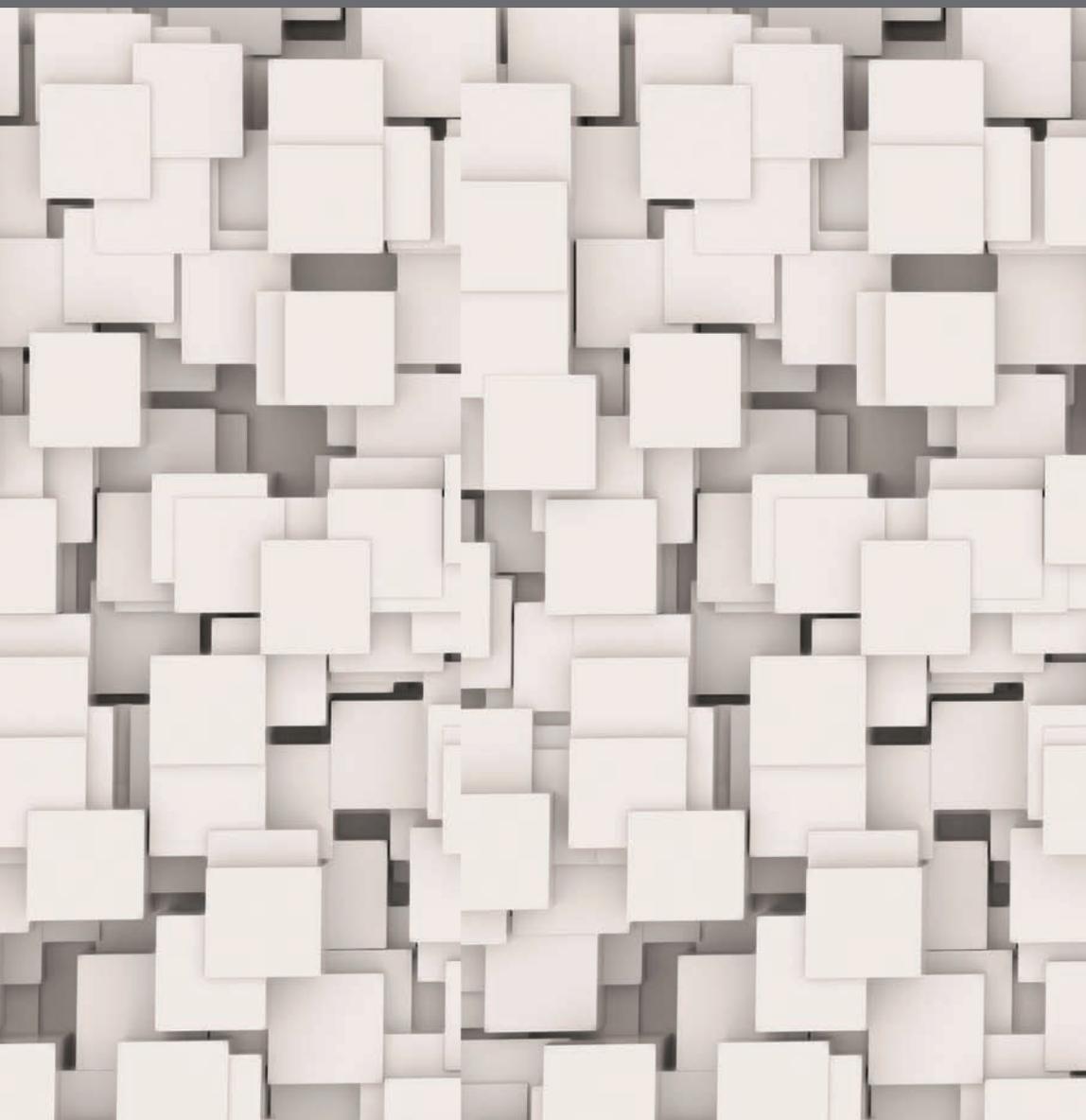


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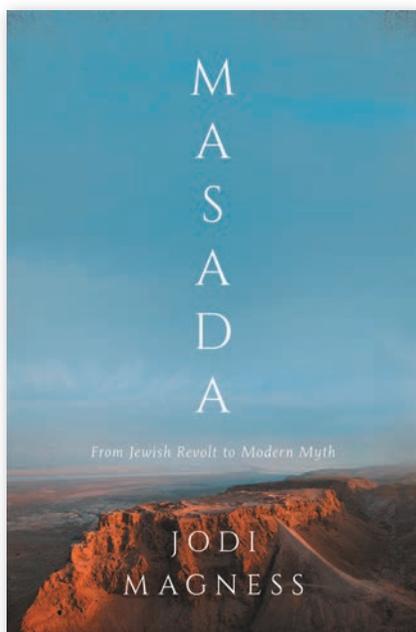
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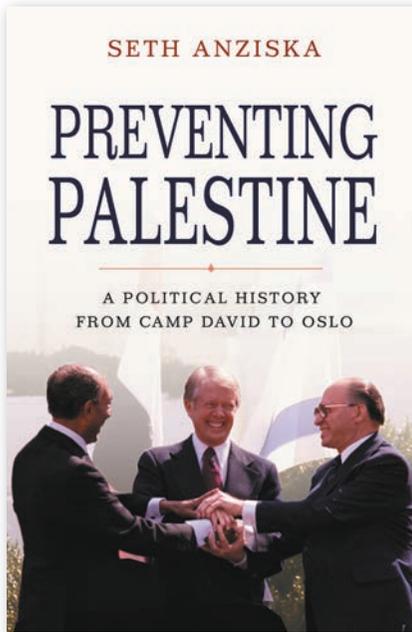
“Internationally renowned archaeologist Jodi Magness plunges the reader directly into the story of the fall of Masada.... compellingly describing the excavations there, including her own.”

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## Masada

Two thousand years ago, 967 Jewish men, women, and children reportedly took their own lives rather than surrender to the Roman army following the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Second Temple. This dramatic event, which took place on top of Masada, a barren and windswept mountain overlooking the Dead Sea, spawned a powerful story of Jewish resistance that came to symbolize the modern State of Israel. Jodi Magness explains what happened there, how we know it, and how recent developments might change understandings of the story.

**JODI MAGNESS** is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



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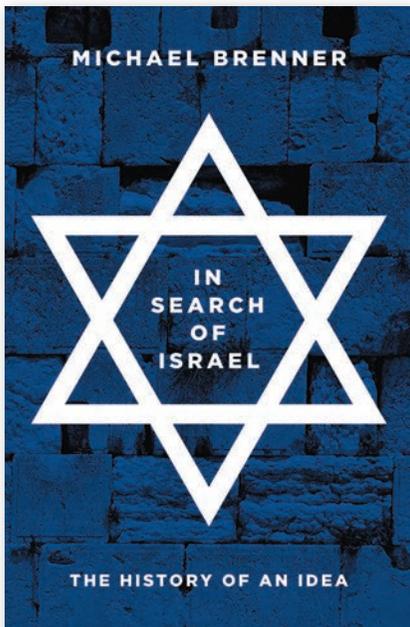
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## Preventing Palestine

How and why Palestinian statelessness persists are the central questions of this groundbreaking book. As the Middle East peace process emerged, peace came at the expense of the sovereignty of the Palestinians, whose aspirations for a homeland alongside Israel faced crippling challenges. Based on newly declassified international sources, *Preventing Palestine* offers a bold new interpretation of a highly charged struggle for self-determination.

