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# 2017 Celebrating AJS Members & Their Books

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FOR JEWISH LITERATURE





49th Annual Conference  
Association for Jewish Studies  
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# 2017 Celebration of AJS Authors & Their Books

Please join us for a

**Coffee Break**

**in the Marquis Salons #6 - #10**

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

**4:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**&**

**Sami Rohr Prize Trivia Night**

**(Location to be announced via the conference app)**

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

**8:30 PM**

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## SAMI ROHR PRIZE FOR JEWISH LITERATURE

The Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature, established in 2007 by the Rohr family, honors the legacy of their patriarch, Sami Rohr ז"ל who had a lifelong love of Jewish learning and of great literature. The largest award of its kind in North America, \$100,000 is presented to an emerging writer who demonstrates the potential for continued contribution to Jewish literature. Four additional finalists

and winners of cash prizes then become Fellows in the Sami Rohr Jewish Literary group. Fiction and non-fiction books are considered in alternate years. Past winners have consistently reported that the prize has given them the time to pursue and complete additional writing projects.

## SAMI ROHR JEWISH LITERARY INSTITUTE

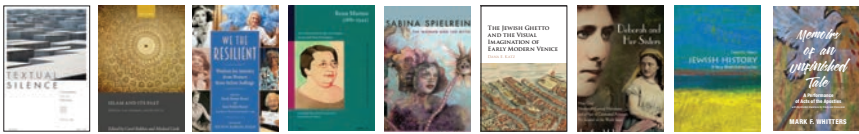
In conjunction with the Sami Rohr Prize, the Sami Rohr Jewish Literary Institute – a forum devoted to creating a Jewish literary community – is a biennial gathering of the Sami Rohr winners, fellows, judges, and advisors. Writing can often be a lonely profession, and the Institutes create a platform for both established and emerging writers to meet, share, and network. Writers gather in large and small groups to discuss issues and problems coming up in their writing and to advise each other. The only gathering of its kind, the mentoring environment helps shape and inspire Jewish literary creativity into the future.



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**The books listed on the following pages were written, edited or translated by AJS members and published in 2017.**

**Congratulations to all!**



**2017**

**The books listed herein are on display in the Exhibit Hall at the JBC Sami Rohr Prize booth #108.**

**Books are listed alphabetically by author's last name.**



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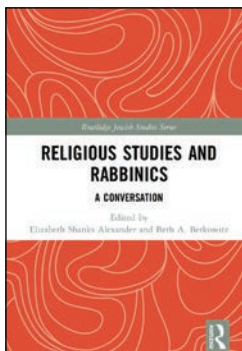
### **Reconstructing the Old Country**

Eliyana R. Adler and Sheila E. Jelen

Wayne State University Press

978-0-8143-4166-7 \$34.99

<http://www.wsupress.wayne.edu/books/detail/reconstructing-old-country>



### **Religious Studies and Rabbinics**

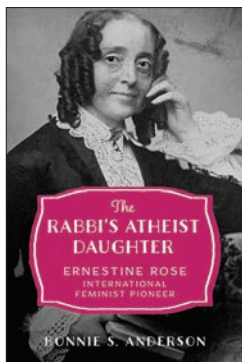
Elizabeth Shanks Alexander

and Beth A. Berkowitz

Routledge

978-1-1382-8880-5 \$140.00

[https://www.amazon.com/Religious-Studies-Rabbinics-Conversation-Routledge/dp/1138288802/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497543884&sr=8-1&keywords=religious+studies+and+rabbinics](https://www.amazon.com/Religious-Studies-Rabbinics-Conversation-Routledge/dp/1138288802/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497543884&sr=8-1&keywords=religious+studies+and+rabbinics)



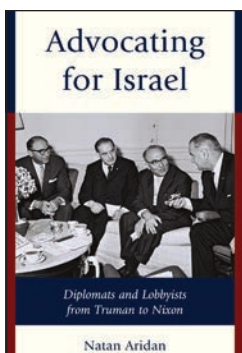
### **The Rabbi's Atheist Daughter**

Bonnie S. Anderson

Oxford University Press

978-0-1997-5624-7 \$34.95

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### **Advocating for Israel**

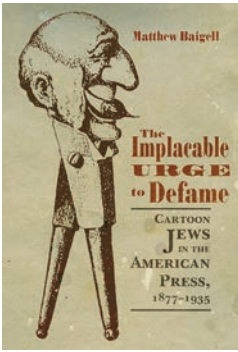
Natan Aridan

Lexington Books

978-1-4985-5377-3 \$120.00

<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498553773/Advocating-for-Israel-Diplomats-and-Lobbyists-from-Truman-to-Nixon>





