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Anthropology

'Akko II – The 1991-1998 Excavations : The Early Periods / Moshe Hartal (et al.) (Ed-in-Chief) Judith Ben-Michael (Series Ed) Ann Roshwalb Hurowitz

Jerusalem: Israel Antiquities Authority, 2016

viii, 236p. ; illustrations (some color), plans, map ; 27cm.

9789654066204

Israel Antiquities Authority Reports Series – IAA Reports, No. 60

- Excavations (Archaeology) -- Israel -- Acre.
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Gamla III – The Shmarya Gutmann Excavations 1976-1989 : Finds and Studies, Part 2 / Danny Syon (Ed-in-Chief) Judith Ben-Michael (Series Ed) Ann Roshwalb Hurowitz

Jerusalem: Israel Antiquities Authority, 2016

x, 372p. With pictures, illustrations and plates

9789654065399

Israel Antiquities Authority Reports Series – IAA Reports, No. 59

- Excavations (Archaeology) -- Golan Heights.
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Yadin's Expedition to Megiddo : Final Report of the Archaeological Excavations (1960, 1966, 1967 and 1971/2 Seasons) / Anabel Zarzecki-Peleg

Jerusalem: The Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2016

Monograph – QEDEM: 56

2v.

ISSN: 0333-5844

\$ 150.00 (Set)/ HB

2400gm.

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Khirbet Qeiyafa Vo. 5 – Excavation Report 2007-2013 : The Numismatic Finds : Coins and Related Objects / Yoav Farhi

Israel: Israel Exploration Society and the Khirbet Qeiyafa Expedition, 2016

184p.

9789652211071

Khirbet Qeifaya Excavation Reports Series

\$ 140.00/ HB

926gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329360>

Solomon's Temple and Palace : New Archaeological Discoveries / Yosef Garfinkel & Madeleine Mumcuoglu

Jerusalem: Bible Lands Museum & Biblical Archaeology Society, 2016

xvi, 216p.

9789657027301

\$ 140.00/ HB

1100gm.

Solomon's Temple also known as the First Temple and royal palace from the Hebrew Bible have been a riddle for millennia. Biblical descriptions of these structures have proven difficult to interpret. Yet authors Yosef Garfinkel and Madeleine Mumcuoglu believe they have unlocked the meaning of these enigmatic Biblical passages, thanks to the discovery of a small stone Temple model at Khirbet Qeiyafa. In their book, 'Solomon's Temple and Palace: New Archaeological Discoveries', Garfinkel and Mumcuoglu provide a new understanding of the Biblical descriptions, allowing a new representation of Solomon's Temple and palace.

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Christians and Christianity, Volume V : Monastery of Martyrius / Yitzhak Magen (Ed) Ayelet Hashahar Malka (Eng Translation) Edward Levin & Jill Harish

Jerusalem : Staff Officer of Archaeology, Civil Administration for Judea and Samaria, Israel Antiquities Authority, 2015.

xvi, 396p.

Includes Bibliography

9789654062565

JSP-Judea and Samaria Publications (Series), 17.

1. Ma'aleh Adumim -- Antiquities, Byzantine.
2. Excavations (Archaeology) -- West Bank -- Ma'aleh Adumim.
3. Christian antiquities -- West Bank -- Ma'aleh Adumim.
4. Monasteries -- West Bank -- Ma'aleh Adumim.

\$ 150.00/ HB

2330gm.

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Art

My Jerusalem : The Eternal City / (Ed) Ilan Greenfield (Photography) Ziv Koren

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2017

168p.

9789652299079

\$ 85.00 / HB

1410gm.

Ten measures of beauty descended to the world; nine were taken by Jerusalem. Talmud, Kiddushin 49b Ever since King Solomon built the Holy Temple on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, Jews around the world have seen the holy city as the core of their lives. Jews from every continent on the globe have always prayed three times a day facing Jerusalem. Jews from Yemen, Ethiopia, and Lithuania; Jews from Morocco, Spain, India, Poland, and Russia. No matter where they are born, no matter where they die, all Jews have Jerusalem in common. Jerusalem Day 2017 marks fifty years since the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, allowing worshipers of all religions to freely worship and pray in their holy places for the first time in hundreds of years. In honor of this great anniversary, this unique photo essay brings together the thoughts and reminiscences of those who love the holy city. MY JERUSALEM features a unique collection of photos by one of Israel's most recognized photographers, Ziv Koren. Here are the people of Jerusalem: the real, everyday people who live in Jerusalem; those who work in Jerusalem; those who worship in Jerusalem; and those who exercise their freedom to demonstrate in Jerusalem. This stunning book is a must-have for everyone whose heart beats to the rhythm of the world's holiest city. Features personal essays on Jerusalem by 36 personalities, among them: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Reuven Rivlin, Education Minister Naftali Bennett, Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat, Mike Huckabee, Professor Deborah Lipstadt, Dr. Ruth R. Wisse, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Pastor John Hagee and many more.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329400>

General

Unexpected Israel : Stories You Never Read in the Media / Ruth Corman
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016

viii, 184p.

9789652298515

\$ 55.00 / HB

1010gm.

Since 2011 Ruth Corman has traveled through the complex mosaic that is Israel to introduce readers to aspects of the country that never appear in the media – the curious, the humorous, the moving and the dramatic. She introduces us to places that few know of and tells of encounters with some unforgettable individuals, such as Tsegue-Mariam, an Ethiopian nonagenarian nun and world-renowned composer of piano music, and Gershon Luxemburg, a boxing champion from Uzbekistan who emigrated to Israel and runs a boxing school open to all. Focusing on cameos of everyday life, Unexpected Israel brings people and places to life, ranging from caviar to camels, owls to oranges, pomegranates to pilgrims and fossils to friendship as well as some unimaginable tales of heroism. It is without doubt a memorable and wholly unexpected journey.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329402>

History

With Might and Strength : An Autobiography / Rabbi Shlomo Goren (Ed)

Avi Rath

Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2016

xx, 500p.

Includes Index

9781592644667

\$ 45.00 / PB

740gm.

