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### **THE REBBE**

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### **THE LIFE AND AFTERLIFE OF MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON**

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*Princeton University Press A biography of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson that discusses his childhood in Russia, education in Germany and Paris, messianic conviction, religious leadership, legacy, and other related topics.*

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### **THE AFTERLIFE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

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### **A CRITICAL REVIEW OF 'THE REBBE' BY SAMUEL HEILMAN AND MENACHEM FRIEDMAN**

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*The Afterlife of Scholarship is a detailed review of The Rebbe: The Life and Afterlife of Menachem Mendel Schneerson (Princeton University Press, 2010). Chaim Rapoport, a noted scholar and rabbi, contends that The Rebbe's authors, Samuel Heilman and Menachem Friedman, made serious - and sloppy - errors in their pseudo-biography of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Soon after the publication of The Rebbe, Rapoport published an initial essay highlighting some of the flaws in their work. Not long afterwards, Heilman and Friedman answered with a rebuttal essay. Rapoport responded with another essay, as did Heilman and Friedman. This fascinating public dialogue unfolded over three cycles, in which the flustered authors conceded that they made a number of factual errors in their work. The present volume, The Afterlife of Scholarship: A Critical*

*Review of 'The Rebbe' by Samuel Heilman and Menachem Friedman, is a reworked version of Rapoport's original essays, with two new appendixes. The Afterlife of Scholarship is geared toward the layman, and with more than 30 illustrations and over 500 footnotes, it is sure to provide ample material for Schneerson's future biographers. The Afterlife of Scholarship is the perfect companion volume to The Rebbe: The Life and Afterlife of Menachem Mendel Schneerson. What others have said about these books: [Rapoport has crafted an] impressively knowledgeable critique... -- Adam Kirsch in Tablet Magazine [Heilman and Friedman's] book is marked by a serious number of factual errors... -- Zalman Alpert in the Ben Atlas blog At times the attempt to find evidence leads [Heilman and Friedman] to errors. Rabbi Chaim Rapoport wrote a lengthy review... In the authors' response to his critique they admit that they have made mistakes. Greater caution could have prevented this embarrassment. -- Tomer Persico in Makor Rishon (in Hebrew) Rapoport has gotten the better of the exchange... a failure of biographical research and imagination on Heilman and Friedman's part... -- Abraham Socher in the Jewish Review of Books I cannot help but harbor the belief that the authors started with a particular agenda -- [...] and then rummaged through a mountain of arbitrary facts to support their thesis. -- Shmuel Boteach in The Jewish Week [Heilman and Friedman] unfortunately play trivial pursuit... present hearsay as facts... and sometimes wade into the cynical end of the research pool with tabloid-style innuendos and suppositions. -- Joe Bobker in the Jerusalem Report [T]here are peculiar omissions and contradictions [in Heilman and Friedman's book...] Readers of this biography may wonder if the authors have failed to grasp their subject... -- David Klinghoffer in London's Jewish Chronicle Readers looking for a thorough exploration of Menachem Mendel Schneerson's thought... will not find it in this book. -- Nathaniel Deutsch in Haaretz Heilman and Friedman rarely manage to unearth anything that exposes their subject's private emotional world... they cannot seem to penetrate it. -- Keith Kahn-Harris in the Times Literary Supplement [He] criticized the book for [...] ignoring a vast amount of "primary material which would frequently contradict its assertions." -- Steven I. Weiss as quoted in the New York Times Heilman-Friedman's conclusion is based on nothing... [It] is more akin to a spitball than to any substantiated academic conclusion, not what you'd expect from a pair of professors who demand to be taken seriously. -- Jonathan Mark in The Jewish Week*

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## **THE REBBE: MENACHEM MENDEL SHNEERSON. LIFE AND AFTERLIFE**

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### **TRANSLATED INTO RUSSIAN**

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how he attempted to bring the ancient idea of a day of redemption onto the modern world's agenda. Heilman and Friedman also trace what happened after the Rebbe's death, by which time many of his followers had come to think of him as the Messiah himself. The Rebbe tracks Schneerson's remarkable life from his birth in Russia, to his student days in Berlin and Paris, to his rise to global renown in New York, where he developed and preached his powerful spiritual message from the group's gothic mansion in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. This compelling book demonstrates how Schneerson's embrace of traditionalism and American-style modernity made him uniquely suited to his messianic mission. Translated into Russian