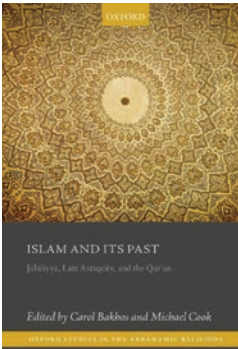
## The Implacable Urge to Defame

Matthew Baigell

Syracuse University Press

978-0-8156-3510-9 \$29.95

[https://www.amazon.com/Implacable-Urge-Defame-Traditions-Literature/dp/0815635109/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1495466727&sr=8-1&keywords=baigell](https://www.amazon.com/Implacable-Urge-Defame-Traditions-Literature/dp/0815635109/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1495466727&sr=8-1&keywords=baigell)



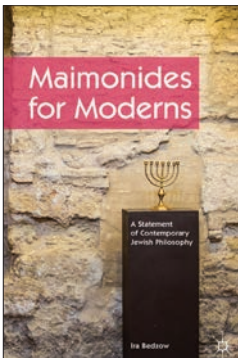
## Islam and its Past

Carol Bakhos and Michael Cook, eds.

Oxford University Press

978-0-1987-4849-6 \$85.00

<https://www.amazon.com/Islam-its-Past-Jahiliyya-Antiquity/dp/0198748493>



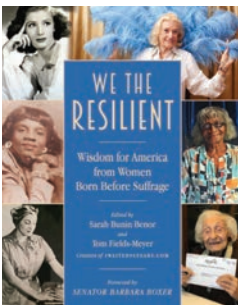
## Maimonides for Moderns

Ira Bedzow

Palgrave Macmillan

978-3-3194-4572-4 \$99.99

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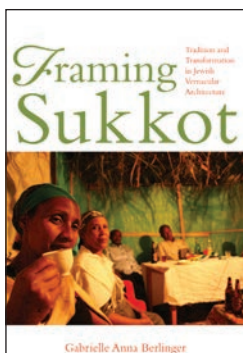
## We the Resilient

Sarah Bunin Benor and Tom Fields-Meyer, eds.

Luminare Press

978-1-9447-3319-3 \$24.95

<https://www.amazon.com/We-Resilient-Wisdom-America-Suffrage/dp/1944733191/>



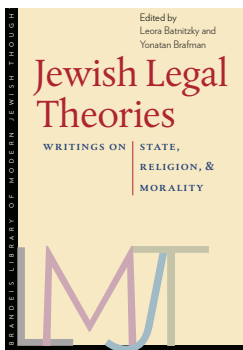
### **Framing Sukkot**

Gabrielle Anna Berlinger

*Indiana University Press*

978-0-2530-3182-2     \$36.00

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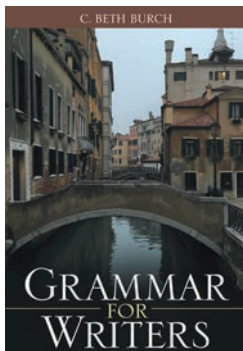
### **Jewish Legal Theories**

Yonatan Brafman and Leora F. Batnitzky, eds.

*Brandeis University Press*

978-1-5846-5743-9     \$95.00

<http://www.upne.com/1584657439.html>



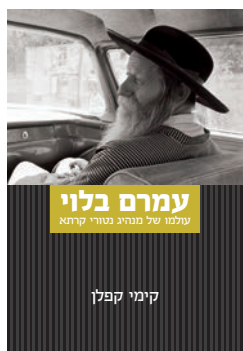
### **Grammar for Writers**

C. Beth Burch

*Archway Publishing*

978-1-4808-3866-6     \$28.99

<https://www.amazon.com/Grammar-Writers-C-Beth-Burch/dp/1480838667>



### **Amram Blau**

Kimmy Caplan

*Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi and The Ben Gurion*

*Research Institute*

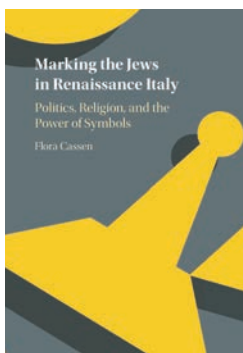
978-9-6521-7406-2     \$32.88

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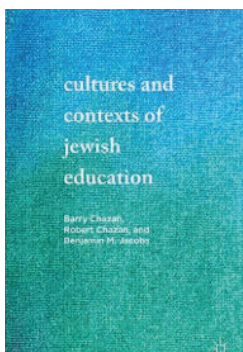
## Marking the Jews in Renaissance Italy