Winner of the Israeli Golden Book Award

Even during his lifetime, Rabbi Shlomo Goren (1917–1994) stood as an exemplar of rabbinic leadership, a gadol renowned for his wisdom and courage, responsibility and dedication. The young boy from Poland who grew up tilling the land of newfound Israeli villages, enlisted in the Jewish underground, and fought in the War of Independence, rose to become the first chief rabbi of the IDF and, later, the State of Israel. Drawing on his exceptional Torah knowledge, Rabbi Goren confronted the halakhic challenges of sovereignty, molding the character of the Jewish military and state.

Based on a first-person account recorded in the final years of his life, *With Might and Strength* tells the story of a legendary chief rabbi and halakhic decisor, a leader who left his indelible imprint on twentieth-century halakha and the modern State of Israel.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329404>

The Rabbinate in Stormy Days : The Life and Teachings of Rabbi Yitzhak Isaac HaLevi Herzog, The First Chief Rabbi of Israel / Shaul Mayzlish
(Translated) Tanhum Yoreh

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2017

xxii, 253p.

Includes Index

9789652298935

1. Herzog, Isaac, 1888-1959
2. Rabbis – Israel – Biography
3. Chief Rabbinate – Israel - Biography

\$ 65.00 / HB

1470gm.

From his days as a precocious youngster in Lomzha to his service as rabbi of Belfast and Dublin, chief rabbi of the Irish Free State, and then chief rabbi of Mandate Palestine and finally Israel, Rabbi Yitzhak Isaac HaLevi Herzog blazed trails all his life. With a doctorate in literature by age twenty-five as well as degrees in classical and modern languages and mathematics, Rabbi Herzog was fully equipped with the education of the modern secular world as well as a deep immersion in Torah. All of these tools, together with his loving yet uncompromising Jewish faith, were brought to bear throughout a lifetime of leadership that traversed stormy days indeed. World War I, World War II, and the struggle of the fledgling Jewish state for independence made for constant challenges that the rabbi negotiated with grace and wisdom. Throughout his tireless activism lobbying presidents and popes on behalf of Holocaust refugees and then the nascent Jewish state, Rabbi Herzog wrote prolifically on topics in Jewish law in numerous books and papers that are still authoritative today. The rabbi's life is a model of the struggle for balance between religious faith and modernity, a path that he navigated with a steadiness and warmth that made him both revered and beloved, in his day and into the present.

First published in Hebrew, this portrait of the life of one of modern Judaism's most prominent figures is now available for the first time in English and will introduce the rabbi to a new generation as a model of a person of faith fully participating in modernity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329406>

The Books of the People : Revisiting Classic Works of Jewish Thought /
(Ed) Dr. Stuart W. Halpern, Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2017
xviii, 359p.
9781592644704
\$ 65.00 / HB
618gm.

The Jews have ever been a people molded by the written word. It is no coincidence, therefore, that certain texts have come to play key roles in the continuum of Jewish discourse. Books of the People: Revisiting Classic Works of Jewish Thought presents ten foundational books written between the tenth and the twentieth centuries that have dramatically influenced the development of Jewish thought, examined by contemporary scholars of Jewish studies. Each scholar revisits a particularly salient work and discusses its themes, its historical context, the circumstances and background of its author, and its relevance to contemporary society.

A thousand years of Jewish thought, seen through the lens of modern thinkers, in one accessible volume: Rav Saadia Gaon's Emunot VeDeot, Rabbi Judah Halevi's Kuzari, Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed, Rabbi Joseph Albo's Sefer HaIkkarim, Maharal's Gevurot Hashem, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi's Tanya, Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav's Tales, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch's Nineteen Letters, Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin's Haamek Davar, Rav Abraham Isaac Kook's Orot HaTeshuva, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik's Halakhic Man, Rabbi Isaac Hutner's Pahad Yitzhak.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329407>

Nehemiah : Statesman and Sage / Dov S. Zakhiem
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2016
xii, 252p.
9781592643691
Maggid Studies in Tanakh Series – Stone Edition
\$ 42.00 / HB
418gm.

Jewish history recognizes Nehemiah as one of the founding fathers of the Second Commonwealth, when the Second Temple stood in Jerusalem. A statesman, politician, and lay religious administrator, Nehemiah aimed to strengthen national security, foster diplomatic relations with neighboring states, and establish social and religious order in the ancient Jewish society.

In *Nehemiah: Statesman and Sage*, Dov Zakheim, a former senior official in the US government, examines the life of the biblical figure through the lens of modern experience. Zakheim mines the biblical Book of Nehemiah to present a political biography of a man who rose to the highest levels of the Persian court, dedicating his life to the welfare of the Jewish people. Utilizing a unique collection of traditional and scholarly sources, Zakheim reveals how Nehemiah confronted fundamental issues of his day, highlighting lessons for policy-makers today.

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Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi : Prophecy in an Age of Uncertainty /
Hayyim Angel
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2016
xxx, 160p.
9781592644131
Maggid Studies in Tanakh Series – Stone Edition
\$ 42.00 / HB
406gm,

Babylonia fell and the Temple was rebuilt, miracles were at once present and hidden but Judea remained subject to the Persian Empire. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah spoke of imminent redemption yet most Jews remained in exile. Prophecy ceased with Malachi, and a chapter in Jewish history came to an end, paving the way for a new era with the Oral Law at its heart: the era of the rabbis. At the end of the age of the prophets, hope mixed with disappointment as the people of Israel tried to come to terms with this partial salvation, wondering what it meant for the covenantal relationship between God and Israel.

Often overlooked, the books of the final prophets hold the key to understanding the monumental transition that overtook the Jewish world at the beginning of the Second Temple Era and that ushered in the postbiblical age. In Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi: Prophecy in an Age of Uncertainty, Rabbi Hayyim Angel brings to life one of the least understood eras of Jewish history. In this work, Rabbi Angel takes the reader through a tumultuous world of joy mingled with insecurity in the twilight of prophecy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329409>

Jonah : The Reluctant Prophet / Erica Brown
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2017
xlii, 246p.
9781592644858
Maggid Studies in Tanakh Series – Stone Edition
\$ 42.00 / HB
504gm.