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## **REBBE**

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### **THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON, THE MOST INFLUENTIAL RABBI IN MODERN HISTORY**

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Harper Collins "One of the greatest religious biographies ever written." – Dennis Prager In this enlightening biography, Joseph Telushkin offers a captivating portrait of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a towering figure who saw beyond conventional boundaries to turn his movement, Chabad-Lubavitch, into one of the most dynamic and widespread organizations ever seen in the Jewish world. At once an incisive work of history and a compendium of Rabbi Schneerson's teachings, *Rebbe* is the definitive guide to understanding one of the most vital, intriguing figures of the last centuries. From his modest headquarters in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the Rebbe advised some of the world's greatest leaders and shaped matters of state and society. Statesmen and artists as diverse as Ronald Reagan, Robert F. Kennedy, Yitzchak Rabin, Menachem Begin, Elie Wiesel, and Bob Dylan span the spectrum of those who sought his counsel. *Rebbe* explores Schneerson's overarching philosophies against the backdrop of treacherous history, revealing his clandestine operations to rescue and sustain Jews in the Soviet Union, and his critical role in the expansion of the food stamp program throughout the United States. More broadly, it examines how he became in effect an ambassador for Jews globally, and how he came to be viewed by many as not only a spiritual archetype but a savior. Telushkin also delves deep into the more controversial aspects of the Rebbe's leadership, analyzing his views on modern science and territorial compromise in Israel, and how in the last years of his life, many of his followers believed that he would soon be revealed as the Messiah, a source of contention until this day.

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## **WHO WILL LEAD US?**

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### **THE STORY OF FIVE HASIDIC DYNASTIES IN AMERICA**

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University of California Press Nearly decimated in the Holocaust and repressed in the Soviet Union, Hasidism has experienced an extraordinary revival. Hasidic communities, now settled primarily in North America and Israel, have reversed the losses they suffered and are growing exponentially. With powerful attachments to the past, mysticism, community, tradition, and charismatic leadership, Hasidism seems the opposite of contemporary Western culture, yet it has thrived in the democratic countries and culture of the West. How? *Who Will Lead Us?* reveals the

answers in the fascinating story of five contemporary Hasidic dynasties and their handling of the delicate issue of leadership and succession. Revolving around the central figure of the rebbe, the book explores two dynasties with too few successors, two with too many successors, and one that believes their last rebbe continues to lead them even after his death. Samuel C. Heilman, recognized as a foremost expert on modern Jewish Orthodoxy, here provides outsiders with the essential guide to continuity in the Hasidic world.

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## **TOWARD A MEANINGFUL LIFE**

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### **THE WISDOM OF THE REBBE MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON**

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*William Morrow* *Toward a Meaningful Life* is a spiritual road map for living based on the teachings of one of the foremost religious leaders of our time: Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Head of the Lubavitcher movement for forty-four years and recognized throughout the world simply as “the Rebbe,” Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who passed away in June 1994, was a sage and a visionary of the highest order. *Toward a Meaningful Life* gives people of all backgrounds fresh perspectives on every aspect of their lives—from birth to death, youth to old age; marriage, love, intimacy, and family; the persistent issues of career, health, pain, and suffering; and education, faith, science, and government. We learn to bridge the divisions between accelerated technology and decelerated morality, between unprecedented worldwide unity and unparalleled personal disunity. Although the Rebbe’s teachings are firmly anchored in more than three thousand years of scholarship, the urgent relevance of these old-age truths to contemporary life has never been more manifest. At the threshold of a new world where matter and spirit converge, the Rebbe proposes spiritual principles that unite people as opposed to the materialism that divides them. In doing so, he continues to lead us toward personal and universal redemption, toward a meaningful life, and toward God.

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## **NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH**

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### **THE JEWISH RECEPTION OF COPERNICAN THOUGHT**

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*OUP USA* *Jeremy Brown* offers the first major study of the Jewish reception of the Copernican revolution, examining four hundred years of Jewish writings on the Copernican model. Brown shows the ways in which Jews ignored, rejected, or accepted the Copernican model, and the theological and societal underpinnings of their choices.