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## In Search of Israel

Many Zionists who advocated the creation of a Jewish state envisioned a nation like any other. Yet the state that emerged in 1948 was anything but ordinary. Israel was conceived to be unique, a model society and the heart of a prosperous new Middle East. It is this paradox—the Jewish people’s wish for a homeland both normal and exceptional—that shapes Israel’s ongoing struggle to define itself. *In Search of Israel* is a major new history of this struggle.

**MICHAEL BRENNER** is the Seymour and Lilian Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies and director of the Center for Israel Studies at American University and Professor of Jewish History and Culture at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich.



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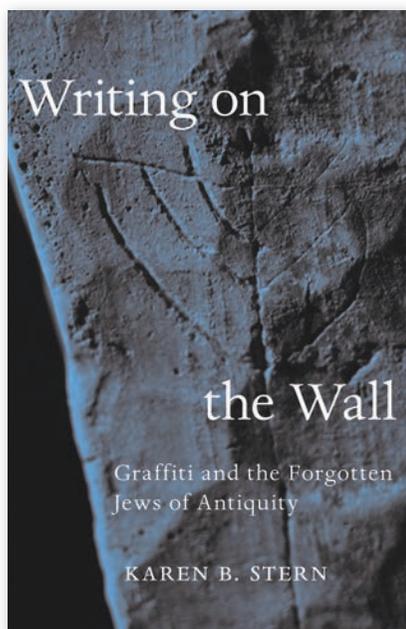
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## A History of Judaism

This book is the first truly comprehensive look in one volume at how this great religion came to be, and how its various strains, sects, and traditions have related to each other. The narrative spans the globe, explaining the institutions and ideas on which all forms of Judaism are based, and weaving together the different threads of debate that run throughout its history. This is a spellbinding chronicle of a vibrant and multifaceted religious tradition that has shaped the spiritual heritage of humankind like no other.