In *Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet*, Dr. Erica Brown takes us on a journey over land and sea, in the footsteps of the Bible's most recalcitrant prophet. Melding traditional commentators, rabbinic literature, modern biblical scholarship, psychological sensitivity, and artistic imagination, Brown travels through the four chapters of Jonah's story tracing his call to leadership, his subsequent intransigence, his momentary rise to duty and his tragic resignation in an effort to discover God's ultimate lesson for him.

With insight and feeling, Brown provides us with a glimpse into the tormented soul of the prophet as he grapples with the notion of a forgiving God who is concerned even with the welfare of Israel's strongest adversary. As God struggles to teach His prophet to expand his vision and take up his divine mission, we come to understand the Divine call given to each of us to rise up to the possibility of greatness. After all, if God can change His plan, we can change as well.

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Forgotten Giants : Sephardic Rabbis before and after the Expulsion from Spain / Rabbi Yosef Bitton
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016
xxiv, 124p.
9789652298744
\$ 32.00 / PB
380gm.

The expulsion from Spain in 1492 is the central event of Spanish Jewish history. *Forgotten Giants* explores the lives, works, and ideas of twenty-six Sephardic Rabbis in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries, in the time period straddling this upheaval. Three generations of rabbis are included: those who were born and lived in Spain, those who were born in Spain but left at a young age, and those who were sons of Spanish refugees.

This fascinating series of tableaux of the lives of great Sephardic rabbis paints a vivid picture of Jewish life and thought in Spain before the 1492 expulsion (including the struggles of the rabbinical leadership against the missionary efforts of the Church to convert the Jews, and the theological debates of the fifteenth century) during the tumultuous years of exile from Spain and then Portugal, and after the reestablishment of the Sephardic communities in the Diaspora and in the Land of Israel. Rabbi Bitton here revives the legacies of forgotten Sephardic giants and brings them to life for a new generation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329411>

The Balfour Declaration : Sixty-Seven Words, 100 Years of Conflict : a concise account of the players, their motivations, and the setting for one of the most consequential letters of modern history / Elliot Jager
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2017

326p.

Includes Index

9789652299246

1. Balfour Declaration
2. Palestine – History
3. Zionism – Great Britain
4. Great Britain – Foreign relations – Middle East
5. Middle East – Foreign relations – Great Britain

\$ 39.90 / PB

474gm.

The Balfour Declaration: Sixty-Seven Words 100 Years of Conflict is a concise account of the players, motivations, and setting for one of the most consequential letters of modern history. The letter began a process by which the international community came to embrace the idea of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. Jager brings to life the extraordinary personalities working amid the global conflict that was World War I. With the war still raging and despite political machinations and numerous secret deals, the Balfour Declaration was issued publicly. Britain promised Palestine to no one but the Jews yet almost immediately, it began backtracking. One hundred years later, amid the Arab world's unremitting rejection of the very idea of a Jewish homeland, this book spells out the backstory of today's headlines.

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Israel's Edge : The Story of the IDF's Most Elite Unit – Talpiot / Jason Gewirtz
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016
x, 230p.
9789652297136
\$ 35.00 / PB
408gm.

How will Israel keep its strategic edge over an increasingly dangerous Iran? Israel has been preparing for this day by creating a special and secretive IDF unit called Talpiot. Instead of being trained to fight, the few soldiers each year selected for Talpiot are taught how to think. In order to join this unit they have to commit to being in the army for ten years, rather than the three years a normal soldier serves. Talpiots are taught advanced level physics, math and computer science as they train with soldiers from every other branch of the IDF. The result: young men and women become research and development machines. Talpiots have developed battle ready weapons that only Israel's top military officers and political leaders know about. They have also dramatically improved much of the weapons already in Israel's arsenal. Israel's Edge contains dozens of interviews with Talpiot graduates and some of the early founders of the program.

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Defensive Shield : An Israeli Special Forces Commander on the Front Line of Counterterrorism : The Inspirational Story of Brigadier General Gal Hirsch / Gal Hirsch (Translator) Ben-Shalom, Reuven
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016
xii, 476p.

Includes Index

9789652298652

1. Hirsch, Gal, 1964-
2. Soldiers – Israel – Biography
3. Israel. Tseva haganah le-Yisrael – Personal narratives
4. Lebanon War 2006 – Personal narratives, Israeli

\$ 49.95 / HB

1090gm.

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Understanding The Israelite-Samaritans From Ancient to Modern : An
Introductory Atlas / Benyamim Tsedaka (Ed) Lorraine Kessel
Jerusalem: Carta Jerusalem, 2017
40p. ; 9 x 12 inches
9789652208880
\$ 32.00 / PB

The Samaritans are a small community that claims to descend from the ancient Israelites-from the biblical Kingdom of Israel, and have continued the Northern Israelite lineage and heritage. The Samaritans are associated with one of the most famous New Testament parables, known as "The Good Samaritan." It recounts the incident of a Samaritan man who went out to aid a roadside victim, beaten, robbed and left to die, near Jericho. The Gospels also tell of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Like Jews, Samaritans base their religion on the Torah. Their holy site is at Mount Gerizim, near Shechem, in the heart of the region of Samaria-hence their name-rather than in Jerusalem. Understanding the Samaritans is a richly illustrated narrative of a unique community surviving despite the odds since biblical times.

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Memoirs of a hopeful pessimist : a life of activism through dialogue /
Debbie Weissman

Jerusalem / NY, USA: Urim Publications & KTAV Publishing, 2017

200p.

9789655242652

1. Weissman, Deborah
2. Jews, American – Israel – Biography
3. Jewish women – Israel – Biography
4. International Council of Christians and Jews
5. BISAC : RELIGION / Judaism / General
6. Biography & Autobiography / Religious

\$ 42.00 / HB

520gm.

For many people, "observant Jew," "feminist," and "interfaith pioneer" are not necessarily words they would put together in the same sentence. And yet, in this book by Dr. Debbie Weissman, each is a vitally important aspect of a dynamic and passionate life. Between 2008 and 2014, Weissman broke new ground by serving two terms as the first Jewish woman president of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ). On her quest to do interfaith work, she tells about meeting people from other religions and the unique friendships that ensue. Weissman does not have a ringside seat to history; she is in the ring itself, having created institutions and movements in areas such as interfaith relations, women's education, Israeli peace initiatives, a new prayer community, and much more. Her engaging journey - related with humor, grace, and style - discovers meaning and hope in the life of a pessimist.