Flora Cassen

*Cambridge University Press*

978-1-1071-7543-3 \$90.00

<https://www.amazon.com/Marking-Jews-Renaissance-Italy-Politics/dp/1107175437>



## Cultures and Contexts of Jewish Education

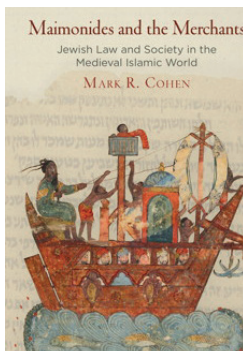
Barry Chazan, Robert Chazan and

Benjamin H. Jacobs

*Palgrave Macmillan*

978-3-3195-1585-4 \$99.99

<https://www.amazon.com/Cultures-Contexts-Jewish-Education-Chazan/dp/3319515853>



## Maimonides and the Merchants

Jewish Law and Society in the  
Medieval Islamic World

MARK R. COHEN

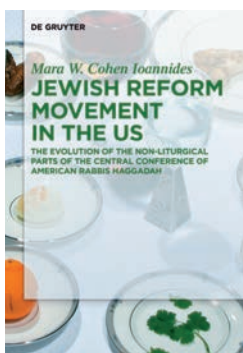
## Maimonides and the Merchants

Mark R. Cohen

*University of Pennsylvania Press*

978-0-8122-4914-9 \$65.00

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## Mara W. Cohen Ioannides JEWISH REFORM MOVEMENT IN THE US

THE EVOLUTION OF THE NON-LITURGICAL  
PARTS OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF  
AMERICAN RABBI HAGGADAH

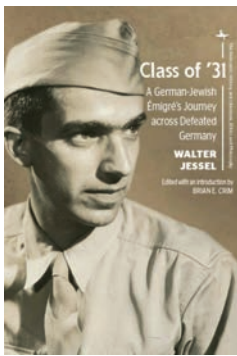
## Jewish Reform Movement in the U.S.

Mara W. Cohen Ioannides

*De Gruyter*

978-3-1105-0137-7 \$91.99

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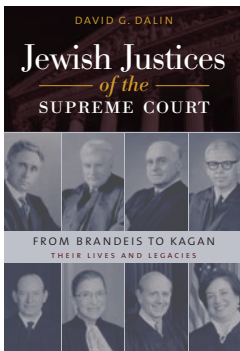
### **Class of '31**

Brian E. Crim

*Academic Studies Press*

978-1-6181-1650-5     \$29.00

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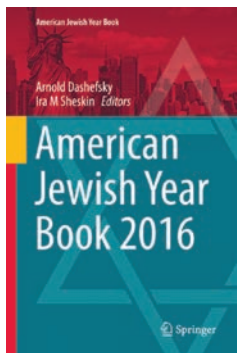
### **Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court: From Brandeis to Kagan**

David G. Dalin

*Brandeis University Press*

978-1-6116-8238-0     \$26.78

<https://www.amazon.com/Jewish-Justices-Supreme-Court-Brandeis/dp/161168238X>



### **American Jewish Year Book 2016**

Arnold Dashefsky and Ira M. Sheskin, eds.

*Springer International Publishing*

978-3-3194-6121-2     \$189.00

[https://www.amazon.com/American-Jewish-Year-Book-2016-ebook/dp/B06W5DZDFD/ref=dp\\_kinw\\_strp\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/American-Jewish-Year-Book-2016-ebook/dp/B06W5DZDFD/ref=dp_kinw_strp_1)



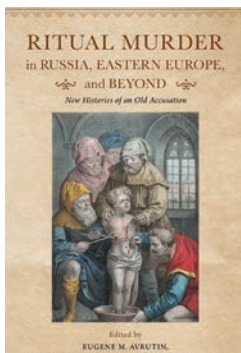
### **Rosa Manus (1881-1942)**

Francisca de Haan and Myriam Everard

*Brill*

978-9-0043-3317-8     \$147.00

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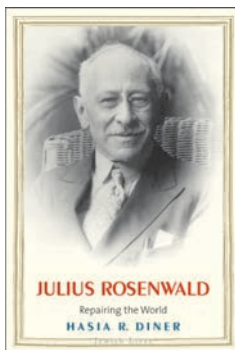
## Ritual Murder in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Beyond

Jonathan Dekel-Chen, Eugene Avrutin and Robert Weinberg

*Indiana University Press*

978-0-2530-2657-6 \$35.00

[https://www.amazon.com/Ritual-Murder-Russia-Eastern-Europe/dp/0253026407/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1492702849&sr=1-2&keywords=dekel-chen](https://www.amazon.com/Ritual-Murder-Russia-Eastern-Europe/dp/0253026407/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1492702849&sr=1-2&keywords=dekel-chen)



