and postmodernism or are they the product of more specifically jewish concerns such as the intermarriage continuity crisis religious renewal and relations between the united states and israel accessible to students and general readers alike this volume takes an important step toward advancing the discussion of jewish cultural influences in this country

'You Should See Yourself'

2006-07-24

throughout the seventies the idea of being pro israel was traditionally equated with support for the israeli government and was central to an understanding of american jewish identity it was so central argues marla bretttschneider that even committed activists who took issue with such a monolithic stance were silenced by mainstream jewish organizations but during the 1980s a change took place an explosion of new

jewish groups intent on challenging the dominant definition of the pro israel attitude transformed an increasingly closed jewish community into one more democratic and inclusive in cornerstones of peace marla bretttschneider skillfully combines a lucid review of contemporary liberal political theory and its understanding of the role of groups in the political process a sophisticated analysis of hobbesian philosophy and a rich history of alternative jewish activist groups like breira and americans for peace now apn to ask what can we learn about identity and democratic theory from the changes that have taken place in the jewish community through an insightful exploration of how small activist groups have reclaimed pro israel identity politics as a collective multilayered process bretttschneider adds her voice to the growing number of political theorists envisioning a pro diversity alternative to liberal political thought she theorizes about a new democratic theory showing theorists and activists how to envision and enact more vibrant inclusive democratic politics

Cornerstones of Peace

1996

how do adult children of interracial parents where one parent is jewish and one is black think about personal identity this question is at the heart of katya gibel azoulay s black jewish and interracial motivated by her own experience as the child of a jewish mother and jamaican father gibel azoulay blends historical theoretical and personal perspectives to explore the possibilities and meanings that arise when

black and jewish identities merge as she asks what it means to be black jewish and interracial gibel azoulay challenges deeply ingrained assumptions about identity and moves toward a consideration of complementary racial identities beginning with an examination of the concept of identity as it figures in philosophical and political thought gibel azoulay moves on to consider and compare the politics and traditions of the black and jewish experience in america her inquiry draws together such diverse subjects as plessy v ferguson the leo frank case passing intermarriage civil rights and anti semitism the paradoxical presence of being both black and jewish she argues leads questions of identity identity politics and diversity in a new direction as it challenges distinct notions of whiteness and blackness rising above familiar notions of identity crisis and cultural confrontation she offers new insights into the discourse of race and multiculturalism as she suggests that identity can be a more encompassing concept than is usually thought gibel azoulay adds her own personal history and interviews with eight other black and jewish individuals to reveal various ways in which interracial identities are being lived experienced and understood in contemporary america

Black, Jewish, and Interracial

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by creating a dialogue between israeli and american jewish authors scholars and intellectuals this book examines how these two literatures which traditionally do not address one another directly nevertheless share some commonalities and

affinities the disinclination of israeli and american jewish fictional narratives to gravitate toward one another tells us much about the processes of jewish self definition as expressed in literary texts over the last fifty years through essays by prominent israeli americanists american hebraists israeli critics of hebrew writing and american specialists in the field of jewish writing the book shows how modern jewish culture rewrites the jewish tradition across quite different ideological imperatives such as zionist metanarrative the urge of jewish immigrants to find israel in america and socialism the contributors also explore how that narrative turn away from religious tradition to secular identity has both enriched and impoverished jewish modernity

Ideology and Jewish Identity in Israeli and American Literature

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there is something deeply problematic about the ways that jews particularly in america talk about jewish identity as a desired outcome of jewish education for many the idea that the purpose of jewish education is to strengthen jewish identity is so obvious that it hardly seems worth disputing and the only important question is which kinds of jewish education do that work more effectively or more efficiently but what does it mean to strengthen jewish identity why do jewish educators policy makers and philanthropists talk that way what do they assume about jewish education or about jewish identity when they use formulations like strengthen jewish identity

and what are the costs of doing so this volume the first collection to examine critically the relationship between jewish education and jewish identity makes two important interventions first it offers a critical assessment of the relationship between education and identity arguing that the reification of identity has hampered much educational creativity in the pursuit of this goal and that the nearly ubiquitous employment of the term obscures significant questions about what jewish education is and ought to be second this volume offers thoughtful responses that are not merely synonymous replacements for identity suggesting new possibilities for how to think about the purposes and desired outcomes of jewish education potentially contributing to any number of new conversations about the relationship between jewish education and jewish life

Jewish Identity in America

1991

one people is a full length study of the major problem confronting the jewish future the availability or otherwise of a way of mending the schisms between reform and orthodox judaism between religious and secular jews in israel and between israel itself and the diaspora all of which have been deepened by the continuing controversy over the question who is a jew this text is a study of the background to this and related controversies it traces the fragmentation of jewry in the wake of emancipation and enlightenment the development of heterodox religious denominations and secular zionism the variety of orthodox responses to these challenges and the

resources of jewish tradition for handling diversity it sets out the intractability of the problem and ends by examining strands in both orthodox jewish thought that might make for convergence and conciliation the analysis employs a variety of disciplines history sociology theology and halakhic jurisprudence to comment on a subject in which these dimensions are inextricably interwoven it also explores key issues such as the underlying philosophy of jewish law and the nature of the collision between tradition and modern consciousness in the clash of perceptions between orthodox and reform written for general readers as well as the academic this book aims to present a thought provoking presentation of the dilemmas of jewish orthodoxy in modernity

Beyond Jewish Identity

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One People?

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