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Law

A Table Against Mine Enemies : Israel on the Lawfare Front / Larry M. Goldstein

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2017

xxii, 288p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

9789652298966

1. Arab-Israeli conflict – Law and legislation
2. War on Terrorism, 2001-2009
3. War (International law)
4. Government liability (International)
5. Lawfare

\$ 49.95 / HB

760gm.

The world is in the midst of a revolution in military affairs, caused by a shift from symmetric to asymmetric warthe digitization and globalization of information, andthe automation of war by robotics and cyber aggression.In this modern environment, a new weapon known as lawfare plays an essential role. Lawfare is the use, or more correctly the misuse, of law as a weapon of combat to embarrass Western countries, to constrain their armies, and in this way to achieve military objectives. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the world's leading conflict on this new battlefield. Drawing on the personal stories of soldiers in the Israeli and US armies, as well as the filings at the International Criminal Court, A Table Against Mine Enemies: defines lawfare and related terms through personal stories;explains the four fundamental laws of war on which lawfare attacks are based;details Israel-based examples of lawfare in the separation barrier, the disputed territories, and flotilla attempts to break the blockade against importation of weapons to Gaza; andpresents scenarios for the future of war and of lawfare, based on advanced electronics, robotics, cyber attacks, and machine autonomy.Lawfare is in the news every week, and will continue to appear over the coming decades. A Table Against Mine Enemies provides the information essential to understanding this new and revolutionary weapon of war.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329419>

Rabbinic Authority : The Vision and the Reality – Beit Din Decisions in English, Volume 2 / A Yehuda Warburg (Ed) Eliyahu Krakowski
Jerusalem: Urim Publications, 2016
368p.
9789655242133
\$ 45.00 / HB
738gm.

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

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329420>

Rabbinic Authority : The Vision and the Reality : Halakhic Divorce and the Agunah – Beit Din Decisions in English, Volume 3 / A Yehuda (Ronnie) Warburg
Jerusalem: Urim Publications, 2017
368p.
9789655242515
\$ 45.00 / HB
722gm.

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

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A Concise Code of Jewish Law for Converts / Rabbi Michael J. Broyde
Jerusalem: Urim Publications, 2017

184p.

Includes Index

9789655242492

1. Jewish law
2. Conversion – Judaism

\$ 42.00 / HB

416gm.

While the topic of conversion in Judaism has been extensively covered, no one has explored the particular laws related to after conversion. In *A Concise Code of Jewish Law for Converts*, Michael J. Broyde explores many topics and questions that revolve around the life of a Jewish convert. Such topics include the place of a convert in a Jewish community according to Jewish law, the treatment of a convert in respect to acceptance and discrimination, and providing affirmative incentives to converts. Containing a detailed review of every aspect of Jewish law from the convert's perspective and in relation to them, as well as supplemental essays, *A Concise Code of Jewish Law for Converts* provides knowledge and guidance on life after conversion.

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Linguistics

The World's Oldest Alphabet : Hebrew as the Language of the Proto-Consonantal Script / Douglas Petrovich (Introduction) Eugene H. Merrill

Jerusalem: Carta Jerusalem, 2016

xvi, 262p. ; 6 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches

Includes Index

9789652208842

\$ 140.00 / HB

870gm.

For close to 150 years, scholars have attempted to identify the language of the world's oldest alphabetic script and to translate the inscriptions that use it, which were found in the Sinai Peninsula and date from 1842 to 1446 BCE. Until now, scholars have accomplished little more than identifying most of the pictographic letters and translating a few of the Semitic words. In *The World's Oldest Alphabet*, however, Douglas Petrovich presents a thorough, detailed defense of his bold new claims concerning these writings. Petrovich claims to have resolved all of the disputed letters and to have identified the language as Hebrew, which allows him to translate all of the inscriptions. Furthermore, he argues that they explicitly name three biblical figures and greatly illuminate the earliest Israelite history in a way that nothing else has, apart from the Bible.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329423>

Politics

The Case for Closing the UN : International Human Rights : A Study in Hypocrisy / Jacob Dolinger

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016

xvi, 532p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789652298577

1. United Nations
2. Human rights
3. Genocide – History

\$ 70.00 / PB

1030gm.

Genocide has been an ongoing catastrophic reality of the past hundred years. Terrorism has intensified tremendously in the last fifty years. Despite a huge collection of treaties, conventions, declarations, and hyperbolic resolutions, practically nothing has been done to save the many millions of lives that were sacrificed on the altar of barbarity. And the complicity of the West has guaranteed the impunity of the mass murderers of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. In this masterful book, Professor Dolinger presents a scathing indictment of the United Nations. Debating with scholars of international law, Dolinger discredits and demoralizes the UN. Writing clearly and convincingly, Dolinger delivers a message that will be meaningful to people of all walks of life: Let us close the UN and create a serious, authentic world organization that will respect human dignity and defend the human rights of all peoples, of all nations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329424>

The Anti-Israel Agenda : Inside the Political War on the Jewish State /

(Ed) Alex Ryvchin

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2017

xxviii, 228p.

Includes Index

9789652299147

1. Zionism – Public Opinion
2. Israel – Politics and government – Public opinion
3. Propaganda, Anti-Israeli
4. Israel – Foreign public opinion
5. Arab-Israeli conflict – influence

\$ 35.00 / HB

546gm.