**MARTIN GOODMAN** is professor of Jewish studies at the University of Oxford, where he is president of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and a fellow of Wolfson College.



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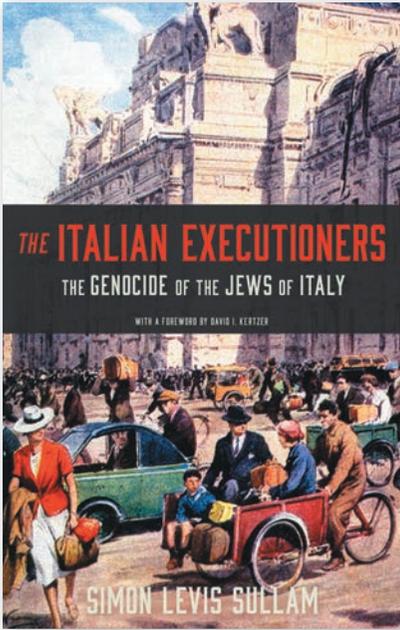
“Truly impressive. [This] book will be of profound importance to all scholars of ancient Judaism.”

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## Writing on the Wall

Prevailing perspectives on ancient Jewish life have been shaped largely by the voices of intellectual and social elites. The perspectives and sentiments of non-elite Jews, by contrast, have mostly disappeared from the historical record. Focusing on these forgotten Jews of antiquity, *Writing on the Wall* takes an unprecedented look at the vernacular inscriptions and drawings they left behind and sheds new light on the richness of their quotidian lives. Illustrated throughout, this book provides a glimpse into the worlds of forgotten populations living at the crossroads of Judaism, Christianity, paganism, and earliest Islam.

**KAREN B. STERN** is assistant professor of history at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. She is the author of *Inscribing Devotion and Death: Archaeological Evidence for Jewish Populations of North Africa*.



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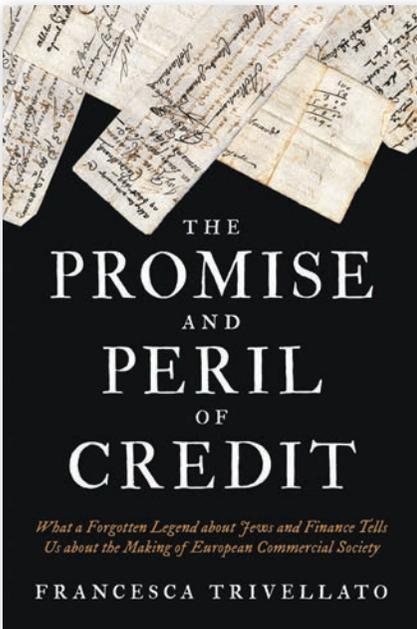
“A short but devastating historiographical counterblast. . . . [A]n important, proportionate, by turns angry and moving corrective.”

—Robert Gordon, *Times Literary Supplement*

## The Italian Executioners

In this gripping revisionist history of Italy’s role in the Holocaust, Simon Levis Sullam provides an unforgettable account of how ordinary Italians actively participated in the deportation of Italy’s Jews between 1943 and 1945. While most historians have long described Italians as relatively protective of Jews during this time, *The Italian Executioners* tells a very different story, recounting in vivid detail the shocking events of a period in which Italians set in motion almost half the arrests that sent their Jewish compatriots to Auschwitz. This brief, beautifully written narrative shines a harsh spotlight on those who turned on their Jewish fellow citizens. It is an essential correction to a widespread misconception of the Holocaust in Italy.

**SIMON LEVIS SULLAM** is associate professor of modern history at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice.



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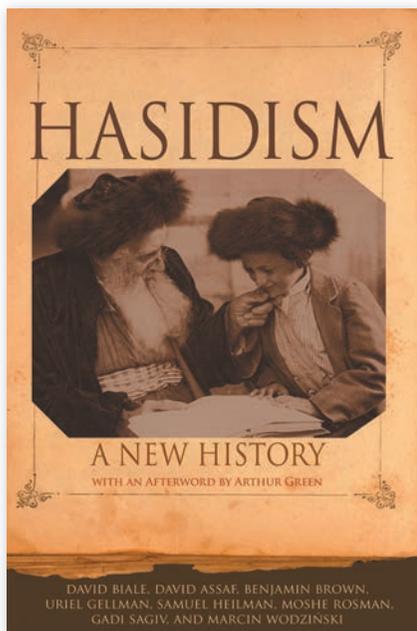
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*The Promise and Peril of Credit* takes an incisive look at pivotal episodes in the West’s centuries-long struggle to define the place of private finance in the social and political order. It does so through the lens of a persistent legend about Jews and money that reflected the anxieties surrounding the rise of impersonal credit markets. Deftly weaving together economic, legal, social, cultural, and intellectual history, Trivellato vividly describes how Christian writers drew on the story to define and redefine what constituted the proper boundaries of credit in a modern world increasingly dominated by finance.