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## **SOCIAL VISION**

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### **THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE'S TRANSFORMATIVE PARADIGM FOR THE WORLD**

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*Herder & Herder* He has been described in many ways, including a prophet, a scholar, and the most influential Rabbi in modern history. Regardless, the influence of Jewish Mystical Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, popularly known as the “Lubavitcher Rebbe,” cannot be underestimated. Among his many accomplishments,

he was an advisor to every U.S. president from Richard Nixon to George H.W. Bush and received a Congressional Gold Medal posthumously. In one of the first works of its kind, authors Philip Wexler, Michael Wexler, and Eli Rubin explore the neglected social vision of a leader whose movement and followers span more than 50 countries and 250 colleges and universities worldwide. The book provides a window into the previously undisclosed wisdom of the Rebbe. *Modern Prophet* is a tour de force that provides striking and revolutionary insights into a breathtaking array of topics championed by the Rebbe. Treating each with an equal amount of passion, Rabbi Schneerson focused on such wide-ranging concerns as public education, social justice, prison reform, technology, feminism, green energy, and, of course, the hope and possibility of a new and "mystical" society.

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## **THE GATE BEHIND THE WALL**

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### **A PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM**

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When Samuel Heilman took a sabbatical from teaching sociology to spend time in Jerusalem, he did not know that it would become a personal pilgrimage. "Not until I had been to Jerusalem and observed and joined in the act of *lernen* the Talmud would I be able to discover its centrality to my own Jewish existence," Heilman writes. "What had begun by engaging the social scientist in me would end by awakening the Jew." As he met with Talmudic scholars, with mystics and preachers, and with the ordinary people of Jerusalem, Heilman sensed the opening of the gate in his wall of resistance to the past. While studying the holy books he had previously put aside in the name of science, he breached the boundaries of time and place and discovered a spirit that linked his modern world with his ancient heritage.

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## **JEWISH ROOTS: 101**

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### **AN INTRODUCTION**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers To understand who we are as Christians is to understand our beginning. Did Jesus intend to have His "church" separated from the Jewish community? Did the Apostle Paul emphasize a truncation of the Jewish cradle for this new community of unique people? What does the New Testament teach about Jesus, His followers, and the new sect He founded? Did the Church replace Israel? Do Gentile Christians need to worship in a Jewish form? Who was this man called Jesus, and what were the influences in his life? The church in the twenty-first century would do itself a disservice not to acknowledge its Jewish beginnings, or to ignore the man Jesus and the cultural mores that shaped his teaching.*

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## **HEAVEN ON EARTH**

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### **REFLECTIONS ON THE THEOLOGY OF THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE, RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON**

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### **TURNING JUDAISM OUTWARD**

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## **A BIOGRAPHY OF THE RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON THE SEVENTH LUBAVITCHER REBBE**

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### **A TIME TO HEAL**

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### **THE REBBE'S RESPONSE TO LOSS AND TRAGEDY**

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*Ezra Press Current today as when originally provided, this volume is a collection of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's counsel to the bereaved whether responding to a widow struggling to explain her husband's death to her children, or to a community whose school was the target of a terrorist attack, the Rebbe provided support and solace to individuals and communities explaining loss and tragedy, guiding them toward the hope for a brighter future.*

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### **OPEN SECRET**

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### **POSTMESSIANIC MESSIANISM AND THE MYSTICAL REVISION OF MENAHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON**

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*Columbia University Press Menahem Mendel Schneerson (1902-1994) was the seventh and seemingly last Rebbe of the Habad-Lubavitch dynasty. Marked by conflicting tendencies, Schneerson was a radical messianic visionary who promoted a conservative political agenda, a reclusive contemplative who built a hasidic sect into an international movement, and a man dedicated to the exposition of mysteries who nevertheless harbored many secrets. Schneerson astutely masked views that might be deemed heterodox by the canons of orthodoxy while engineering a fundamentalist ideology that could subvert traditional gender hierarchy, the halakhic distinction between permissible and forbidden, and the social-anthropological division between Jew and Gentile. While most literature on the Rebbe focuses on whether or not he identified with the role of Messiah, Elliot R. Wolfson, a leading scholar of Jewish mysticism and the phenomenology of religious experience, concentrates instead on Schneerson's apocalyptic sensibility and his promotion of a mystical consciousness that undermines all discrimination. For Schneerson, the ploy of secrecy is crucial to the dissemination of the messianic secret. To be enlightened messianically is to be delivered from all conceptual limitations, even the very notion of becoming emancipated from limitation. The ultimate liberation, or true and complete redemption, fuses the believer into an infinite essence beyond all duality, even the duality of being emancipated and not emancipated an emancipation, in other words, that emancipates one from the bind of emancipation. At its deepest level, Schneerson's eschatological orientation discerned that a spiritual master, if he be true, must dispose of the mask of mastery. Situating Habad's thought within the evolution of kabbalistic mysticism, the history of Western philosophy, and Mahayana Buddhism, Wolfson articulates Schneerson's rich theology and profound philosophy, concentrating on the nature of apophatic embodiment, semiotic materiality, hypernomian transvaluation, nondifferentiated alterity, and atemporal temporality.*