Since 1948, Israel has withstood three full-scale invasions on multiple fronts, bloody wars with Palestinian militias, deadly bombings of its diplomatic missions, and hundreds of terrorist attacks within its territory and against its citizens abroad. This violence has inflicted immense suffering and loss on the people of Israel, but the country has emerged from armed conflict with more territory rather than less, while its permanent preparedness for war has ensured that the full weight of Israeli innovation has been thrown behind the country's military, turning it into the most formidable fighting force in the region. In light of Israel's military prowess, its enemies have opened a new front in their war of annihilation: a full-scale political assault on Israel's legitimacy. The Anti-Israel Agenda reveals how the institutions of greatest moral and political influence including Western governments, the campus, the United Nations, and the Church are being turned against Israel in an effort to isolate and cripple the state until it can no longer defend its interests or its people. Bringing together the finest minds devoted to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including Alan Dershowitz, Alan Johnson, Col. Richard Kemp, and Hillel Neuer, this powerful and timely exposé reveals how the conflict with Israel has shifted from the battlefield to the corridors of power, the media we consume, the campuses we attend, and every forum that touches our lives. Engrossing and authoritative, The Anti-Israel Agenda is essential to understanding war and conflict in today's Middle East

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329425>

The Israel Warrior : Fighting Back for the Jewish State from Campus to Street Corner / Rabbi Shmuley Boteach
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016
xxiv, 222p.
Includes Bibliography
9789652298836
\$ 34.00 / HB
524gm.

Book Details:

Are you fed up with the nonstop attacks on Israel that reek of double standards and hatred? With the foul moral equivalency of Jews dying as targets of terrorists and Palestinians dying undertaking acts of terrorism? With the United Nations continuous condemnation of the only democracy in the Middle East, while overlooking the ghastly human rights abuses of its Arab neighbors? With the duplicity of the Western media, which cares more when Israelis add rooms to apartments in East Jerusalem than when over 470,000 Arabs are killed in Syria?

There comes a point when we stop and say, Enough. We will no longer tolerate anti-Israel lies. We will stand up for Israel and truth.

The goal of this book is to give you the information and the tools you need so that together, we can accomplish this important and urgent task. You will use your knowledge and your wits to fight back in debate, discussion, and dialogue to publicize the justice of Israel's cause. This book is dedicated to the proposition that Israel can and will win the argument in the marketplace of ideas because her greatest commodity is the minds and souls of those who care enough to learn the truth and then, armed with that truth, the courage to take a stand.

Become a warrior for Israel.

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Religion

The Twice Told Tale : Parallels in the Bible : A Carta Handbook / Abba Bendavid ((Introduced) Mordechai Cogan

Jerusalem: Carta Jerusalem, 2017

284p. ; 6 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches.

9789652208866

\$ 120.00 / HB

888gm.

Book Details:

The Twice Told Tale: Parallels in the Bible is a title by Abba Bendavid that attempts to help the reader make sense of I and II Chronicles, a part of the Bible that is often overlooked. This English edition (using the classic text of the King James Version), of a work originally written in Hebrew, provides the entire Book of Chronicles in one column, with the parallel verses from other books of the Bible in an accompanying column on the same page. In arranging the text this way, the reader is able to see the parallel texts that are found not just in Kings and Samuel but also the Pentateuch and the Prophets. Words or phrases that are omitted in one source are represented by blank spaces of appropriate length in the opposite column, allowing for the reader to make their own deductions from the duplications, differences, or even silence of the text.

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Mysteries of Judaism II : How the Rabbis and Others Changed Judaism /
Israel Drazin

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2107

124p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

9789652298867

1. Judaism – Essence, genius, nature
2. Judaism – 21st century
3. Judaism – Doctrines

\$ 32.00 / HB

442gm.

From kindergarten on, Jewish children are taught that the Torah as observed today is identical to the Torah given at Sinai. Unfortunately, many adults today, even those at the highest institutions of Torah learning, never develop a more nuanced and complex view of the evolution of the Torah. In another fascinating book, Israel Drazin shows how the Torah has been adapting to and adopting from its surrounding cultures, from the time of the Canaanites, through the Talmudic period, and until today.

Although challenging to some preconceived notions, and perhaps even threatening to some dogmatic elements, this richer view of Judaism reveals how a breathing, flexible religion has been essential in upholding the unity of the Jewish people throughout the centuries.

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Theosophical Appropriations : Esotericism, Kabbalah and the Transformation of Traditions / (Ed) Julie Chajes and Boaz Huss
Beer Sheva: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Press, 2016
412p.

9789655361797

The Goldstein-Goren Library of Jewish Thought Publication No. 21

\$ 65.00 / HB

770gm.

"The thirteen chapters of this volume examine intersections between theosophical thought and areas as diverse as the arts, literature, scholarship, politics, and, especially, modern interpretations of Judaism and kabbalah. Each chapter offers a case study in theosophical appropriations of a different type and in different context. The chapters join together to reveal congruencies between theosophical ideas and a wide range of contemporaneous intellectual, cultural, religious, and political currents. They demonstrate the far-reaching influence of the theosophical movement worldwide from the late-nineteenth century to the present day".

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Maybe the Lies We Tell Are Really True : Selected Writings on Education,
Judaism & Jewish Education / Joseph Sander Lukinsky (Eds) Barry W.
Holtz & David V. Kahn
New York, USA: The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2016
520p.
978087334090 ; 9780873340090
Jewish Education Series Volume 7
\$ 50.00 / HB
852gm.

"Joseph Lukinsky was a man with a deep intellectual honesty and a love
of Judaism that struck all of us who knew him during his all-too-short life.
Those two qualities are amply illustrated in this long-awaited and
valuable collection of his writings."

Samuel Heilman - Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Queens College,
CUNY

"This book will introduce two generations of Jewish educators to the
works of a fertile, wide-ranging Jewish thinker. Through his writings,
those of us who did not have the privilege of knowing Joseph Lukinsky in
person, will come to know his lasting contributions to our field."

Isa Aron - Professor of Jewish Education, Rhea Hirsch School of
Education, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Los
Angeles, California.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329430>

Kohelet's Pursuit of Truth : A New Reading of Ecclesiastes / Benjamin J. Segal

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016

x, 178p.

Includes Bibliographical references ; Text of Ecclesiastes in Hebrew with English translation ; commentary in English

9789652298928

1. Bible, Ecclesiastes – Commentaries – Commentaries

\$ 36.00 / HB

522gm.

