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People of the Book - Jeffrey Rubin-Dorsky 1996

A Mark Twain scholar. An African American philosopher. A lesbian feminist literary critic. A Cuban-American anthropologist. A German immigrant to the United States. A professor of English at a Jesuit university. All share their reflections on the interconnectedness of identities and ideas in *People of the Book*, the first collection in which Jewish-American scholars examine how their Jewishness has shaped and influenced their intellectual endeavors, and how their intellectual work has deepened their sense of themselves as Jews. The contributors are highly productive and respected Jewish-American scholars, critics, and teachers from departments of English, history, American studies, Romance literature, Slavic studies, art, women's studies, comparative literature, anthropology, Judaic studies, and philosophy. Nearly an equal mix of men and women, the authors of these analytical and autobiographical essays include white Jews and black Jews; orthodox, conservative, reform, and totally secular Jews; Jews by birth and Jews by conversion; heterosexual Jews and homosexual Jews; past presidents of the Modern Language Association and American Studies Association and young scholars at the start of their careers.

Did Jesus "Je[hovah]-salvation" know God's name? - Gerard Gertoux 2017-08

Michael Servetus participated in the Protestant Reformation and translated the Hebrew Bible into Latin. In July 1531, he published his *De Trinitatis Erroribus* (On the Errors of the Trinity) in which he explained clearly that the Trinity was a 3-headed monster. Accordingly, Catholics and Protestants alike condemned him. He was then arrested in Geneva and burnt at the stake as a heretic by order of the city's Protestant governing council. This book was translated into English only in 1932, but still worse, the main arguments from part V were completely distorted. For example he explained that God's name was Iehouah because in Hebrew this name was close to the name of Iesuah (Jesus), or Iehosuah, which means "Iehouah is salvation". He also knew that according to Paulus de Heredia, a Christian Cabbalist, the meaning of God's name was "He causes to be" (yehauueh), but he never confused the pronunciation of God's name with its Kabbalistic meaning (yehaweh). For Servetus, Iehouah was the only true God.

The Modern Hebrew Poem Itself - Stanley Burnshaw 2003

A collection of modern Hebrew poetry that presents the poems in the original Hebrew, with an English phonetic transcription.

The Wisdom of the Body - Erik Shonstrom 2020-03-11

Combing cutting edge science and educational philosophy, *The Wisdom of the Body* offers practical, effective advice for anyone interested in how humans learn and think. With compelling arguments in favor of an embodied approach to school, Shonstrom illuminates the power of learning through physical, sensory experiences, and challenges traditional approaches in education by offering dynamic, ground-breaking examples of how an embodied pedagogy could revolutionize learning.

Being Jewish - Ari L. Goldman 2007-10-02

Discussing the tenets and practice of Judaism from both a contemporary and a historical perspective, a comprehensive and insightful exploration of the nature of Judaism, its spiritual heritage, and its rituals offers a non-ideological framework for its viewpoint. Reprint. 17,500 first printing.

RELG: World - Robert E. Van Voorst 2016-01-20

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A Handbook of Biblical Reception in Jewish, European Christian, and Islamic Folklores - Eric Ziolkowski 2017-08-21

This first volume of a two-volume Handbook treats a challenging, largely neglected subject at the crossroads of several academic fields: biblical studies, reception history of the Bible, and folklore studies or folkloristics. The Handbook examines the reception of the Bible in verbal folklores of different cultures around the globe. This first volume, complete with a general Introduction, focuses on biblically-derived characters, tales, motifs, and other elements in Jewish (Mizrahi, Sephardi, Ashkenazi), Romance (French, Romanian), German, Nordic/Scandinavian, British, Irish, Slavic (East, West, South), and Islamic folkloric traditions. The volume contributes to the understanding of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, the New Testament, and various pseudepigraphic and apocryphal scriptures, and to their interpretation and elaboration by folk commentators of different faiths. The book also illuminates the development, artistry, and "migration" of folktales; opens new areas for investigation in the reception history of the Bible; and offers insights into the popular dimensions of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities around the globe, especially regarding how the holy scriptures have informed those communities' popular imaginations.