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## **KABBALAH IN AMERICA**

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### **ANCIENT LORE IN THE NEW WORLD**

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*BRILL Kabbalah in America includes chapters from leading experts in a variety of fields and is the first-ever comprehensive treatment of the title subject from colonial times until the present. As the first of its kind, it will set the tone for all future scholarship on the subject.*

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### **THE VISUAL CULTURE OF CHABAD**

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*Cambridge University Press This book is the first full-length study of a complex visual tradition associated with the Hasidic movement of Chabad.*

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### **THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK**

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### **DRAMA, FELLOWSHIP AND RELIGION**

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*Routledge Judaism has long derived its identity from its sacred books. The book or scroll--rather than the image or idol--has been emblematic of Jewish faith and tradition. The People of the Book presents a study of a group of Orthodox Jews, all of whom live in the modern world, engaged in the time-honored practice of lernen, the repeated review and ritualized study of the sacred texts. In preserving one of the activities of Jewish life, Samuel C. Heilman argues, these are the genuine -People of the Book.- For two years, Heilman participated in and observed five study circles in New York and Jerusalem engaged in the avocation of lernen the Talmud, the great corpus of Jewish law, lore, and tradition. These groups, made up of men who felt the ritualized study of sacred texts to be not only a religious obligation but also an appealing way to spend their evenings, weekends, and holidays, assembled together under the guidance of a teacher to review the holy books of their people. Having become part of this world, the author is able to provide first-hand observation of the workings of the study circle. Heilman's study moves beyond the merely descriptive into an analysis of the nature and meaning of activity he observed. To explain the character and appeal of the study groups, he employs three concepts: drama, fellowship, and religion. Inherent to the life of the study circle are various sorts of drama: -social dramas- playing out social relationships, -cultural performances- reenacting the Jewish world view, and -interactional dramas- and -word plays- involving the intricacies of the recitation and translation process. This book will be of interest to anthropologists and those interested in the academic study of religion.*

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### **HAPPIER ENDINGS**

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### **A MEDITATION ON LIFE AND DEATH**

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*Simon and Schuster The author of the National Jewish Book Award finalist, Inspired Jewish Leadership, presents an affirming meditation on living fully and preparing for death that guides readers on an emotional journey that draws on the wisdom of myriad spiritual traditions, covering a range of practical issues while sharing compassionate, illustrative stories.*

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## JUDAISM

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### HISTORY, BELIEF AND PRACTICE

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*Taylor & Francis* This newly revised all-encompassing textbook is a guide to the history, beliefs and practice of Judaism. Beginning with the ancient Near Eastern background, it covers early Israelite history, the emergence of classical rabbinic literature and the rise of medieval Judaism in Islamic and Christian lands. It also includes the early modern period and the development of Jewry in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Extracts from primary sources are used throughout to enliven the narrative and provide concrete examples of the rich variety of Jewish civilization. Specially designed to assist learning, Judaism: • Introduces texts and commentaries, including the Hebrew Bible, rabbinic texts, mystical literature, Jewish philosophy and Jewish theology • Provides the skills necessary to understand these step-by-step with the help of a companion website • Explains how to interpret the major events in nearly four thousand years of Jewish history • Supports study with discussion questions on the central historical and religious issues, and includes key reading for each chapter, an extensive glossary and index • Illustrates the development of Judaism, its concepts, observances and culture, with maps, photos, paintings and engravings • Links each chapter to a free companion website at [www.routledge.com/cw/cohnsherbok](http://www.routledge.com/cw/cohnsherbok) which provides things to think about, things to do and tips for teachers as well as other online resources

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### PEACE CHILD

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*Baker Books* From Cannibals to Christ-Followers--A True Story In 1962, Don and Carol Richardson risked their lives to share the gospel with the Sawi people of New Guinea. Peace Child tells their unforgettable story of living among these headhunters and cannibals, who valued treachery through fattening victims with friendship before the slaughter. God gave Don and Carol the key to the Sawi hearts via a redemptive analogy from their own mythology. The "peace child" became the secret to unlocking a value system that had existed through generations. This analogy became a stepping-stone by which the gospel came into the Sawi culture and started both a spiritual and a social revolution from within. With an epilogue updating how the gospel has impacted the Sawi people, this missionary classic will inspire a new generation of readers who need to hear this remarkable story and the lessons it teaches us about communicating Christ in a meaningful way to those around us.