Ecclesiastes, "the greatest single piece of literature I have known" (Thomas Wolfe) continues to engage readers. The book is so controversial that some of the earliest rabbis sought to exclude it from the Bible in light of its self-contradictions and occasional near-heresies. Fortunately, the depth of thought won out. This commentary confronts the book from a perspective that is literary, while maintaining the highest academic standards. The volume is strikingly new, including the following central reconsiderations: Ecclesiastes was written with empowering the reader in mind. It is not a developed philosophy, but a short novelette, a story of one man's search for verifiable evidence of God's workings in this world (which he does not find). Strikingly, his principal consequent advice is: "Enjoy." The book is a retrospective collection, so one finds a plethora of voices from one person - the young searcher, the poet, the teacher, the old man obsessed with death, etc. To these, the author adds the slightly dissenting voice of the one presenting the book. This variety turns the novelette into a parallel ongoing dialogue. The presentation as first person speech serves both to make the reader more sympathetic toward the speaker and yet less accepting of his contentions. Many of the "contradictions" in Ecclesiastes are in fact evidence of growth and change, as observable in the text. The reader is left to judge these as maturity, as the weakness of age, or possibly as the confusions inherent in life. As the speaker turns ever more to advice on how to get along, ultimately recommending no more contemplation, the reader is nevertheless left with more questions than answers. This book does not seek to provide answers to all the challenges, but rather a challenge to all the answers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329432>

Who Was The Biblical Prophet Samuel? / Israel Drazin
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2017
xvi, 176p.

Includes Index
9789652298959

1. Samuel (Biblical judge)
2. Bible. Old Testament – Criticism, interpretation, etc.
3. Rabbinical literature – History and criticism

\$ 42.00 / HB
516gm.

This volume explores the biblical prophet Samuel as presented in the eponymous scriptural book. Rabbi Dr Israel Drazin examines the scriptural verses dealing with Samuel and refers to traditional and scholarly sources in ways that many readers will consider unusual and insightful. His objective analysis raises challenging questions. He presents logical explanations to issues that have perplexed readers of the Bible for centuries and discloses insights that will astonish readers, such as: Although the scriptural book of Samuel contains 1506 verses, only about 200 speak about the prophet Samuel. The book repeatedly portrays him during his old age in an unattractive, belligerent, outspoken, and vindictive manner. Like many of the other biblical books, Samuel shows no familiarity with the laws in the Five Books of Moses. Despite the Torah allowing the crowning of a king, Samuel does not want to do so, because the people's demand for a king represents their rejection of Samuel's service to his people, and the service of his sons whom he hoped would carry on his legacy. Scholars stress that it was Samuel's personal enmity to Saul, not Saul's behavior, that was the real reason why he declared so violently that Saul's kingdom would end and the monarchy transfer to another, better person not of Saul's family. The book presents differing accounts of the same events, including the manner in which Saul becomes king, the reason Samuel tells Saul his kingdom will end, David's introduction to the history, and the slaying of Goliath. The book of Samuel is one of the most well-liked books of the prophets and is frequently taught to children in Jewish day schools, yet despite its importance as a biblical book it is generally misunderstood. Readers will enjoy Dr. Drazin's analysis of Samuel and learn much from it, not only about Samuel but also about how the Bible tells its tales.

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Genesis : From Creation to Covenant / Zvi Grumet
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2017
Stone Edition
xxvi, 486p.
Includes Index ; Selected Bibliography
9781592644773
Maggid Studies in Tanakh Series
\$ 42.00 / HB
792gm.

Rabbi Dr. Zvi Grumet explores the Book of Genesis in search for answers to the fundamental questions of human existence: Who are we? Why are we here? What does God want from us and what can we expect of Him? Shuttling deftly back and forth between the microcosmic and the macro cosmic, Rabbi Grumet offers a sensitive verse-by-verse reading of the biblical text, occasionally stepping back to reveal the magnificent themes that underlie the narrative as a whole: Creation and God, mortality and sin, family and covenant. Ambitious in scope and meticulous in execution, Genesis: From Creation to Covenant presents a remarkably original interpretation of the Book of Genesis and the Divine quest at its heart - the quest for a meaningful relationship with humankind.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329434>

In the Beginning : Discourses on Chasidic Thought / Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz (Ed & Translated) Yehuda Hanegbi
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2016
xiv, 202p.
9781592643141
\$ 39.95 / HB
414gm.

In the Beginning: Discourses on Chasidic Thought is a journey through the Book of Genesis by one of the most respected thinkers of our generation. Drawing on the teachings of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, the founding father of Chabad chassidut, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz takes readers deep into the mysteries of Creation. As he explores the stories of the foundational book of the Torah, Rabbi Steinsaltz addresses some of the most profound philosophical questions that humanity has grappled with throughout the ages: life and death, good and evil, chaos and order, truth, faith, and prayer. Like his many previous works, In the Beginning offers a profound new understanding of the words of the Torah.

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By His Light : Character and Values in the Service of god / Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein
Maggid Modern Classics
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2016
xvi, 256p.
Includes General Index
9781592644668
\$ 39.95 / HB
516gm.

In this volume, Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein explores the development of the religious personality. He advocates a life centered on the service of God, but recognizes multiple paths to this goal. Acknowledging that both the Jewish value system and human experience are multifaceted, he examines the relevant issues from an unusually wide perspective. Rabbi Lichtenstein's essays reflect not only a staunch commitment to Halakha and a firm grounding in rigorous Torah study, but also a deep spirituality, a profound moral sensitivity, and a keen awareness of both the challenges and opportunities of modernity. While being enlightened by Rabbi Lichtenstein's penetrating analyses and wide-ranging learning, the reader will also be inspired by the beauty of his vision of the religious life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329436>

From Sinai to Ethiopia : The Halakhic and Conceptual World of Ethiopian Jewry : Including Shulhan Ha-Orit – A Halakhic Guide for Beta Israel / Dr. Sharon Shalom (Translated) Jessica Setbon
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016

xxxvi, 300p.

9789652296375

1. Jews, Ethiopian – Religious life
2. Jews, Ethiopian – Israel
3. Jews, Ethiopian – Customs and practices
4. Jews, Ethiopian – Rites and ceremonies
5. Jewish law – Philosophy

\$ 45.00 / PB

650gm.