## Julius Rosenwald

Hasia R. Diner

*Yale University Press*

978-0-3002-0321-9 \$25.00

[https://www.amazon.com/Julius-Rosenwald-Repairing-World-Jewish/dp/0300203217/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1498230823&sr=1-1&keywords=diner%2C+Julius+Rosenwald](https://www.amazon.com/Julius-Rosenwald-Repairing-World-Jewish/dp/0300203217/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1498230823&sr=1-1&keywords=diner%2C+Julius+Rosenwald)



## The Sacred Now

Mark Elber

*Wipf and Stock*

978-1-5326-1759-1 \$18.00

[https://www.amazon.com/Sacred-Now-Cultivating-Spiritual-Consciousness/dp/1532617593/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1505415379&sr=8-1&keywords=The+Sacred+Now](https://www.amazon.com/Sacred-Now-Cultivating-Spiritual-Consciousness/dp/1532617593/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1505415379&sr=8-1&keywords=The+Sacred+Now)



## A New Age

Shmuel Feiner

*The Zalman Shazar Center Jerusalem*

978-9-6522-7343-7 \$40.00

<http://www.shazar.org.il/Book/%D7%A2%D7%AA+%D7%97%D7%93%D7%A9%D7%94.aspx?code=185-671>



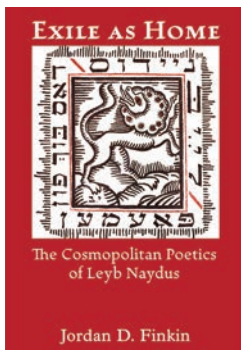
## The People of Godlbozhits

Jordan Finkin, trans.

*Syracuse University Press*

978-0-8156-1092-2 \$39.95

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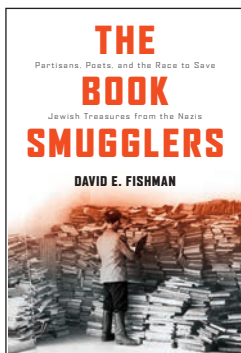
## Exile as Home

Jordan D. Finkin

*University of Pittsburgh Press-Hebrew Union College Press*

978-0-8229-4506-2 \$28.95

[https://www.amazon.com/Exile-Home-Cosmopolitan-Poetics-Naydus/dp/0822945061/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1497534163&sr=1-1&keywords=exile+as+home](https://www.amazon.com/Exile-Home-Cosmopolitan-Poetics-Naydus/dp/0822945061/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1497534163&sr=1-1&keywords=exile+as+home)



## The Book Smugglers

David E. Fishman

*ForeEdge Books*

978-1-5126-0049-0 \$29.95

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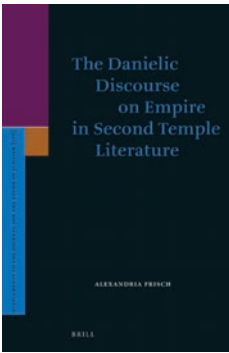
## The Seven, A Family Holocaust Story

Ellen G. Friedman

*Wayne State University Press*

978-0-8143-4413-2 \$29.99

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## The Danielic Discourse on Empire in Second Temple Literature

Alexandria Frisch

*Brill*

978-9-0043-3129-7 \$104.02

<https://www.amazon.com/Danielic-Discourse-Literature-Supplements-Journal/dp/9004331298%3FSubscriptionId%3D0Y7GGVV3BRV7YENVYNG2%26tag%3Djimlord-20%26linkCode%3Dxm2%26camp%3D2025%26creative%3D165953%26creativeASIN%3D9004331298>



## From Things Lost

Shirli Gilbert

*Wayne State University Press*

978-0-8143-4265-7 \$26.99

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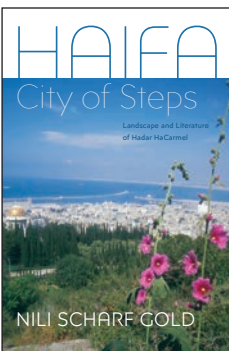
## Tangle of Matter & Ghost

Aubrey Glazer

*Academic Studies Press*

978-1-6181-1581-2 \$29.00

<https://www.amazon.com/Tangle-Matter-Ghost-Post-Secular-Post-Rabbinic/dp/1618115812>



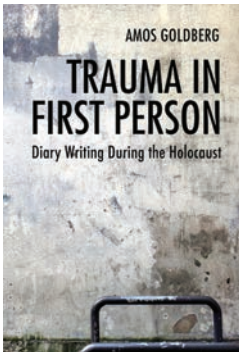
## Haifa: City of Steps

Nili Scharf Gold

*Brandeis University Press*

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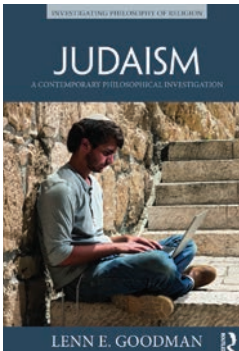
### Trauma in First Person