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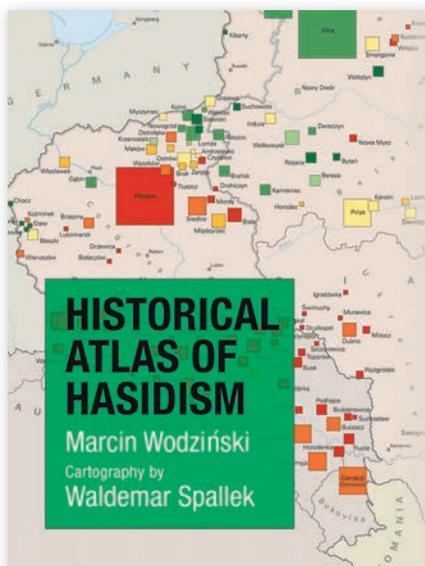
“The book is notable for smashing various well-worn myths about Hasidism, and presenting new insights that place the movement at the center of European Jewish history, a major shaper of that history rather than a marginal aberration.”

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## Hasidism

This is the first comprehensive history of the pietistic movement that shaped modern Judaism. The book’s unique blend of intellectual, religious, and social history offers perspectives on the movement’s leaders as well as its followers, and demonstrates that, far from being a throwback to the Middle Ages, Hasidism is a product of modernity that forged its identity as a radical alternative to the secular world. Written by an international team of scholars, *Hasidism* is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand this vibrant and influential modern Jewish movement.

**DAVID BIALE, DAVID ASSAF, BENJAMIN BROWN, URIEL GELLMAN, SAMUEL HEILMAN, MOSHE ROSMAN, GADI SAGIV, & MARCIN WODZIŃSKI**



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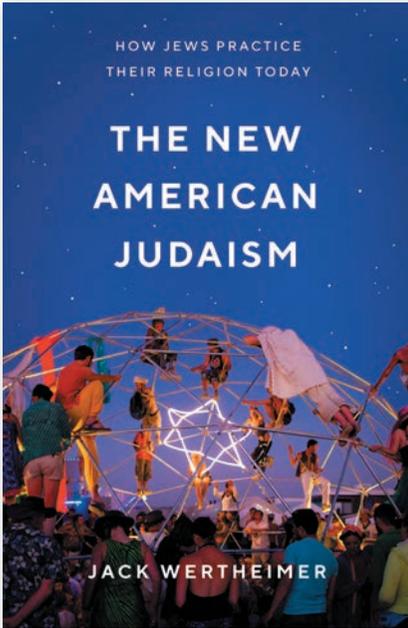
—Adam Teller, author of *Money, Power, and Influence in Eighteenth-Century Lithuania*

## Historical Atlas of Hasidism

*Historical Atlas of Hasidism* is the first cartographic reference book on one of the modern era’s most vibrant mystical movements. Featuring 74 large-format maps and a wealth of illustrations, charts, and tables, this one-of-a-kind atlas charts Hasidism’s emergence and expansion; its dynasties, courts, and prayer houses; its spread to the New World; the crisis of the two world wars and the Holocaust; and its remarkable postwar rebirth. This is a magnificent resource for anyone seeking to understand Hasidism’s spatial and spiritual dimensions, or indeed anybody interested in geographies of religious movements past and present.

**MARCIN WODZIŃSKI** is professor of Jewish studies at the University of Wrocław in Poland.

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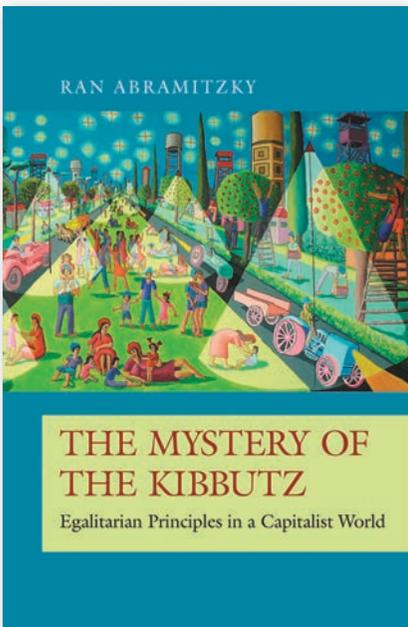
“A gift to all who are interested in the state and direction of American Judaism today. . . . This book sets a new standard on the subject.”