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### BETWEEN JEW AND ARAB

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#### THE LOST VOICE OF SIMON RAWIDOWICZ

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*UPNE* An exploration of the fascinating Jewish thinker Simon Rawidowicz and his provocative views on Arab refugees and the fate of Israel

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### REBE LIFE AND AFTERLIFE

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*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* From the 1950s until his death in 1994, Menachem Mendel Schneerson--revered by his followers worldwide simply as

*the Rebbe--built the Lubavitcher movement from a relatively small sect within Hasidic Judaism into the powerful force in Jewish life that it is today. Swept away by his expectation that the Messiah was coming, he came to believe that he could deny death and change history. Samuel Heilman and Menachem Friedman paint an unforgettable portrait of Schneerson, showing how he reinvented himself from an aspiring French-trained electrical engineer into a charismatic leader who believed that he and his Lubavitcher Hasidic emissaries could transform the world. They reveal how his messianic convictions ripened and how he attempted to bring the ancient idea of a day of redemption onto the modern world's agenda. Heilman and Friedman also trace what happened after the Rebbe's death, by which time many of his followers had come to think of him as the Messiah himself. The Rebbe tracks Schneerson's remarkable life from his birth in Russia, to his student days in Berlin and Paris, to his rise to global renown in New York, where he developed and preached his powerful spiritual message from the group's gothic mansion in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. This compelling book demonstrates how Schneerson's embrace of traditionalism and American-style modernity made him uniquely suited to his messianic mission. Translated into Russian*

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## **HASIDISM REAPPRAISED**

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*Littman Library of Jewish Civi Hasidism has been a seminal force and source of controversy in the Jewish world since its inception in the second half of the eighteenth century. This book, the first comprehensive critical study of this intriguing movement in English, offers a wide-ranging treatment of the subject in all its aspects by what is effectively the entire present generation of scholars working in the field. With contributions ranging from the history of theology and ideas through social and economic history to sociology, Hasidism Reappraised encompasses a complete field of contemporary scholarship in a discipline that is central to our understanding of modern Jewish history and the contemporary Jewish world.*

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## **JUDAISM AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**

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*Academic Studies PPress Judaism is a religion and a way of life that combines beliefs as well as practical commandments and traditions, encompassing all spheres of life. Some of the numerous precepts emerge directly from the Torah (the Law of Moses). Others are commanded by Oral Law, rulings of illustrious Jewish legal scholars throughout the generations, and rabbinic responsa composed over hundreds of years and still being written today. Like other religions, Judaism has also developed unique symbols that have become virtually exclusive to it, such as the Star of David and the menorah. This book argues that Judaism impacts human geography in significant ways: it shapes the environment and space of its believers, thus creating a unique "Jewish geography."*

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## **RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE RECONSIDERED**

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## **A BUILDING-BLOCK APPROACH TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND**

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## **OTHER SPECIAL THINGS**

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*Princeton University Press Annotation Ann Taves addresses the subject of religious experience directly and the problems of reductionism and humanistic fears of the sciences indirectly and by example. The orientation of this book is practical more than philosophical.*

## **HASIDISM**

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### **A NEW HISTORY**

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*Princeton University Press A must-read book for understanding this vibrant and influential modern Jewish movement Hasidism originated in southeastern Poland, in mystical circles centered on the figure of Israel Ba'al Shem Tov, but it was only after his death in 1760 that a movement began to spread. Today, Hasidism is witnessing a remarkable renaissance around the world. This book provides the first comprehensive history of the pietistic movement that shaped modern Judaism. Written by an international team of scholars, its unique blend of intellectual, religious, and social history 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.*

## **RABBI ZALMAN SCHACHTER-SHALOMI**

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### **ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS**

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*Orbis Books "Essential teachings of Rabbi Zalman Shachter-Shalomi, one of the most creative and influential Jewish spiritual teachers in the late twentieth-century"--*