How Jews and Christians Interpret Their Sacred Texts - Charles David Isbell 2014-08-18

How Jews and Christians Interpret Their Sacred Texts is a comparative textual study that demonstrates the connections between the Hebrew Scriptures, sacred to both Judaism and Christianity, and the Jewish Talmud and Christian New Testament, which respectively became the bases for all modern systems of the two faiths. Even as official interpretations changed from "plain sense" to more elaborate explications, commentators in both faith systems continued to hold to the position that their conclusions were not only based firmly upon the initial authoritative text, but were in fact the natural extension and continuation of it. To describe these classical and early post-classical appropriations, Isbell discusses the "transvaluation" of texts, or efforts to retain the core values of authoritative sacred texts that are bound to specific times and situations while seeking to extrapolate from these ancient documents meanings that are relevant to current faith and praxis. As Isbell shows, transvaluation presupposes both the freedom and the necessity of reinterpreting perceived timeless teachings in light of historical, theological, sociological, and political developments that occurred long after the composition of the texts themselves.

Velvet Elvis - Rob Bell 2006-06-29

A guide to living an authentic Christian life urges readers to seek an expression of faith that is personal, rather than in accordance with the belief systems of others, in a handbook that cites the examples of Jesus while offering a perspective on the unlimited nature of God.

Targum and Scripture - Paul V.M. Flesher 2021-11-15

This collection of essays focuses on the Targums of the Second Temple and Post-Temple periods. Essays address the Targums of the Pentateuch, Prophets and Writings, discussing aspects of method, social context, interpretation and text criticism.

Holman Treasury of Key Bible Words - Eugene E. Carpenter 2000

Offers accurate, detailed definitions of 400 key Bible words from their original Greek or Hebrew text.

Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes Leader Guide - Rabbi Evan Moffic 2021-08-17

Rabbi Evan Moffic has a passion for sharing Judaism and its traditions with Christian audiences. In *Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes*, Rabbi Moffic explores the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, and highlights points of interest to Christians. He describes the role of the Torah in Jewish worship and practice and explores the key

themes of each book guided by the wisdom of Jewish interpreters through the centuries. Join Rabbi Moffic in this study of the Torah and find rich new insights into the biblical story. Discover how the Torah can be a source of wisdom, truth, and transformation in your life. Also available are a book and DVD to facilitate a six-week study.

The American Jewish Chronicle - 1917

"The Learning of the Jews" - Gary A. Rendsburg 2021-08-10

This volume is about Latter-day Saints learning from Jews and the Jewish experience. This book is unique. It is not a traditional interfaith dialogue where the goal is to learn from each other. Rather, Latter-day Saints seek to give Jews the microphone, so to speak, and let them talk about themselves on their own terms. Only then do Latter-day Saint respond, and not with the goal of establishing areas of agreement or disagreement but as an opportunity to learn from Jews. This book turns to the wisdom of Jews and Judaism to inform, inspire, and enhance the lived religious experience of Latter-day Saints. The Learning of the Jews brings together fifteen scholars, seven Jewish and eight Latter-day Saint, with a combined academic experience of over four hundred years. The volume is structured around seven major topics, two chapters on each topic. A Jewish scholar first discusses the topic broadly vis-à-vis Judaism, followed by a response from a Latter-day Saint scholar. The seven topics include scripture, authority, prayer, women and modernity, remembrance, particularity, and humor. The intention is that the reader will not only learn a great deal about Judaism and the Jewish experience while reading this volume but also use what they learn to enhance their own cultural and religious experience. Contents: Introduction - Trevan G. Hatch and Leonard J. Greenspoon 1a. Approaching Scripture: Insights from Judaism - Gary A. Rendsburg 1b. Maturing Latter-day Saint Approaches to Scripture - Ben Spackman 2a. Neither Prophet nor Priest: Authority and the Emergence of the Rabbis in Judaism - Peter Haas 2b. What's the Church's Official Position on Official Positions? Grappling with "Truth" and "Authority" - Trevan Hatch 3a. Approaching God: A Jewish Approach to Prayer - Peter Knobel 3b. Approaching God: Jewish and Latter-day Saint Prayer and Worship - Loren D. Marks and David C. Dollahite 4a. Women and Judaism in the Contemporary World: Tradition in Tension - Ellen Lasser LeVee 4b. Modern Mormon Women in a Patriarchal Church - Camille Fronk Olson 5a. Faith as Memory: Theologies of the Jewish Holidays - Byron L. Sherwin 5b. Memory in Ritual Life⁹ - Ashley Brocius 6a. Sacrality and Particularity: Jews in an Early Modern Context⁹ - Dean Phillip Bell 6b. Building Sacred Community: A Response to Dean Phillip Bell - Andrew C. Reed 7a. It's Funny, But Is it Jewish? It's Jewish, But Is It Funny? An Understated Overview of Jewish Humor - Leonard Greenspoon 7b. Why We'll Probably Never Have Grouchos of Our Own (But Maybe a Seinfeld) - Shawn Tucker