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## The New American Judaism

American Judaism has been buffeted by massive social upheavals in recent decades. Like other religions in the United States, it has witnessed a decline in the number of participants, and many who remain active struggle to reconcile their traditions with new perspectives. Jack Wertheimer, a leading authority on the subject, draws on a wide range of sources to discover how Jews of various orientations practice their religion in this radically altered landscape. What emerges is a quintessentially American story of rash disruption and creative reinvention, religious illiteracy and dynamic experimentation.

**JACK WERTHEIMER** is professor of American Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary.



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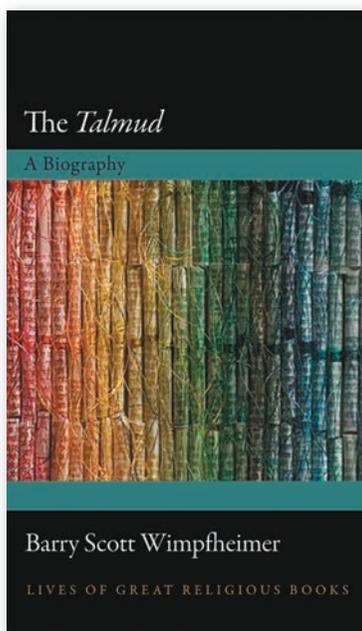
“Bringing together social sciences and modern economic tools, this book provides a fascinating and rich analysis of the Israeli kibbutz experience.”

—Emmanuel Saez, University of California, Berkeley

## The Mystery of the Kibbutz

The kibbutz is a social experiment in collective living that challenges traditional economic theory. By sharing all income and resources equally among its members, the kibbutz system created strong incentives to free ride or, for the most educated and skilled, to depart for the city. Yet for much of the twentieth century kibbutzim thrived, and kibbutz life was perceived as idyllic both by members and the outside world. RAN ABRAMITZKY blends economic perspectives with personal insights to examine how kibbutzim successfully maintained equal sharing for so long despite their inherent incentive problems. The lessons he draws extend far beyond the kibbutz gates, serving as a guide to societies that strive to foster economic and social equality.

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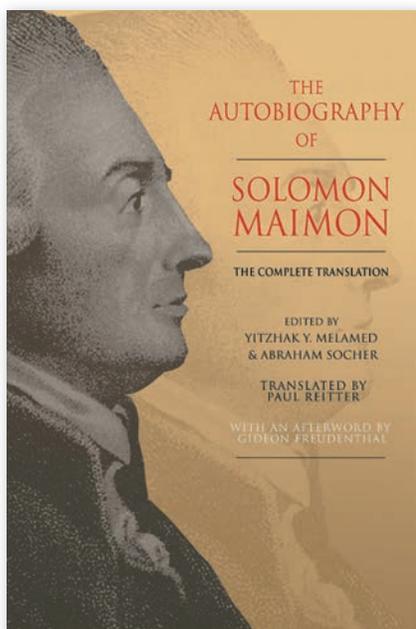
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—Daniel Boyarin, author of *A Traveling Homeland: The Talmud as Diaspora*

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Providing a concise biography of this quintessential work of rabbinic Judaism, this book takes readers from the *Talmud*'s prehistory in biblical and second-temple Judaism to its present-day use as a source of religious ideology, a model of different modes of rationality, and a totem of cultural identity. It describes the book's origins, its centrality to Jewish law, and why it has come to be venerated—but also excoriated and maligned—in the centuries since it first appeared. This accessible book shows why the *Talmud* is a powerful symbol of Jewishness for both supporters and critics.

**BARRY SCOTT WIMPFHEIMER** is associate professor of religious studies and law at Northwestern University and the author of *Narrating the Law: A Poetics of Talmudic Legal Stories*.



January 2019. 336 pages.  
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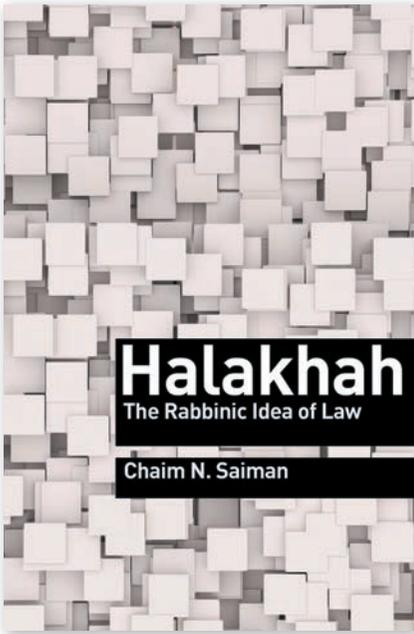
“[This] translation captures the drive, energy, humor, and occasional irreverence of the original German.”

