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LIVING A JEWISH LIFE, REVISED AND UPDATED

JEWISH TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND VALUES FOR TODAY'S FAMILIES

William Morrow Paperbacks

JEWISH LIFE AND AMERICAN CULTURE

SUNY Press **Jews in the United States are uniquely American in their connections to Jewish religion and ethnicity. Sylvia Barack Fishman in her groundbreaking book, Jewish Life and American Culture, shows that contemporary Jews have created a hybrid new form of Judaism, merging American values and behaviors with those from historical Jewish traditions. Fishman introduces a new concept called coalescence, an adaptation technique through which Jews merge American and Jewish elements. The author generates data from diverse sources in the social sciences and humanities, including the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey and other statistical studies, interviews and focus groups, popular and material culture, literature and film, to demonstrate the pervasiveness of coalescence.**

ESSENTIAL JUDAISM: UPDATED EDITION

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO BELIEFS, CUSTOMS & RITUALS

Simon and Schuster **An award-winning journalist tells you everything you need to know about being Jewish in this user-friendly guide that explains not only what Jews do and believe, but why.**

CHOOSING A JEWISH LIFE

A HANDBOOK FOR PEOPLE CONVERTING TO JUDAISM AND FOR THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Schocken **A guide to the rules and rituals of converting to Judaism includes advice on such issues as dealing with family, choosing a synagogue, and selecting a Hebrew name**

HOW TO RUN A TRADITIONAL JEWISH HOUSEHOLD

Simon and Schuster **Filled with practical advice as well as history, Blu Greenberg's book is a comprehensive guide to the joys and complexities of running a modern Jewish home. How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household is a modern, comprehensive guide covering virtually every aspect of Jewish home life. It provides practical advice on how to manage a Jewish home in the traditional way and offers fascinating accounts of the history behind the tradition. In a warm, personal style, Blu Greenberg shows that, contrary to popular belief, the home, and not the synagogue, is the most important institution in Jewish life. Divided into three large sections—"The Jewish Way," "Special Stages of Life," and "Celebration and Remembering"—this book educates the uninitiated and reminds the already observant Jew of how Judaism approaches daily life. Topics include prayer, dress, holidays, food preparation, marriage, birth, death, parenthood, and many others. This description of the modern-yet-traditional Jewish household will earn special regard among the many**

American Jews who are re-exploring their ties to Jewish tradition. Such Jews will find this book a flexible guide that provides a knowledge of the requirements of traditional Judaism without advocating immediate and complete compliance. *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household* will also appeal to observant Jews, providing them with helpful tips on how to manage their homes and special insights into the most minute details and procedures in a traditional household. Herself a traditional Jew, Blu Greenberg is nevertheless quite sympathetic to feminist views on the role of women in Jewish observance. *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household* therefore speaks intimately to women who are struggling to reconcile their identities as modern women with their commitments to traditional Judaism.

JEWISH FAMILY AND LIFE

TRADITIONS, HOLIDAYS, AND VALUES FOR TODAY'S PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Macmillan Shows Judaism's spiritual, cultural, and moral role.

JEWISH LIVING

A GUIDE TO CONTEMPORARY REFORM PRACTICE

Urj Press "This definitive guide is a complete source on Reform Jewish practice. This accessible compendium covers the full range of Jewish living, including worship, holidays, life-cycle events, tikkun olam, and everyday Jewish living. The author understands Reform Judaism as a modern development of two millennia of Jewish thinking, and in so doing he draws upon traditional Jewish texts and sources, as well as on the Reform literature that has emerged as a response to that tradition, to create a modern classic"----Provided by publisher.

THE JEWISH BOOK OF WHY--THE TORAH

Jonathan David Pub

WHAT'S JEWISH ABOUT BUTTERFLIES?

36 DYNAMIC, ENGAGING LESSONS FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM

Behrman House, Inc The themes are broken up into five categories: food, animals, the world around, all about me, and popular children's book and authors. Highlights some of the most common, relevant values that could be associated with each theme. Also attempts to make Israel as real and relevant as possible, by highlighting aspects of Israeli life and culture that expand the theme at hand.