Living God's Word, Second Edition - J. Scott Duvall 2021-06-01

Living God's Word is your pathway to read the Bible as it was meant to be read: as God's Great Story. Many Christians resolve to study the Bible more fervently, but often struggle to grasp the progression of Scripture as a whole. They encounter various passages each week through unrelated readings, studies, and sermons and it all feels disconnected. But once they see the Bible as God's Great Story, they begin to understand how it all fits together and they start see how their own lives fit into what God has done and is doing in the world. In Living God's Word, Second Edition, New Testament scholar J. Scott Duvall and Old Testament expert J. Daniel Hays help Christians consider how their lives can be integrated into the story of the Bible, thus enabling them to live faithfully in deep and important ways. Living God's Word explores the entire Bible through broad themes that trace the progression of God's redemptive plan. Each section deals with a certain portion of Scripture's story and includes: Reading/listening preparation Explanation Summary Observations about theological significance Connections to the Great Story Written assignments for further study These features--combined with the authors' engaging style--make Living God's Word an ideal book for those who want to understand the Bible better, for introductory college courses, Sunday school electives, or small group study. Readers can further enhance their learning experience with the Living God's Word WORKBOOK (sold separately) which contains additional questions and exercises to help them reflect on what they are reading in Living God's Word.

The Lifting of the Veil - Avram Yehoshua 2011-06

The Lifting of the Veil is a biblically compelling book that reveals the New Testament's position on the Law of Moses. The Church, interpreting the four rules of James as table fellowship (Acts 15:20), completely

misses God's point. Understood from its Hebraic perspective the four rules are the theological pillars that establish the Law for every believer. Here's what others are saying about it: Timothy Beukman of Cape Town, South Africa wrote, I have read many views on Acts 15 and never have I read what you wrote in your book. I commend your diligent research and understanding of the passage. It far supersedes many messianic teachers and pastors alike. Your layout and interaction with the material is great. This was a great book. Thank you so much. Donna Klindt of Cody, Wyoming, USA commented, Art Katz said, 'What we read should be an event in our lives if it bears the words of life from our living God.' Your book is an event in my life. It has been consuming and confirming and challenging, all at the same time. Thank you, precious brother, thank you, and not just you, but our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Messiah. Elizabeth Smit of Piketberg, South Africa said, I have read (studied) it. What an incredible piece of work you have done on this! So informative, so thorough, and so eye-opening. You should see my copy: exclamation marks, highlighted passages, side notes, etc. What a feast this was! Thank you!

Making Our Way to Shore - Eileen O'Farrell 2004

Since 1991, members of the Jewish Catholic Couples Dialogue Group in Chicago have celebrated a combination Hebrew Baby Naming and Baptism ceremony as they welcome their children into the world, with the support and participation of a Catholic Priest and Reform Rabbi. These ceremonies are spiritual moments, created in the spirit of finding new pathways for interfaith families to share in their religious traditions. For some couples, their ceremony makes a statement about the religious identity of their child, either in one tradition or another. For others, it is an expression of thanks to God for new life and the wish to ask for God's blessing on their family. In either case, the celebration is an authentic manifestation of a Divine presence in their new family. In addition to the ceremony, this text includes an overview of the current literature regarding Catholic/Jewish families; a review of Hebrew Rites of Initiation as well as a short course on Catholic sacramentality and Baptism; commonly asked questions and answers facing Catholic Jewish couples; a lively conversation between a Rabbi and a Priest regarding rites of initiation; a resource section of books and websites and a closing chapter on topics of family faith formation.