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This is the first complete and annotated English edition of Solomon Maimon's autobiography, which has delighted readers for more than two hundred years. Here, he recounts how he sought stimulation in the Hasidic community and among students of the Kabbalah—and offers rare and wickedly funny accounts of both. This new edition restores text cut from the abridged 1888 translation, which has long been the only available English edition. This new translation is also accompanied by an introduction, notes, and an afterword that provides an authoritative overview of Maimon's contribution to modern philosophy.

**YITZHAK Y. MELAMED** is the Charlotte Bloomberg Professor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. **ABRAHAM SOCHER** is associate professor of Jewish studies and religion at Oberlin College. **PAUL REITTER** is professor of Germanic languages and literatures at Ohio State University.



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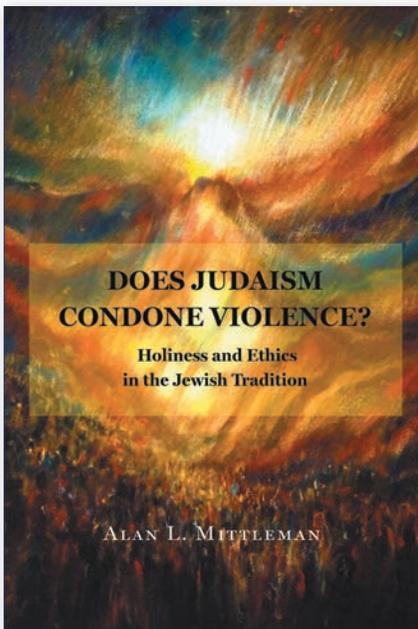
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Though typically translated as “Jewish law,” the term halakhah is not an easy match for what is usually thought of as law. In this panoramic book, Chaim Saiman traces how generations of rabbis have used halakhah to do the work that other societies assign not only to philosophy, political theory, theology, and ethics but also to art, drama, and literature. In the multifaceted world of halakhah, even laws that serve no practical purpose can provide insights into the very nature of human existence. Guiding readers across two millennia of richly illuminating perspectives, this book shows how halakhah is not just “law” but an entire way of thinking, being, and knowing.

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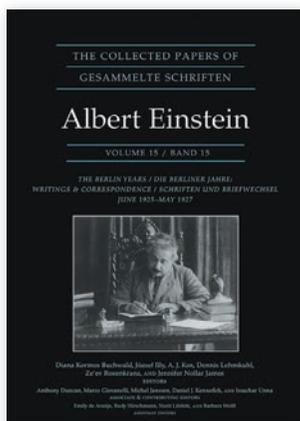
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We live in an age beset by religiously inspired violence. Terms such as “holy war” are the stock-in-trade of the evening news. But what is the relationship between holiness and violence? Can acts such as murder ever truly be described as holy? Alan Mittleman offers a searching philosophical investigation of such questions in the Jewish tradition. Lucid and incisive, *Does Judaism Condone Violence?* is a powerful counterargument to those who claim that the holy is irrational and amoral. With philosophical implications that extend far beyond the Jewish tradition, this book should be read by anyone concerned about the troubling connection between holiness and violence.

**ALAN L. MITTLEMAN** is professor of modern Jewish thought at the Jewish Theological Seminary. His books include *A Short History of Jewish Ethics* and *Hope in a Democratic Age*.