## **LIBERAL AND ILLIBERAL ARTS**

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### **ESSAYS (MOSTLY JEWISH)**

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*Paul Dry Books "Socher is one of the sharpest observers of Jewish America in our times. These essays, tracing a journey from a yeshiva to Oberlin College and from Franz Kafka to Rabbi Kook, are a loving, cutting, whimsical, and wise look at a Jewish moment that he senses might be ending."—Matti Friedman, author of Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel How did Humphrey Bogart end up telling Lauren Bacall a Talmudic story in the film Key Largo, and what does that have to do with Plato's theory of recollection—or American Jewish assimilation? Precisely what poem of Robert Frost's inspired Nabokov's Pale Fire, and how did Walter Benjamin learn about the remarkable stones of Sinai? Abraham Socher wears his learning lightly. These witty and original essays embody the spirit of the liberal arts, but the highlight of this collection may be his devastating account of the illiberal arts at work in Oberlin College, where he taught for eighteen years.*

## **THE REBBE, THE MESSIAH, AND THE SCANDAL OF ORTHODOX INDIFFERENCE**

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*The focus of this text is the messianic trend in Lubavitch hasidism. It demonstrates*

*how hasidim who affirm the dead Rebbe's messiahship have abandoned one of Judaism's core beliefs in favour of adherence to the doctrine of a second coming. At the same time, it decries the equanimity with which the standard-bearers of Orthodoxy have granted legitimacy to this development by continuing to recognize such believers as Orthodox Jews in good standing. This abandonment of the age-old Jewish resistance to a quintessentially Christian belief is a development of striking importance for the history of religions and an earthquake in the history of Judaism. The book chronicles the unfolding of this development.*

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## **THE WILEY-BLACKWELL HISTORY OF JEWS AND JUDAISM**

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*John Wiley & Sons In The Wiley-Blackwell History of Jews and Judaism, a team of internationally-renowned scholars offer a comprehensive and authoritative overview of Jewish life and culture, from the biblical period to contemporary times. Provides a comprehensive and authoritative overview of the main periods and themes of Jewish history, from Biblical Israel, through medieval and early modern periods, to Judaism since the Holocaust, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and Judaism today Brings together an international team of established and emerging scholars across a range of disciplines Discusses how to present Judaism - to both non-Jews and Jews - as a religious system on its own terms and with its own unique vocabulary Explores the latest scholarship on a range of issues, including folk practices, politics, economic structure, the relationship of Judaism to Christianity, and the nature of Zionism diaspora and its implications for contemporary Israel Considers Jewish historiography and the lives of ordinary people, the achievements of Jewish women, and the sustained interaction of Jews within the environments they inhabited Edited by a leading scholar in Jewish studies and history*

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## **END OF DAYS**

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## **AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE APOCALYPSE IN WORLD RELIGIONS**

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*ABC-CLIO End of Days: An Encyclopedia of the Apocalypse in World Religions describes apocalyptic writings in the world's major religious traditions, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. The cross-referenced entries address ancient traditions--Zoroastrianism, as one example--as well as modern apocalyptic movements, such as Arun Shinrikyo, the Branch Davidians, and the Order of the Solar Temple. This book's broad scope offers coverage of overlooked traditions, such as Mayan Apocalyptic, Norse Apocalyptic, Native American eschatological literatures, and the Tibetan Book of the Dead. Readers seeking detailed information on the eschatological and apocalyptic movements and proponents of End Times can reference entries about individuals such as Harold Camping, Jerry Falwell, David Koresh of the Branch Davidians, and James Jones and the People's Temple. This single-volume encyclopedia also contains numerous historical entries on subjects such as the Great Disappointment, the Great Awakening periods of religious revival, Joachim of Flora, the Maccabean Revolt, and the Plymouth Brethren. The influence of apocalyptic ideas far outside the realm of religion itself is documented through entries on film, including well-known modern*

movies such as *The Hunger Games* and *Apocalypse Now*, literature by writers such as Dante, and works of fine art like Wagner's *Gotterdammerung*. The inclusion of entries related to literature, film, and other art forms further attests to the wide-ranging social influence of belief in the end of days.