Some two thousand years ago, a group of Jews settled in Ethiopia and was for millennia cut off from the rest of world Jewry, preserving its heritage with great self-sacrifice. When this community, the Beta Israel, ultimately made its way to Israel to rejoin its brethren in the late twentieth century, a host of complex dilemmas emerged. Should the Beta Israel shed its venerated customs, based on ancient, pre-rabbinic Jewish law, and adopt the rabbinic halakhah of modern-day Jewry? Or is there a place for the unique legacy of the Ethiopian Jews within the umbrella of the wider Jewish community?

Rabbi Shalom's startlingly original Shulhan ha-Orit delves into the history, customs, and law of the Beta Israel, codifying the ancient cultural heritage of Ethiopian Jewry for the first time and contrasting it with Orthodox rabbinic law. He offers suggestions for honoring Beta Israel tradition while fully participating in the greater Jewish community. This book provides an invaluable service to Jews of Ethiopian descent on how to practically conduct themselves throughout the Jewish year, but more than that it is a fascinating meditation on the tension each of us faces between individual practice and group togetherness, between difference and unity. For anyone who has ever pondered the balance between communal belonging and being true to one's own self, this is a mesmerizing read.

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From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey : A Commentary on Food in the Torah / Diana Lipton

Jerusalem: Urim Publications, 2018

304p.

9789655242522

1. Food – Biblical teaching
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3. Bible. Pentateuach – Commentaries
4. BISAC : RELIGION / Biblical Commentary / Old Testament
5. Cooking / Essays

\$ 49.50 / HB

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Food is at the heart of Jewish life and culture. It's the subject of many studies, popular and academic, and countless Jewish jokes. From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey spotlights food in the Torah itself, where, as still today, it's used to explore themes including love and desire, compassion and commitment, social justice, memory, belonging and exclusion, control, deception, and life and death. Originally an online project to support the food rescue charity, Leket Israel, From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey comprises short essays on food in the parasha by 52 internationally acclaimed scholars and Jewish educators, and a verse by verse commentary by Diana Lipton on food and eating in the Torah.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329438>

Maimonides : Between Philosophy and Halakhah : Rabbi Josep B. Soloveitchik's Lectures on the Guide of the Perplexed / (Ed) Lawrence J. Kaplan (Foreword) Dov Schwartz
Jerusalem / NY, USA: Urim Publications & KTAV Publishing, 2016
256p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical Notes

9789655242034

1. Maimonides, Moses, 1135-1204
2. Dalealat al-rhea. irein
3. Jewish philosophy – Early works to 1800
4. Philosophy, Medieval – Early works to 1800
5. Soloveitchik, Joseph Dov
6. Jewish Philosophy
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8. Philosophy

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

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Moreh Nevuchim of the Rambam o the Torah with Moreh Nevuchim on the bokof Iyov / (Ed) Rabbi David Makover
Jerusalem: Mosad Harav Kook, 2016
205p.
9789657265253
\$ 65.00 / HB
588gm.

Excerpts from Maimonides' 'Guide For The Perplexed' organized to the order of the verses in the Torah. Interpretations of biblical verses and the rationale behind precepts as written by Maimonides, while citing the source of each excerpt. The editor, Rabbi Dovid Makover, added additional sources accompanied by brief notes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329440>

Moadei Harav : Public Lectures on the Festivals by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik : Based Upon Student Notes, including essays on Jewish laws and rituals in light of the Rav's teaching / (Ed) Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Pick
Jerusalem / NY, USA: Urim Publications & KTAV Publishing, 2016
278p.

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1. Fasts and feasts – Judaism

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610gm.

A concise and organized collection of ideas on Jewish festivals from one of the seminal Jewish thinkers

Through a collection of essays and lectures, Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Pick provides insight on Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik's thoughts on Jewish festivals. Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik was not only one of the outstanding Talmudists of the 20th century, but was also one of its most creative and seminal Jewish thinkers. Moadei HaRav provides lectures by the Rav on the major Jewish holidays, such as Passover and Sukkot, as well as Hanukah and Purim. An introductory essay analyzes the Rav's works and interests in Judaism as well as his methodology of Talmud analysis."

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Religious Movements and Transformations in Judaism, Christianity and Islam / (Ed) Yohanan Friedmann
Jerusalem: The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 2016
180p.
9789652082206
Studies in the Humanities
\$ 50.00 / HB
450gm.

This volume is based on the papers delivered at a conference on 'Religious Movements and Transformations in Judaism, Christianity and Islam', held in Jerusalem on January 7-9, 2010 on the occasion of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

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In His Image : The Image of God In Man / Rabbi Yuval Cherlow
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd., 2015
x, 246p.
9781592643714
\$ 40.00 / HB
456gm.

At a time when religion is distorted to crush, belittle, and negate Man, when personal responsibility is replaced by passive faith, and human endeavor is deemed unworthy, In His Image seeks to reinstate one of the fundamental truths of Judaism: the creation of Man in the image of God. Rabbi Yuval Cherlow explores the significance of Man's divine image, and its far-reaching halakhic, ethical, psychological, and existential implications. Rather than demeaning, argues Cherlow, Judaism is based on the profound glorification of Man, his strengths and freedoms, rights and responsibilities. A manifesto of Jewish humanism.

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From Within the Tent : The Festival Prayers : Essays the Rabbis & Professors of Yeshiva University / (Eds) Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman & Dr. Stuart W. Halpern
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd., 2017
xiv, 314p.
9781592644827
\$ 42.00 / HB
554gm.

The rabbis and professors of Yeshiva University come together in this latest volume of the Mitokh Ha-Ohel (Within the Tent) series to present scholarly and insightful essays on the Festival prayers. Like its companion volumes, Mitokh Ha-Ohel: The Festival Prayers offers essays by many of Yeshiva University's most esteemed rabbis and scholars.

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Ceremony and Celebration : Introduction to the Holidays / Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd., 2017
vii, 328p.
9781592640256
\$ 42.00 / HB
572gm.