Deeper Christian Faith, Revised Edition - Ted A. Campbell 2019-09-17

The purpose of Deeper Christian Faith is to form Christians in such a depth of Christian faith, grounded in biblical, historical, and ecumenical insights, that they can state with confidence what they believe and practice in common with other Christians and grow in the self-giving love at the heart of the Christian faith. The book is a "re-sounding," a re-catechism for Christians who seek deeper formation in beliefs and practices widely received in Christian communities. Anchored by focus texts that allow readers to meditate on biblical and historic texts in ancient formats as well as contemporary translations, this intensive program of study allows contemporary Christians to experience the rich, alien, and mysterious worlds of historic Christian teachings and practices. The book follows the central theme of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, and then formed in the life of a believer.

The Hebrew Folktale - Eli Yassif 2009-04-16

"The most comprehensive account of its subject now available, this impressive study lives up to the encyclopedic promise of its title." -- Choice The Hebrew Folktale seeks to find and define the folk-elements of Jewish culture. Through the use of generic distinctions and definitions developed in folkloristics, Yassif describes the major trends -- structural, thematic, and functional -- of folk narrative in the central periods of Jewish culture.

Dictionary of Jewish Words - Joyce Eisenberg 2010-01-01

Organized in an A to Z format for easy reference, The JPS Dictionary of Jewish Words contains 1,200 entries derived from Yiddish, Hebrew, Aramaic, and English. The entries include words for and associated with Jewish holidays and life-cycle events, culture, history, the Bible and other sacred texts, worship, and more. Each entry has a pronunciation guide and is cross-referenced to other related terms. The introduction is an excellent primer on the history of Jewish words, their transliteration, and pronunciation. The indexes at the back, arranged by categories, help readers easily find the words they want, even when they don't know the exact spelling. This handy and very accessible dictionary is an excellent resource not just for Jews, but for anyone who wants to check the meaning, spelling, and/or pronunciation of Jewish words.

Encyclopaedia Biblica - Thomas Kelly Cheyne 1901

Judaism For Dummies - Rabbi Ted Falcon 2011-03-16

Judaism isn't a race or even a particular culture or ethnic group. There are about 13 or 14 million Jews spread around the world, including about 6 million in the United States and about 5 million in Israel – so Judaism clearly isn't "a nation." So what does it mean to be Jewish? Here are the basics: Being Jewish (being "a Jew") means you're a Member of the Tribe (an M-O-T). The tribe started with a couple named Abraham and Sarah about 4,000 years ago, it grew over time, and it's still here today. You can become part of the Jewish tribe in two ways: By being born to a Jewish mother or joining through a series of rituals (called converting). Judaism is a set of beliefs, practices, and ethics based on the Torah. You can practice Judaism and not be Jewish, and you can be a Jew and not practice Judaism. Whether you're interested in the religion or the spirituality, the culture or the ethnic traditions, *Judaism For Dummies* explores the full spectrum of Judaism, dipping into the mystical, meditative, and spiritual depth of the faith and the practice. In this warm and welcoming book, you'll find coverage of Orthodox Jews and breakaway denominations Judaism as a daily practice The food and fabric of Judaism Jewish wedding ceremonies Celebrations and holy days 4,000 years of pain, sadness, triumph, and joy Great Jewish thinkers and historical celebrities Jews have long spread out to the corners of the world, so there are significant Jewish communities on many continents. *Judaism For Dummies* offers a glimpse into the rituals, ideas, and terms that are woven into the history and everyday lives of Jewish people as near as our own neighborhoods and as far-reaching as across the world.