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## **REPRESENTING JEWISH THOUGHT**

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### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2015 INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES CONFERENCE HELD IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR ADA RAPOPORT- ALBERT**

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*BRILL Representing Jewish Thought offers essays on modes and media of transmitting and re/presenting thought pertinent to Jewish past and present, zooming in on textual and visual hermeneutics to material and textual culture to performing arts.*

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## **EARLY JUDAISM**

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### **NEW INSIGHTS AND SCHOLARSHIP**

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*NYU Press "Over the past generation, several major discoveries and methodological innovations have led scholars to reevaluate the foundations of Judaism. The Dead Sea Scrolls are the most famous, but other materials have further altered our understanding of Judaism's development after the Biblical era. This volume explores some of the latest clues into how early Judaism took shape ..."--Back cover.*

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## **SEVEN CONVERSATIONS WITH JERRY**

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### **A BOOK ABOUT THE HUMAN SOUL, BEREAVEMENT, AND THE AFTERLIFE**

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*Jerry, a successful business tycoon, has a quarrel with his street smart Holocaust-survivor father Morris. Father and son are, sadly, alienated from each other. On his deathbed, Morris entrusts his rabbi with the task of bringing Jerry back to a place of greater father-son connection and respect. Upon his father's death, Jerry is tormented with feelings of guilt over his failed relationship. The rabbi then engages Jerry in seven life-changing mystical conversations that ultimately change the trajectory of Jerry's self-centered life and help him reconnect to his deceased father. In the process, both Jerry and the rabbi confront many surprising skeletons of the past and share a grueling psychological and emotional journey towards human reconciliation.*

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## **THE RABBI SAVED BY HITLER'S SOLDIERS**

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### **REBBE JOSEPH ISAAC SCHNEERSOHN AND HIS ASTONISHING RESCUE**

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*Bryan Mark Rigg When Hitler invaded Warsaw in the fall of 1939, hundreds of thousands of civilians were trapped in the besieged city. The Rebbe Joseph Schneersohn, the leader of the ultra-orthodox Lubavitcher Jews, was among them. When word of his plight went out, a group of American Jews initiated what would ultimately become one of the strangest—and most miraculous—rescues of World*

*War II. And this is the incredible but true story that Bryan Mark Rigg tells in The Rabbi Saved by Hitler's Soldiers. Amid the chaos and hell of the emerging Holocaust, a small group of German soldiers shepherded Rebbe Schneersohn and his Hasidic followers out of Poland. In the course of the daring escape—traveling by train to Berlin, rerouted to Latvia and Sweden, and carried by ship through U-boat-infested waters to America—the Rebbe would learn a shocking truth. The leader of the rescue operation, the decorated Wehrmacht soldier Ernst Bloch, was himself half-Jewish, and a victim of the rising tide of German anti-Semitism. Perhaps even more remarkable were the central roles of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, head of the Nazi military intelligence service, and of Helmuth Wohlthat, chief administrator of Göring's Four Year Plan. Pursuing every lead, amassing critical evidence, pulling together all the pieces of what could well be a political thriller, Rigg reconstructs the Rebbe's improbable escape, and tells a harrowing story about identity and moral responsibility. His book is the definitive account of an extraordinary episode in the history of World War II.*

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## **A HISTORY OF KABBALAH**

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### **FROM THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD TO THE PRESENT DAY**

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*Cambridge University Press This volume offers a narrative history of modern Kabbalah, from the sixteenth century to the present. Covering all sub-periods, schools, and figures, Jonathan Garb demonstrates how Kabbalah expanded over the last few centuries, and how it became an important player, first in the European, subsequently in global cultural and intellectual domains. Indeed, study of the Kabbalah can be found on virtually every continent and in many languages, despite of the destruction of many centres in the mid-twentieth century. Garb explores the sociological, psychological, scholastic and ritual dimensions of kabbalistic ways of life in their geographical and cultural contexts. Focusing on several important mystical and literary figures, he shows how modern Kabbalah is both deeply embedded in modern Jewish life, yet has become an independent, professionalized sub-world. He also traces how Kabbalah was influenced by, and contributed to the process of modernization.*

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## **MAIMONIDES ON TESHUVAH**

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### **THE WAYS OF REPENTANCE**

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*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Teshuvah: from the Hebrew root "to return" and often translated as "repentance," teshuvah represents an answer to spiritual or intellectual challenge, just as a question requires a response and a home awaits a return. Teshuvah expresses a restoration of personal balance and a return to spiritual center. Maimonides on Teshuvah explores the thought of Judaism's greatest philosopher on the process of finding a path through the thicket of transgressions past and present, seeking the elusive yet healing light of forgiveness—from God, from others, and even from one's own self. "A Master of Teshuvah should not think that he is far from the level of the righteous because of the sins he committed, intentionally or otherwise. This is not so. Rather, he is beloved and*