Amos Goldberg

*Indiana University Press*

978-0-2530-2974-4 \$67.99

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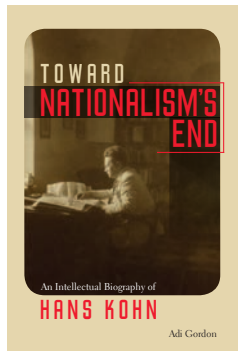
### Judaism

Lenn E. Goodman

*Routledge*

978-1-1381-9336-9 \$44.95

[https://www.amazon.com/Judaism-Contemporary-Philosophical-Investigation-Investigating/dp/1138193364/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1492785918&sr=8-1&keywords=Judaism%3A+A+Contemporary+Philosophical+Investigation](https://www.amazon.com/Judaism-Contemporary-Philosophical-Investigation-Investigating/dp/1138193364/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1492785918&sr=8-1&keywords=Judaism%3A+A+Contemporary+Philosophical+Investigation)



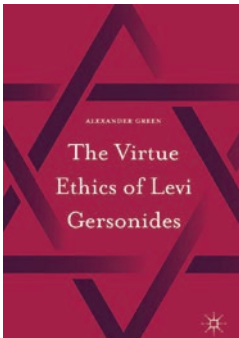
### Toward Nationalism's End

Adi Gordon

*Brandeis University Press*

978-1-5126-0086-5 \$95.00

<http://www.upne.com/1512600865.html>



### The Virtue Ethics of Levi Gersonides

Alexander Green

*Palgrave Macmillan*

978-3-3194-0819-4 \$99.99

<https://www.amazon.com/Virtue-Ethics-Levi-Gersonides/dp/3319408194>





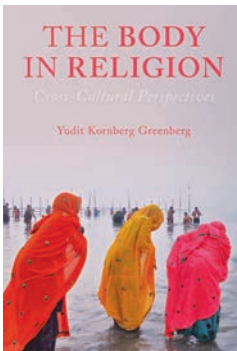
**Come Back for Me**

Sharon Green

*New Jewish Press*

978-1-9883-2606-1     \$20.00

<https://www.amazon.com/Come-Back-Me-Sharon-Hart-Green/dp/1988326060>



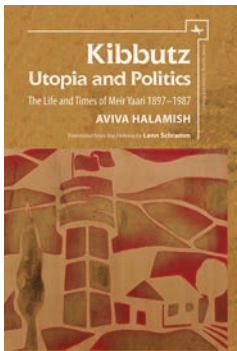
**The Body in Religion**

Yudit Kornberg Greenberg

*Bloomsbury Academic*

978-1-4725-9503-4     \$29.95

[https://www.amazon.com/Body-Religion-Cross-Cultural-Perspectives/dp/1472595033/ref=sr\\_1\\_6?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1505254054&sr=1-6&keywords=the+body+in+religion](https://www.amazon.com/Body-Religion-Cross-Cultural-Perspectives/dp/1472595033/ref=sr_1_6?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1505254054&sr=1-6&keywords=the+body+in+religion)