The JPS Jewish Heritage Torah Commentary - Eli L. Garfinkel 2021-06

The JPS Jewish Heritage Torah Commentary shows Jews of all ages and backgrounds that the Jewish people's most significant book is not dusty and irrelevant but an eternally sacred text wholly pertinent to our modern lives. Designed to keep the attention of all readers, each lively essay is both brief enough to be read in minutes and deep and substantive enough to deliver abundant food for thought. Its cornerstone is its unique four-part meditation on the Jewish heritage. After briefly summarizing a Torah portion, the commentary orbits that portion through four central pillars of Jewish life—the Torah (Torat Yisrael), the land of Israel (Eretz Yisrael), the Jewish people (Am Yisrael), and Jewish thought (Mahshevet Yisrael)—illuminating how the four intersect and enrich one another. Furthering the Jewish thought motif, every essay ends with two questions for thought well suited for discussion settings. Each commentary can be used as the launchpad for a lesson, a sermon, a d'var Torah, or a discussion. Readers from beginners to experts will come away with new understandings of our Jewish heritage—and be inspired to draw closer to its four dimensions.

A Child's Garden of Torah - Joel Lurie Grishaver 1998-12

A Child's Garden of Torah Read-Aloud Bible is the perfect way to bring Torah stories to young children. Here are wonderfully retold versions of twenty-five classic Torah stories from the creation of the world to the death of Moses. This volume is an excellent introduction to the biblical heroes you want your children to meet. Use A Child's Garden of Torah Read-Aloud Bible to make Torah stories a centerpiece of your family's Shabbat or bedtime routine.

Jewish Languages from A to Z - Aaron D. Rubin 2020-09-13

Jewish Languages from A to Z provides an engaging and enjoyable overview of the rich variety of languages spoken and written by Jews over the past three thousand years. The book covers more than 50 different languages and language varieties. These include not only well-known Jewish languages like Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino, but also more exotic languages like Chinese, Esperanto, Malayalam, and Zulu, all of which have a fascinating Jewish story to be told. Each chapter presents the special features of the language variety in question, a discussion of the history of the associated Jewish community, and some examples of literature and other texts produced in it. The book thus takes readers on a stimulating voyage around the Jewish world, from ancient Babylonia to 21st-century New York, via such diverse locations as Tajikistan, South Africa, and the Caribbean. The chapters are accompanied by numerous full-colour photographs of the literary treasures produced by Jewish language-speaking communities, from ancient stone inscriptions to medieval illuminated manuscripts to contemporary novels and newspapers. This comprehensive survey of Jewish languages is designed to be accessible to all readers with an interest in languages or history, regardless of their background—no prior knowledge of linguistics or Jewish history is assumed.

The Mystery of Suffering and the Meaning of God - Anson Hugh Laytner 2019-07-12

The Mystery of Suffering and the Meaning of God is a book written by a

skeptical but spiritual person for people who struggle with the subjects of God, divine providence, prayer, and related issues; people who are looking for honest and thoughtful—and sometimes humorous—theological reflections, but no easy answers. A work of creative theology fifteen years in the making, *The Mystery of Suffering and the Meaning of God* deals primarily with the issue of suffering, starting with the book of Job, and addresses the subject of theodicy before going on to explore related topics of the role of prayer, God concepts, the meaning of revelation, and how we can best live together. Laytner intersperses these penetrating theological reflections with pertinent episodes from his life, starting with the personal tragedies that sparked this book. Trained as a liberal rabbi, Laytner riffs on Jewish themes to offer a universal yet personal response to each of the challenges he discusses. His thesis is this: If you are troubled by the issue of suffering and wonder about God's presence (or lack thereof) in the world, and you find no solace in any of the traditional theodicies, then change your conception of God and God's involvement in the world. Problem solved!

What Does Being Jewish Mean? - E.b. Freedman 2003-09-03

Answers questions commonly asked about the daily practices and beliefs of Judaism.

Raising Kids to Love Being Jewish - Doron Kornbluth 2009

You want kids who feel great about themselves and love being Jewish...You want them to be happy and excited about Jewish activities...You want them to be outgoing and enthusiastic about Judaism...and frankly, you're not quite sure how to make this all happen. Book jacket.