*cherished by the Creator as if he had never sinned at all. Furthermore, his reward is greater, for he tasted the taste of sin and separated from it, conquering his evil inclination. The Sages taught that in the place where the Masters of Teshuvah stand, not even the completely righteous can stand." (The Ways of Repentance, 7:4) Author of the brilliant Guide for the Perplexed and the massive Mishneh Torah, Moses Maimonides' thought continues to influence and inspire students almost a thousand years after his passing in 1204. Known as the Great Eagle for his incomparable mastery of Jewish scholarship, of Maimonides it has been said "from Moses to Moses, there was no one like Moses." Maimonides on Teshuvah is a translation and commentary on The Ways of Repentance, the first comprehensive study of teshuvah in Jewish literary history. In this work, Maimonides surveys the philosophical, psychological, and practical aspects of teshuvah. Carefully weaving threads drawn from the tapestry of Jewish religious writings, Maimonides describes the theoretical foundations of teshuvah (free will versus predeterminism, nature versus nurture, and the afterlife) and provides pragmatic recommendations for readers who yearn for the cleansing power of teshuvah.*

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### **JEWISH RADICAL ULTRA-ORTHODOXY CONFRONTS MODERNITY, ZIONISM AND WOMEN'S EQUALITY**

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*Cambridge University Press In Jewish Radical Ultra-Orthodoxy Confronts Modernity, Zionism and Women's Equality, Motti Inbari undertakes a study of the culture and leadership of Jewish radical ultra-Orthodoxy in Hungary, Jerusalem and New York. He reviews the history, ideology and gender relations of prominent ultra-Orthodox leaders Amram Blau (1894-1974), founder of the anti-Zionist Jerusalemite Neturei Karta, and Yoel Teitelbaum (1887-1979), head of the Satmar Hasidic movement in New York. Focussing on the rabbis' biographies, the author analyzes their enclave building methods, their attitude to women and modesty, and their eschatological perspectives. The research is based on newly discovered archival materials, covering many unique and remarkable findings. The author concludes with a discussion of contemporary trends in Jewish religious radicalization. Inbari highlights the resilience of the current generations' sense of community cohesion and their capacity to adapt and overcome challenges such as rehabilitation into potentially hostile secular societies.*

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### **FROM SOMETHING TO NOTHING**

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### **JEWISH MYSTICISM IN CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN JEWISH STUDIES**

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*Cambridge Scholars Publishing Jewish mysticism approaches God as no-thing or nothing, reflecting Judaism's traditional identification of God as incorporeal. Whereas technical philosophical language often employed to discuss Jewish mysticism has a tendency to ward off otherwise interested readers, this study sufficiently breaks down the technical language of Jewish mysticism in its various expressions to allow a beginner to benefit from what may otherwise be indescribable and only approached by consideration of what is not rather than what is. Integral to the title, From Something to Nothing, is the concept that God cannot be something, because that*

would be restricting, so God is simply no-thing. Ironically, the conventional religious expression for the biblical notion of creation is “something from nothing”, whereas the title of this volume is its precise opposite, which may at first seem to be illogical – creation in reverse. However, in a volume dedicated to various deliberations on magic and mysticism, the ultimate reality may receive expression as nothingness, that is, no-thingness, no quality associated with things. What adds to our difficulty today is that nothingness is inextricably linked with silence. Is silence also an element or indication of an ultimate reality or its absence? Or is it merely the reflection of nothing whatsoever? This is at the heart of modern debates between atheists and believers. Believers feel that even this silence speaks to this ultimate reality, whereas atheists claim that if you cannot show it, then you do not know it. In other words, believers are victims of their own wishful thinking. *From Something to Nothing* memorializes Canadian mystic and scholar Zalman Schachter Shalomi, z”l, engaging in particular aspects that he addressed at some phase of his colourful and erudite life, providing the reader with a broad spectrum of both phenomenological and intellectual topics.

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## **RELATIONAL JUDAISM**

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### **USING THE POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS TO TRANSFORM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

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*Jewish Lights Publishing* Noted educator and community revitalization pioneer Dr. Ron Wolfson presents practical strategies and case studies to guide Jewish leaders in turning institutions into engaging communities that connect members to Judaism in meaningful and lasting ways.