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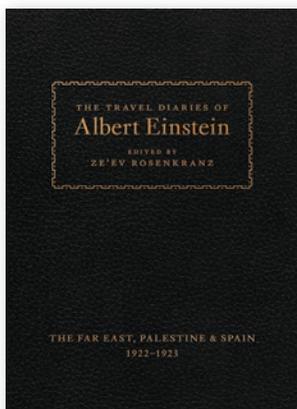
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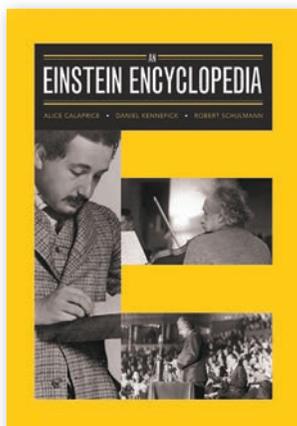
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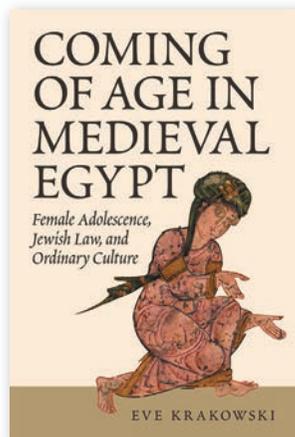
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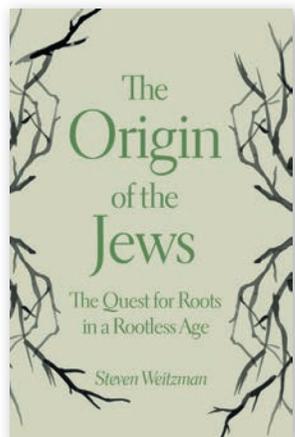
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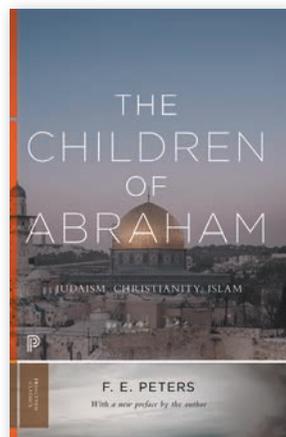
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**STEVEN WEITZMAN** is the Abraham M. Ellis Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Literatures and Ella Darivoff Director of the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

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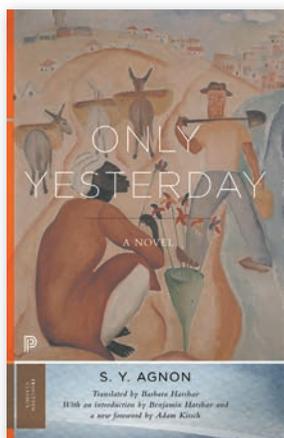
“I know of no more measured and thoughtful historical survey of the formative development of the conjoined tradition of Jewish, Christian, and Islamic thought and practice than this one.”  
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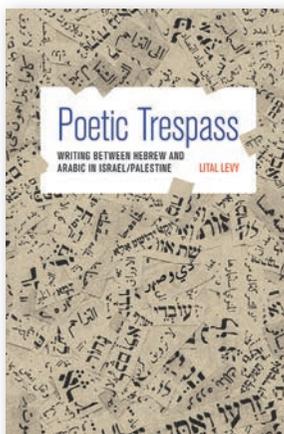
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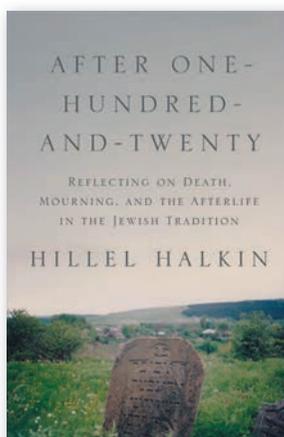
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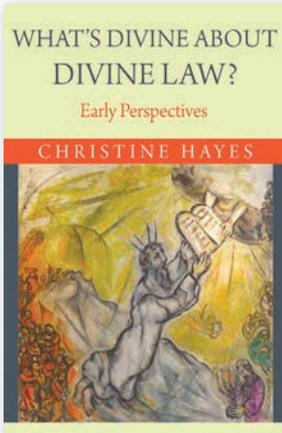
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This book provides a richly nuanced and deeply personal look at Jewish attitudes and practices regarding death, mourning, and the afterlife as they have existed and evolved from biblical times to today.