JEWISH PASSAGES

CYCLES OF JEWISH LIFE

Univ of California Press "Goldberg's breadth of knowledge is particularly impressive. Here is a scholar who has read everything, and has produced a rich, first-rate book that is both comprehensive and accessible, making Jewish customs meaningful even to non-specialists. A scholarly achievement that is also a great bar-mitzvah gift, with tremendous value for anyone in Jewish Studies including rabbis and members of synagogue study groups."—Jack Kugelmass, Irving and Miriam Lowe Professor and Director, Jewish Studies Program at Arizona State University "Sweeping in its reach and richly informative in its details. *Jewish Passages* offers a treasury of wonderfully interesting information. This is a work that will not be lost. " Samuel C. Heilman, author of *When a Jew Dies*

THE JEWISH BOOK OF WHY

Running PressBook Pub The Jewish Book of Why has sold more than three million copies to date and has been translated into several languages. In this bestseller turned Miniature Edition™, scholar Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch explains the significance and origin of nearly every symbol and practice known to Jewish culture. It's an essential guide for both Jews and

non-Jews alike, and will answer a wide spectrum of questions on every aspect of Jewish custom, tradition, and life.

JEWISH LIFE AND AMERICAN CULTURE

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BASIC JUDAISM

[Houghton Mifflin Harcourt](#) A rabbi introduces Gentiles to the origins, doctrines, traditions, practices, laws, institutions, and beliefs of the Jewish religion

AN INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

[Cambridge University Press](#) This book is intended for students of religion and others who seek an introduction to Judaism.

CONNECTED JEWS

EXPRESSIONS OF COMMUNITY IN ANALOGUE AND DIGITAL CULTURE

[Liverpool University Press](#) How Jews use media to connect with one another has profound consequences for Jewish identity, community, and culture. This volume explores how the use of media can both create communities and divide them because of how different media shape actions and project anxieties, conflicts, and emotions. Taken together, the essays presented here consider how Jewish use of media at home and in the street, as well as in the synagogue and in school, affects the individual's sense of ethnic and religious affiliation. They include closely observed case studies, in various national contexts, of the role of popular film, television, records, the Internet, and smartphones, as well as the role of print media, now and historically. They raise fascinating questions about how Jews and Jewish institutions harness, tolerate, or resist media to create their sense of social belonging as Jews within the wider society.

LIVING A JEWISH LIFE, UPDATED AND REVISED EDITION

JEWISH TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND VALUES FOR TODAY'S FAMILIES

[Harper Collins](#) The classic guide to the cultural and spiritual treasures of Judaism is now updated for the first time in 15 years to reflect changes in the modern Jewish community. *LIVING A JEWISH LIFE* describes Judaism as not just a contemplative or abstract system of thought but as a blueprint for living fully and honorably. This new edition builds on the classic guide, which has been a favorite among Jewish educators and students for years. Enriched with additional resources, including online resources, this updated guide also references recent changes in the modern Jewish community. Addressing the choices posed by the modern world, *LIVING A JEWISH LIFE* explains the traditions and beliefs of Judaism in the context of real life. It explores the spectrum of liberal Jewish thought, from Conservative to Reconstructionist to Reform, as well as unaffiliated, new age, and secular. Celebrating the diversity of Jewish beliefs, this guide provides information in ways that readers can choose how to incorporate Judaism into their lives.

HOW TO BE A JEWISH PARENT

A PRACTICAL HANDBOOK FOR FAMILY LIFE

[Schocken](#) How can I make the holidays interesting and meaningful to my child? Should I send my child to a Jewish day school? A Jewish summer camp? What kind of synagogue is best for my family? How do I plan a family trip to Israel or add Jewish heritage sites when traveling around the country or around the world? If you are, or hope to be, a Jewish parent in

more than name, you have a lot of decisions to make. So many choices! But you can have no better guide to this wealth of opportunity than Anita Diamant. The author of popular books on Jewish weddings and baby rituals, Diamant now joins with family therapist Karen Kushner to help you through the next steps. They give creative, practical answers to these and many other questions, provide guidance on how to foster Jewish decision making for children of all ages, describe how to make your home a "Jewish space," and explain the importance of synagogue membership, holiday celebrations, community service, and other family activities. Diamant and Kushner draw from many sources to describe the practices, customs, and values that go into creating a Jewish home. They combine insights from Jewish tradition with contemporary developmental thinking about how children learn and grow. They provide addresses (including Web sites) where you can find specific information and other resources. And since experience may be the best of all teachers, they share their own and other parents' stories and observations. For Diamant and Kushner, the number-one goal of *How to Be a Jewish Parent* is to give parents (and grandparents) guideposts to raising joyful children within the rich tradition of the Jewish faith and culture. No Jewish family should be without it. From the Hardcover edition.