When did Rosh HaShana, the anniversary of creation, become a day of judgement? How does Yom Kippur unite the priest's atonement with the prophet's repentance? What makes Kohelet, read on Sukkot, the most joyful book in the Bible? Why is the remembrance of the Pesah story so central to Jewish morality? And which does Shavuot really celebrate the law or the land? Bringing together Rabbi Sacks's acclaimed introductions to the Koren Sacks Mahzorim, Ceremony & Celebration reveals the stunning interplay of biblical laws, rabbinic edicts, liturgical themes, communal rituals and profound religious meaning of each of the five central Jewish holidays.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329445>

Reading the Sacred Text : What the Torah Tell Us / Aaron Lichtenstein
Jerusalem: Urim Publications, 2015

128p.

9789655241648

1. Bible. Old Testament – Hermeneutics
2. Bible. Old Testament – Criticism, interpretation, etc., Jewish

\$ 42.00 / HB

370gm.

Understanding the sacred text has been a wonderful yet elusive challenge through the ages. This book is a reading of the Bible, accessible to readers of all backgrounds and levels of familiarity with the biblical text. In contrast to previous works on the subject, "Reading the Sacred Text" focuses on the true meaning of the biblical text rather than the metaphorical or mystical interpretations. It retells, in a captivating and easy-to-follow narrative, the story of the Five Books of Moses, the first books of the Bible.

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Who Stole My Religion : Revitalizing Judaism and Applying Jewish Values to Help Heal Our Imperiled Planet / Richard Schwartz. Ph.D with Rabbi Yonassan Gershom & Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

Jerusalem / NY, USA: Urim Publications & KTAV Publishing, 2016

304p.

Includes Annotated Bibliography

9789655242348

\$ 42.00 / HB

550gm.

Who Stole My Religion? is a wake up call to Jews to apply Judaism's powerful teachings on justice, peace, compassion, kindness, and environmental sustainability to help shift our imperiled planet onto a sustainable path. It extols Judaism, arguing that Judaism is a radical, transformative religion, but many Jews, especially Orthodox Jews, are in denial about climate change and are supporting conservative politicians and policies that are inconsistent with Jewish values. Richard Schwartz provides a thought-provoking read, and he demonstrates that the future of humanity depends on Jews applying Judaism's highest values in response to today's crises.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329447>

Covenant and Conversation : A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible :
Numbers: The Wilderness Years
Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2017
The Koschitzky Edition
438p.
9781592640232
The Covenant and Conversation Series
\$ 39.95 / HB
708gm.

The book of Numbers in Hebrew, Bemidbar, In the Wilderness is a key text for our time. It is among the most searching, self-critical books in all of literature about what Nelson Mandela called the long walk to freedom. Its message is that there is no shortcut to liberty. Numbers is not an easy book to read, nor is it an optimistic one. It is a sober warning set in the midst of a text the Hebrew Bible that remains the West's master narrative of hope.

The Mosaic books, especially Exodus and Numbers, are about the journey from slavery to freedom and from oppression to law-governed liberty. On the map, the distance from Egypt to the Promised Land is not far. But the message of Numbers is that it always takes longer than you think. For the journey is not just physical, a walk across the desert. It is psychological, moral, and spiritual. It takes as long as the time needed for human beings to change.... You cannot arrive at freedom merely by escaping from slavery. It is won only when a nation takes upon itself the responsibilities of self-restraint, courage, and patience. Without that, a journey of a few hundred miles can take forty years. Even then, it has only just begun.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329448>

Sociology

Teaching Empathy and Reconciliation in Midst of Conflict / (Compiled & Ed) Prof. Muhammed S. Dajani Daoudi (et al.)

Al-Bireh, Palestine: Wasatia Press, 2016

240p.

\$ 45.00 / PB

592gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329449>

Revenge, Retribution, Reconciliation : Justice and Emotions Between
Conflict and Mediation A Cross-Disciplinary Anthology / (Eds) Laura
Jockusch, Andreas Kraft & Kim Wunschmann
Martin Buber Society of Fellows Notebook Series
Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2016
272p.
9789654938662
\$ 50.00 / PB
406gm.

This volume explores how individuals, groups and societies in a variety of cultural contexts, political settings and time periods respond to the perpetration of injustices. Approaching the concepts of revenge, retribution and reconciliation from interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives, it opens a fruitful discussion among scholars of history, literature, psychology, biology, political science, communications, religious studies, law and philosophy. The book investigates how social groups reach and maintain an equilibrium between an emotional thirst for an immediate and unmediated response to injustices and societies' need to adjudicate measures and sanctions that seem proportional to the breach of justice.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329450>

Women and Jihad : Debating Palestinian Female Suicide Bombings in the American, Israeli and Arab Media / Rachel Avraam
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2016
xvi, 336p.
Includes Bibliography
9789652299031
\$ 39.95 / PB
548gm.

Rachel Avraham's new book explores the ways in which Palestinian female terrorists have injected their narrative into the Arab, American and even Israeli media. The publicity objectives of Palestinian terrorists are examined in order to better understand how they hope to realize them. An analysis of media materials demonstrates the means by which Palestinian female suicide bombers, whose motives differ from male suicide bombers in many key regards, have had their depressing life stories exploited for the benefit of the Palestinian terrorist organizations. Avraham examines media coverage of Palestinian terror attacks in Israel through the lens of the terrorists' agendas and the extent to which those agendas have infiltrated the media. The book explains how journalists can cover terror attacks without giving in to the publicity objectives of the terror organizations.

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Travel Guide Books

Jerusalem – Church of the Holy Sepulchre : An Introduction and Guide :
History – Christian Groups – Calvary – The Tomb of Jesus – Chapels /

Stephen W. Need (Ed) Lorraine Kessel

Jerusalem: CARTA Jerusalem, Ltd., 2016

88p. ; 5 1/2 x 8 1/4 inches.

9789652208804

\$ 30.00 / PB

188gm.

This short book is designed to enable visitors and pilgrims to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem to understand and appreciate what they are seeing. Many people arrive at the church without any understanding of the history of the site. Hopefully this book will throw some light upon it. The first part of the book introduces you to background questions about the gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion and burial, and to the development of the various churches that have stood on the site. It also introduces you to the various Christian groups that worship in the building today. Part Two of the book will be useful as you walk around the building itself looking at the main points of interest such as Calvary, the tomb of Jesus, various chapels and other features you might miss without a guide. The Bibliography and Further Reading will enable you to take your study of this fascinating building further.

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