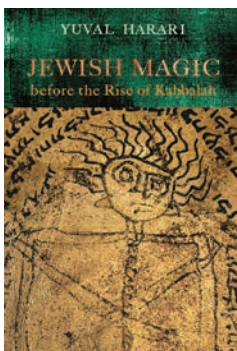
**Kibbutz: Utopia and Politics**

Aviva Halamish

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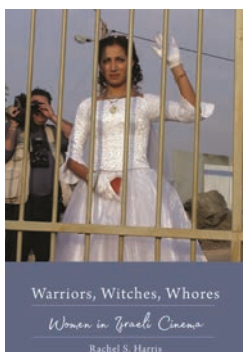
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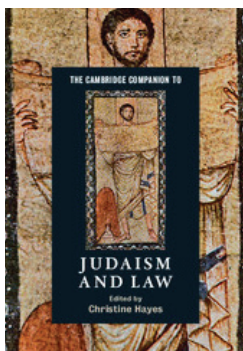
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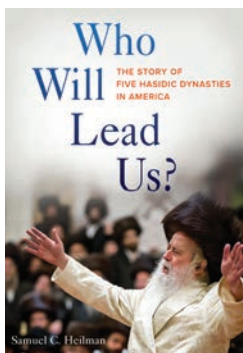
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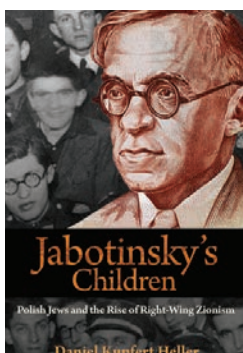
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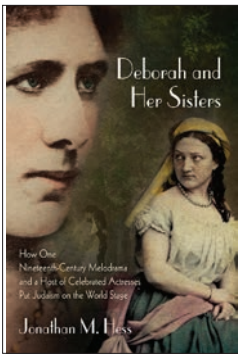
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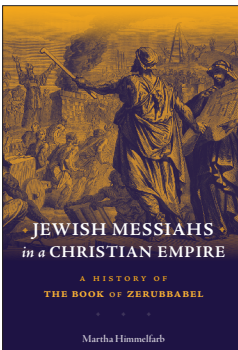
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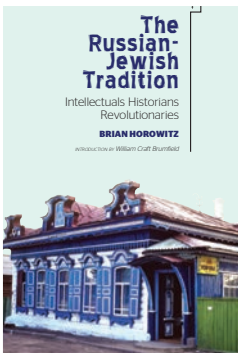
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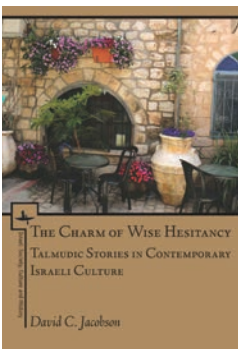
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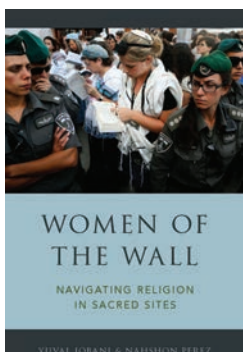
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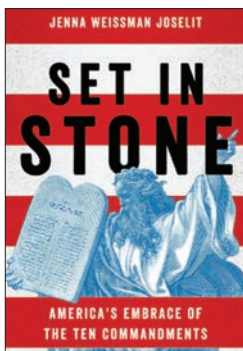
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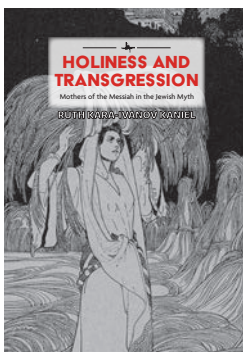
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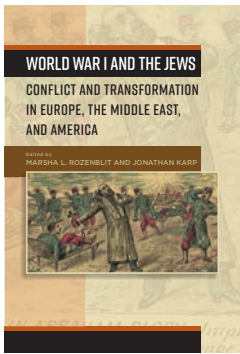
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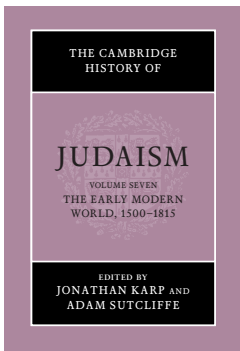
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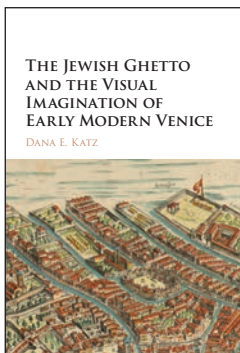
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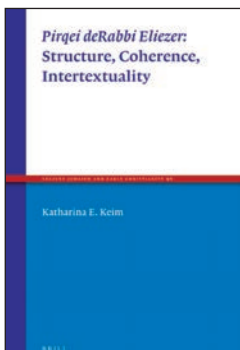
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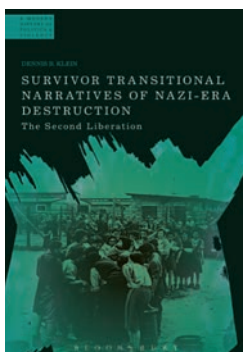