A SAMPLER OF JEWISH-AMERICAN FOLKLORE

[august house](#) Gathers folk tales concerning love, marriage, birth, childhood, death, ghosts, and survivors, and includes a selection of proverbs and riddles

THE NEW JEWISH BABY BOOK

NAMES, CEREMONIES & CUSTOMS : A GUIDE FOR TODAY'S FAMILIES

[Jewish Lights Publishing](#) A complete guide to Jewish traditions, ceremonies, and rituals to welcome a new child into the world includes ancient traditions, rituals, and laws, practices along with more modern Jewish practices such as ceremonies for girls as well as boys, and adoption and interfaith families. Reprint.

THE LITTLE BOOK OF JEWISH CELEBRATIONS

[Chronicle Books](#) From lighting the menorah on Chanukah to standing under the chuppah at a wedding, every Jewish ritual reflects a time-honored practice passed down for generations. With a foil-stamped cover and a ribbon marker, this elegant volume shares the beloved stories and traditions behind Jewish celebrations, from year-round holidays to once-in-a-lifetime special events. Featuring lush illustrations that capture the heart of Jewish tradition as well as a glossary of important terms for each holiday, this little gift book is a treasure to be shared at any occasion-from bar and bat mitzvahs to Passover seders.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JUDAISM

[Infobase Publishing](#) An illustrated A to Z reference containing over 800 entries providing information on the theology, people, historical events, institutions and movements related to the religion of Judaism.

DICTIONARY OF JEWISH WORDS

A JPS GUIDE

[Jewish Publication Society](#) 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.

CHALLENGE AND CONFORMITY

THE RELIGIOUS LIVES OF ORTHODOX JEWISH WOMEN

Liverpool University Press Orthodox Jewish women are increasingly seeking new ways to express themselves religiously, and important changes have occurred in consequence in their self-definition and the part they play in the religious life of their communities. Drawing on surveys and interviews across different Orthodox groups in London, as well as on the author's own experience of active participation over many years, this is a thoroughly researched study that analyses its findings in the context of related developments in Israel and the USA. Sympathetic attention is given to women's creativity and sophistication as they struggle to develop new modes of expression that will let their voices be heard; at the same time, the inevitable points of conflict with the male-dominated religious establishment are examined and explained. There is a focus, too, on the impact of innovations in ritual: these include not only the creation of women-only spaces and women's participation in public practices traditionally reserved for men, but also new personal practices often acquired on study visits to Israel which are replacing traditions learned from family members. This is a much-needed study of how new norms of lived religion have emerged in London, influenced by both the rise of feminism and the backlash against it, and also by women's new understanding of their religious roles.

JUDAISM'S TEN BEST IDEAS

A BRIEF GUIDE FOR SEEKERS

Jewish Lights Publishing A welcoming introduction to the most important ideas in Judaism. In an age of fluid identity, many people are honestly asking the question "Why be Jewish?" What in this religious and ethnic legacy is worth preserving? Does Judaism have something unique to offer a contemporary seeker free to choose a way of life and a system of values? Here is the answer of a leading spiritual teacher who has faced these questions in conversation with generations of students. With warmth, humor, personal and rabbinic stories and down-to-earth explanations, Arthur Green presents the ideas in Judaism that kept him loyal to the tradition passed on to him. The result is an enticing look into timeless Jewish wisdom that will encourage you to explore further and search out the riches of Judaism for yourself.

JEWS AT HOME

THE DOMESTICATION OF IDENTITY

Liverpool University Press For a Jew, describing a place as 'home' conveys connotations of heritage as well as of residence. Additionally, feeling 'at home' suggests a sense of comfort in one's social surroundings. The questions at the heart of this volume are: what things make a home 'Jewish', materially and emotionally, and what is it that makes Jews feel 'at home' in their environment? The material dimensions are explored through a study of the symbolic and ritual objects that convey Jewishness and a consideration of other items that may be used to express Jewish identity in the home-something that the introduction identifies as 'living-room Judaism'. The discussion is geographically and ethnically wide-ranging, and the transformation of meaning attached to different objects in different environments is contextualized, as, for example, in Shalom Sabar's study of {h.}amsa amulets in Morocco and Israel. For diasporic Jewish culture, the question of feeling at home is an emotional issue that frequently emerges in literature, folklore, and the visual and performing arts. The phrase 'at-homeness in exile' aptly expresses the tension between the different heritages with which Jews identify, including that between the biblical promised land and the cultural locations from which Jewish migration emanated. The essays in this volume take a closer look at the way in which ideas about feeling at home as a Jew are expressed in literature originating in Brazil, Argentina, and the United States, and also at the political ramifications of these emotions. The question is further explored in a series of exchanges on the future of Jews feeling 'at home' in Australia, Germany, Israel, and the United States. Jews at Home is the first book to examine the theme of the Jewish home materially and emotionally from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, including literature, history, anthropology, sociology, psychology, art history, and folk and popular culture. The essays in the collection use the theme of home and the concept of domestication to revise understanding of the lived (and built) past, and to open new analytical possibilities for the future. Its discussion of domestic culture and its relevance to Jewish identity is one with which readers should feel right at home.