Directions Pupils' Book 2 - Ina Taylor 2002

Directions aims to make the QCA Scheme of Work for Key Stage 3 RE as manageable as possible by providing all the resources teachers need to deliver it.

The People's New Testament Commentary - M. Eugene Boring 2010-01-01

M. Eugene Boring and Fred B. Craddock present this new one-volume commentary on the New Testament. Writing from the fundamental conviction that the New Testament is the people's book, Boring and Craddock examine the theological themes and messages of Scripture that speak to the life of discipleship. Their work clarifies matters of history, culture, geography, literature, and translation, enabling people to listen more carefully to the text. This unique commentary is the perfect resource for clergy and church school teachers who seek a reference tool midway between a study Bible and a multivolume commentary on the Bible.

Jewish Secularity - David M. Gordis 2012

A growing number of Jews identify themselves as secular or "somewhat secular." Is this expansive definition of Jewishness a new phenomenon? What are its roots? This insightful book provides an overview of a profound development in the evolving history of Jewish life in America.

The Jewish Bible - David Stern 2018-01-20

In *The Jewish Bible: A Material History*, David Stern explores the Jewish Bible as a material object—the Bibles that Jews have actually held in their hands—from its beginnings in the Ancient Near Eastern world through to the Middle Ages to the present moment. Drawing on the most recent scholarship on the history of the book, Stern shows how the Bible has been not only a medium for transmitting its text—the word of God—but a physical object with a meaning of its own. That meaning has changed, as the material shape of the Bible has changed, from scroll to codex, and from manuscript to printed book. By tracing the material form of the Torah, Stern demonstrates how the process of these transformations echo the cultural, political, intellectual, religious, and geographic changes of the Jewish community. With tremendous historical range and breadth, this book offers a fresh approach to understanding the Bible's place and significance in Jewish culture.

Venture Into Cultures - Olga R. Kuharets 2001-05

Offers suggestions for utilizing cultural materials and multicultural programming within schools and libraries, including African, Caribbean, Korean, and Native American perspectives.

A Student's Guide to Jewish American Genealogy - Jay Schleifer 1996

Discusses Jewish and Jewish American history and culture and offers guidance in constructing a Jewish American family history

Identity Theft - Ron Cantor 2013-04-16

Has the Messiah been robbed? Supernatural visitations. Divine time travel. An age-old cover up. In the middle of it all: One man miraculously transformed by Yeshua. In an instant, David went from being a skeptical Jewish columnist to a desperate seeker of Truth. The catalyst was an angelic visitation—a moment that marked him forever. David's quest

spans numerous philosophies and religions, culminating with the Person of Yeshua – Jesus the Messiah. He is plummeted into a vigorous spiritual tug of war. Part of him is intrigued and fascinated by the Messiah, while another is plagued by guilt. How could a Jewish person like himself believe in Yeshua considering all the horrific acts that have been done to his ancestors in His name? Author Ron Cantor, a gifted story-teller and authority on the Jewish Roots of the New Testament, takes you on an unforgettable tour of history as an angel supernaturally escorts David through the halls of time. You will soon discover that though atrocities have been committed in the name of Yeshua, the greatest crime of all may be against the Messiah Himself... a crime of identity theft.

Read-Aloud Plays Immigration - Sarah Glasscock 1999-11

Five short, thought-provoking plays for the classroom feature background information and questions, and offer dramatic portrayals of immigrant life. Students can learn about Irish who escaped starvation in the 1850s; Chinese who arrived through Angel Island; Russian Jews who escaped pogroms; and Cubans who fled their country on daring boat journeys. Illustrations.

The Big Jewish Book for Jews - Ellis Weiner 2010-07-27

A hilarious compendium of traditional wisdom, recipes, and lore from the authors of the bestselling Yiddish with Dick and Jane. Modern Jews have forgotten cherished traditions and become, sadly, all- too assimilated. It's enough to make you meshugeneh. Today's Jews need to relearn the old ways so that cultural identity means something other than laughing knowingly at Curb Your Enthusiasm- and The Big Jewish Book for Jews is here to help. This wise and wise-cracking fully-illustrated book offers invaluable instruction on everything from how to sacrifice a lamb unto the lord to the rules of Mahjong. Jews of all ages and backgrounds will welcome the opportunity to be the Jewiest Jew of all, and reconnect to ancestors going all the way back to Moses and a time when God was the only GPS a Jew needed.