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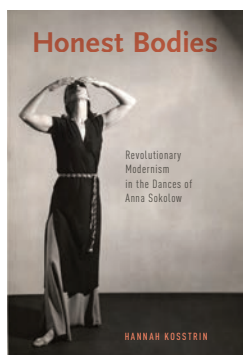
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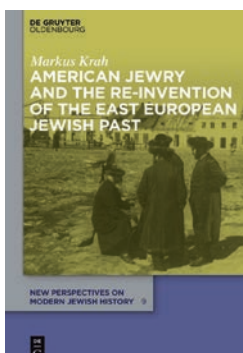
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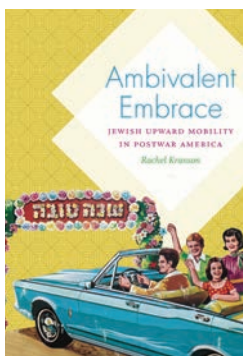
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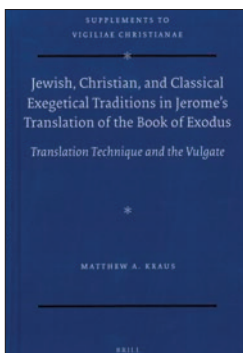
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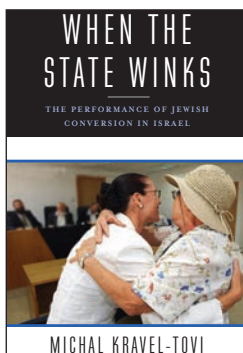
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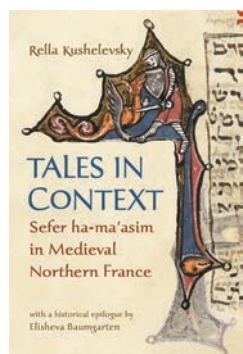
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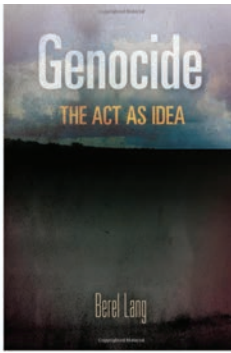
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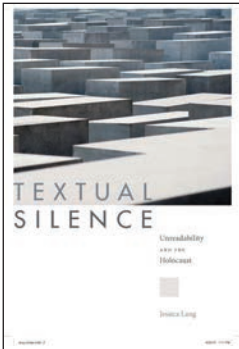
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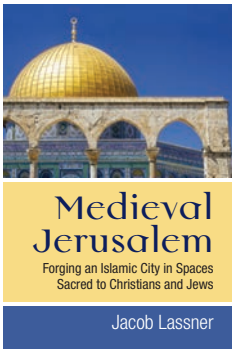
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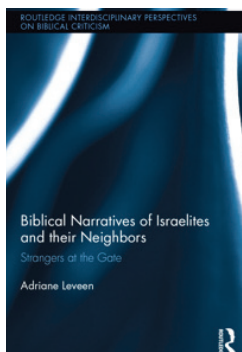
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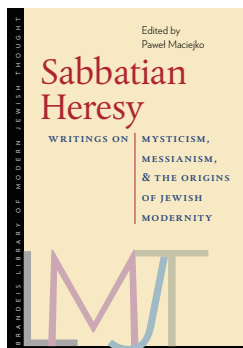
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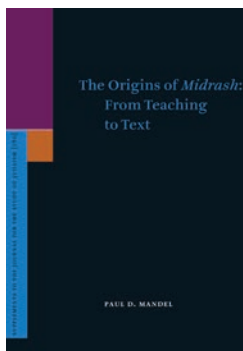
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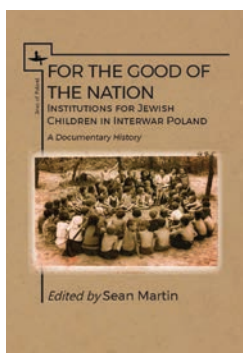
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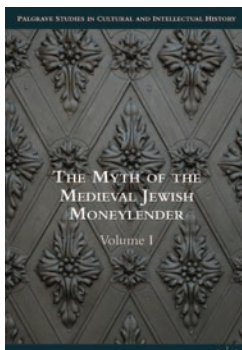
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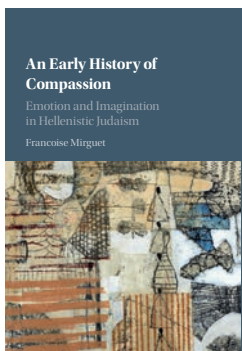
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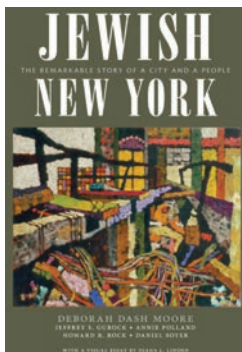
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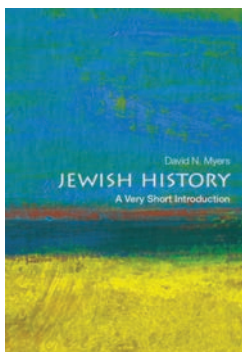