HE WANTS YOU TO KNOW

WestBow Press How can we understand what we do not know? How can we comprehend what is outside our experience? God is holy; we are sinful. God is all-powerful and all-knowing and perfect love ... and we are not. He knows us completely, and it is the desire of his heart for his children to know him. The best teachers will patiently lead students one step at a time, using what students do know to increase their understanding of what they need to learn. God is the master teacher. God reveals himself to his children, in the Bible and in

everyday experiences, using what they do understand to help them learn the truth about who he is. He takes what is familiar to them and says, "At least in some ways, I AM like that." It is not enough to have knowledge of what God said; we must have understanding of what he wants us to learn. Examine thirteen metaphors God uses to describe himself and find deeper understanding of this God who wants you to know him.

PERIOD. END OF SENTENCE.

A NEW CHAPTER IN THE FIGHT FOR MENSTRUAL JUSTICE

Simon and Schuster "...illuminates the many ways that menstrual injustice can limit opportunities, erode self-esteem, and even threaten lives. This powerful examination of the far-ranging and quickly evolving movement for menstrual justice introduces today's leaders and shows us how we can be part of the change."--

RELIGION IN AMERICA

Routledge **Religion in America, 7th Edition** provides a comprehensive yet concise introduction to the changing religious landscape of the United States. Extensively revised and updated to reflect current events and trends, this new edition continues to engage students in reflection about religious diversity. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer presents the study of religion as a tool for developing appreciation of communities of faith other than one's own and for understanding the dynamics at work in religion in the United States today.

UP, UP, AND OY VEY!

HOW JEWISH HISTORY, CULTURE, AND VALUES SHAPED THE COMIC BOOK SUPERHERO

Barricade Books Incorporated **Barricade Books** re-introduces **Up, Up, and Oy Vey** to the book publishing world. From the birth of Krypton in Cleveland to the Caped Crusader, the Incredible Hulk, Spider Man, the X-Men and more, **Up, Up, and Oy Vey** chronicles the story about the origins of the most famous superheroes. Jewish contribution to pop-culture is well-documented, but the Jewish role in the creation of action comic superheroes has not been - until now!"

WHAT PRICE PREJUDICE?

CHRISTIAN ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICA

Paulist Press "**What Price Prejudice?** examines the long tradition of antisemitism by giving an overview of the history of Jewish-Christian relations. Frank Eakin's work will help Christians to reflect seriously and objectively upon history and theology - and their impact on Jewish-Christian relations." "The book is written so that it will serve for use both in the classroom and by church/synagogue groups. Discussion questions follow each chapter to stimulate discussion and encourage further reflection on the issues addressed."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

ANITA DIAMANT'S THE RED TENT

A READER'S GUIDE

A&C Black **Continuum Contemporaries** give readers accessible and informative introductions to some of the most popular, most acclaimed, and most influential novels of recent years. A team of contemporary fiction scholars from both sides of the Atlantic has been assembled to provide a thorough and readable analysis of each of the novels in question. The books in the series all follow the same structure: a biography of the novelist, including other works, influences, and, in some cases, an interview; a full-length study of the novel, drawing out the most important themes and ideas; a summary of how the novel was received upon publication; a summary of how the novel has performed since publication, including film or television adaptations, literary prizes, and so forth; a wide range of suggestions for further reading, including web sites and discussion forums; and a list of questions for reading groups to discuss.

INCREASING MULTICULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

SAGE All chapters in this Second Edition of Increasing Multicultural Understanding have been revised and updated, and there are two new chapters on Muslims and Jews in the United States. The author presents a model which helps counsellors understand culturally different groups and the role culture plays in shaping the way people think, feel and act, and which provides the tools necessary for fostering positive and productive relationships among culturally diverse populations.

THE ISRAELIS

ORDINARY PEOPLE IN AN EXTRAORDINARY LAND

Simon and Schuster An in-depth look at Israeli contemporary culture notes its vibrant civic society in the face of war, its large percentage of professional workers, its Orthodox practices, its love of western music and technology, its thriving gay community, and its reverence for its military. 35,000 first printing.