Holocaust Literature - Kathleen Gagnon 1997

Provides lessons on the Holocaust based on the differing perspectives offered in works by Elie Wiesel, Corrie ten Boom, Art Spiegelman, and others

Stars of David - Abigail Pogrebin 2007-08-14

Sixty-two of the most accomplished Jews in America speak intimately—most for the first time—about how they feel about being Jewish. In unusually candid interviews conducted by former 60 Minutes producer Abigail Pogrebin, celebrities ranging from Sarah Jessica Parker to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, from Larry King to Mike Nichols, reveal how resonant, crucial or incidental being Jewish is in their lives. The connections they have to their Jewish heritage range from hours in synagogue to bagels and lox; but every person speaks to the weight and pride of their Jewish history, the burdens and pleasures of observance, the moments they've felt most Jewish (or not). This book of

vivid, personal conversations uncovers how being Jewish fits into a public life, and also how the author's evolving religious identity was changed by what she heard. · Dustin Hoffman, Steven Spielberg, Gene Wilder, Joan Rivers, and Leonard Nimoy talk about their startling encounters with anti-Semitism. · Kenneth Cole, Eliot Spitzer, and Ronald Perelman explore the challenges of intermarriage. · Mike Wallace, Richard Dreyfuss, and Ruth Reichl express attitudes toward Israel that vary from unquestioning loyalty to complicated ambivalence. · William Kristol scoffs at the notion that Jewish values are incompatible with Conservative politics. · Alan Dershowitz, raised Orthodox, talks about why he gave up morning prayer. · Shawn Green describes the pressure that comes with being baseball's Jewish star. · Natalie Portman questions the ostentatious bat mitzvahs of her hometown. · Tony Kushner explains how being Jewish prepared him for being gay. · Leon Wieseltier throws down the gauntlet to Jews who haven't taken the trouble to study Judaism. These are just a few key moments from many poignant, often surprising, conversations with public figures whom most of us thought we already knew. "When my mother got her nose job, she wanted me to get one, too. She said I would be happier."—Dustin Hoffman "It's a heritage to be proud of. And then, too, it's something that you can't escape because the world won't let you; so it's a good thing you can be proud of it." —Ruth Bader Ginsburg "My wife [Kate Capshaw] chose to do a full conversion before we were married in 1991, and she married me as a Jew. I think that, more than anything else, brought me back to Judaism."—Steven Spielberg "As someone who was born in Israel, you're put in a position of defending Israel because you know how much is at stake."—Natalie Portman "Jewish introspection and Jewish humor is a way of surviving . . . if you're not handsome and you're not athletic and you're not rich, there's still one last hope with girls, which is being funny."—Mike Nichols "I felt not only this enormous pride at being a Jew; I felt this enormous void at not being a better Jew."—Ronald O. Perelman "American Jews, like Americans, have a very consumerist attitude toward their identity: they pick and choose the bits of this and that they like."—Leon Wieseltier "I thought if I had straight hair and a perfect nose, my whole career would be different."—Sarah Jessica Parker "I've always rebelled a little when people say, 'My Jewish values lead me to really care about the poor.' I know some Christians who care about the poor, too."—William Kristol "There were many times when I kept silent about being Jewish as I got older, when Jewish jokes were told."—William Shatner "'Jew bastard' was something I heard a lot."—Leonard Nimoy. "I always liked shiksas."—Larry King "It specifically says in the Torah that you can eat shrimp and bacon in a Chinese restaurant."—Jason Alexander "Yom Kippur is something I do alone, with nobody else, because I believe that my relationship with God is mine and mine only."—Diane von Furstenberg

Encyclopædia Biblica: E to K - Thomas Kelly Cheyne 1901