**HILLEL HALKIN** is an author, translator, critic, and journalist.

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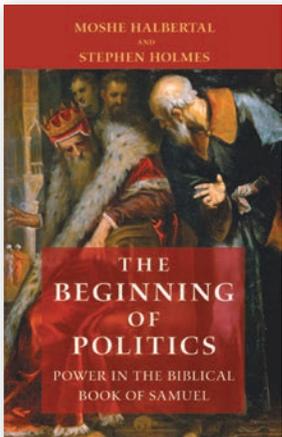
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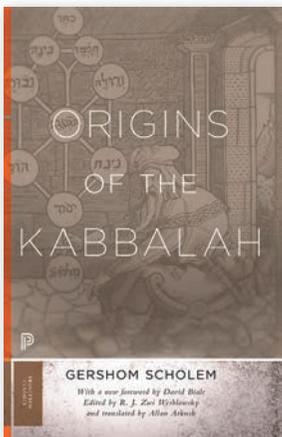
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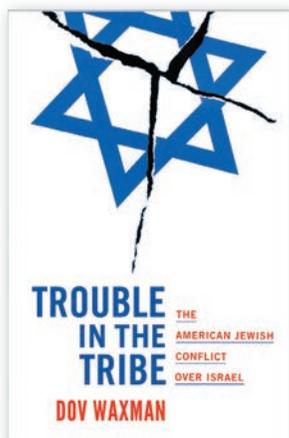
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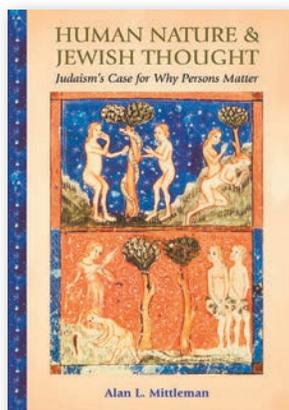
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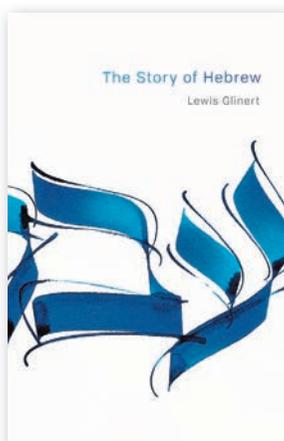
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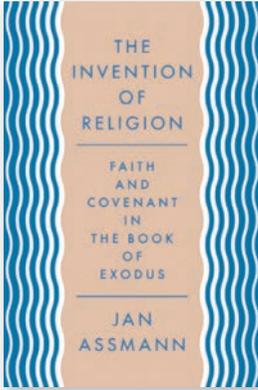
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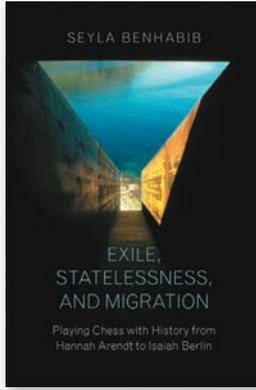
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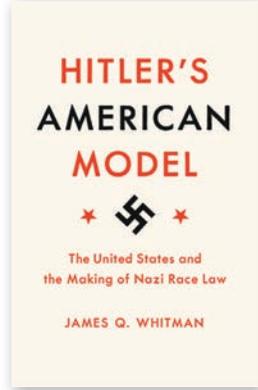
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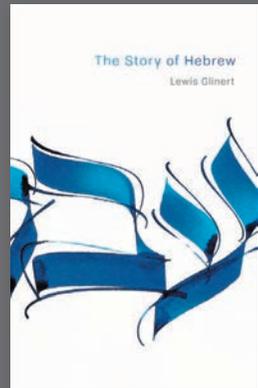
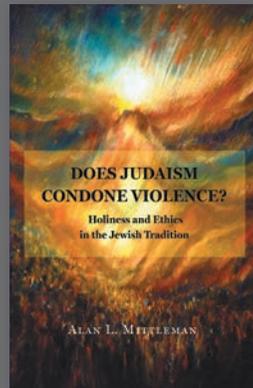
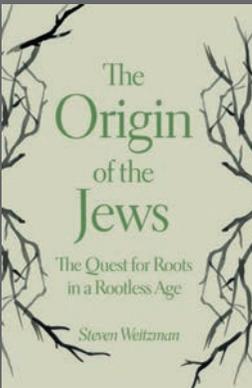
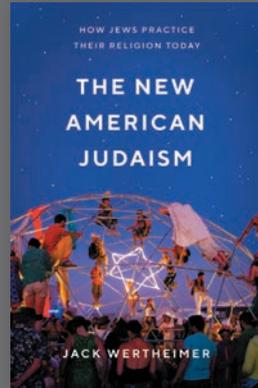
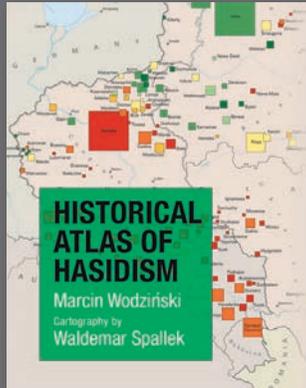
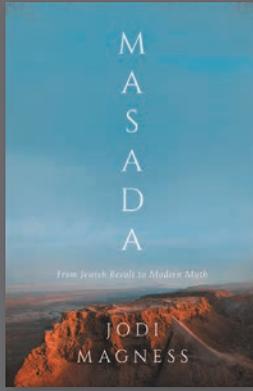
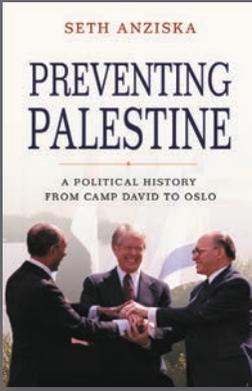
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