GOOD HARBOR

Pan Macmillan The author of the "New York Times" bestselling "The Red Tent" enchants readers once again with a moving novel about the challenges and choices faced by women today. "Anita Diamant delivers a near-flawless novel in "Good Harbor" that captures the importance of friendships among women."--"Sun Sentinel."

PITCHING MY TENT

ON MARRIAGE, MOTHERHOOD, FRIENDSHIP, AND OTHER LEAPS OF FAITH

Simon and Schuster From the bestselling author of The Red Tent and Good Harbor, a collection of intimate, autobiographical reflections on the milestones, revelations, and balancing acts of life as a wife, mother, friend, and member of a religious community. Before The Red Tent won her international literary acclaim, Anita Diamant was a columnist in Boston. Over the course of twenty years, she wrote essays that reflected the shape and evolution of her life, as well as the trends of her generation. In the end, her musings about love and marriage, birth and death, nature versus nurture, politics and religion—and everything from female friendships to quitting smoking—have created a public diary of the progress of her life that resonated deeply with her readers. Now, Pitching My Tent collects the finest columns of a writer who is a reporter by training and a storyteller by heart, all revised and enriched with new material. Personal, inspiring, and often funny, Pitching My Tent displays the warmth, humor, and wisdom that Diamant's legions of fans have come to cherish.

THE LAST DAYS OF DOGTOWN

A NOVEL

Simon and Schuster "An excellent novel. A lovely and moving portrait of society's outcasts...affirms the essential humanity of its poor and stubborn residents, for whom each day of survival is a victory" (The New York Times Book Review). Set on the high ground at the heart of Cape Ann, the village of Dogtown is peopled by widows, orphans, spinsters, scoundrels, whores, free Africans, and "witches." Among the inhabitants of this hamlet are Black Ruth, who dresses as a man and works as a stonemason; Mrs. Stanley, an imperious madam whose grandson, Sammy, comes of age in her brothel; Oliver Younger, who survives a miserable childhood at the hands of his aunt; and Cornelius Finson, a freed slave. At the center of it all is Judy Rhines, a fiercely independent soul, deeply lonely, who nonetheless builds a life for herself against all imaginable odds. Rendered in stunning, haunting detail, with Anita Diamant's keen ear for language and profound compassion for her characters, The Last Days of Dogtown is an extraordinary retelling of a long-forgotten chapter of early American life.

MALDONADO JOURNEY TO THE KINGDOM OF NEW MEXICO

Trafford Publishing Maldonado traces the journey of his family from Scandinavia and the Holy Land to Spain and Portugal and finally to the Kingdom of New Mexico. Arriving in 1598 with the expedition of Juan de Oñate, his ancestors were some of the first settlers of New Mexico. Of the 144 original Spanish/Portuguese colonial families from the 16th and 17th centuries listed by historian and cousin Fray Angélico Chávez, in his pioneering book Origins of New Mexico Families/A Genealogy of the Spanish Colonial Period, 119 are on the

Maldonado family tree. from the 18th century, 174 of the 277 colonial families identified by Chávez are also on the Maldonado family tree. Over 5,300 names comprise the Maldonado tree - many of them important figures in the annals of New Mexico history. Maldonado's family tree proves the old adage that everyone in New Mexico is a primo, cousin.

THE JEWISH WEDDING NOW

Simon and Schuster Now completely revised, this definitive guide provides a wealth of options for creating a Jewish wedding--whether totally traditional or cutting-edge contemporary--that combines spiritual meaning and joyous celebration.

THE BOSTON GIRL

Simon and Schuster When Addie Baum's 22-year old granddaughter asks her about her childhood, Addie realises the moment has come to relive the full history that shaped her. Addie Baum was a Boston Girl, born in 1900 to immigrant Jewish parents who lived a very modest life. But Addie's intelligence and curiosity propelled her to a more modern path. Addie wanted to finish high school and to go to college. She wanted a career, to find true love. She wanted to escape the confines of her family. And she did. Told against the backdrop of World War I, and written with the same immense emotional impact that has made Diamant's previous novels bestsellers, The Boston Girl is a moving portrait of one woman's complicated life in the early 20th Century, and a window into the lives of all women seeking to understand the world around them.

DAY AFTER NIGHT

A NOVEL

Simon and Schuster A tale inspired by the post-Holocaust experience is set in an immigrant holding camp in 1945 Palestine, where four women, refugees from Nazi Europe, find healing in the bonds of friendship that are forged while recounting their losses.