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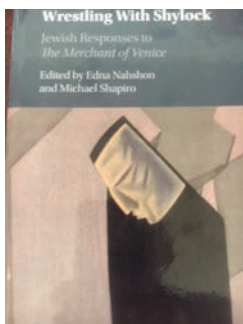
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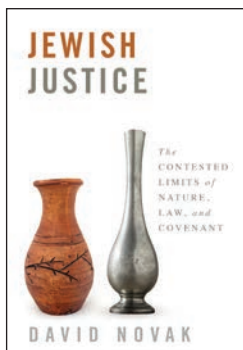
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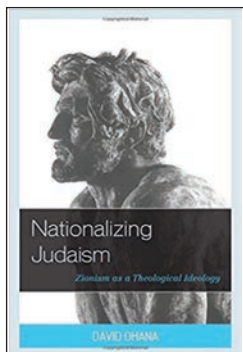
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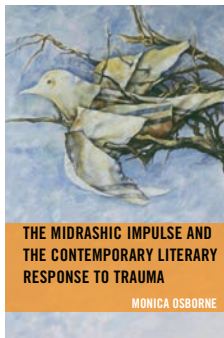
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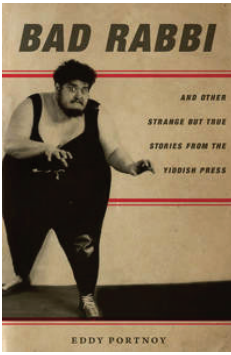
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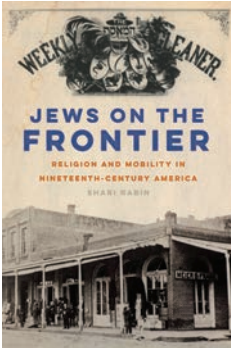
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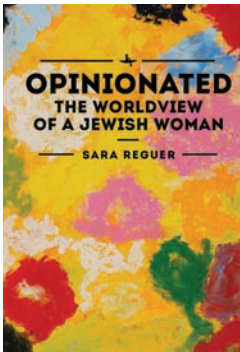
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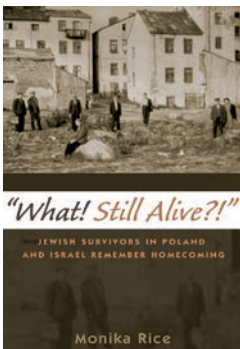
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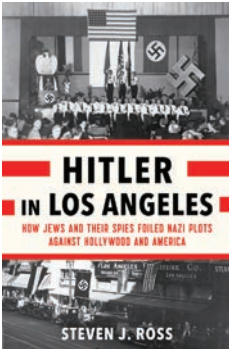
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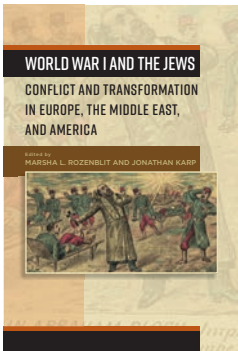
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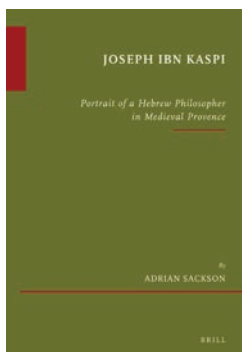
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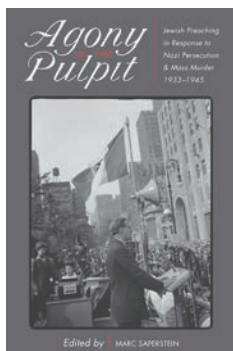
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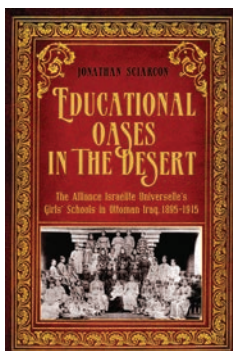
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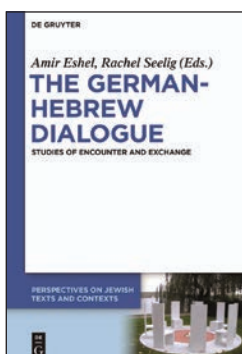
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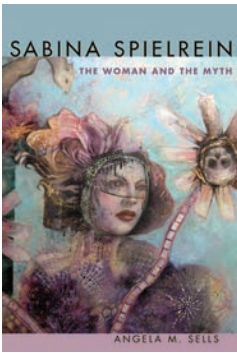
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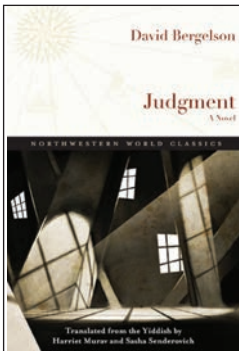
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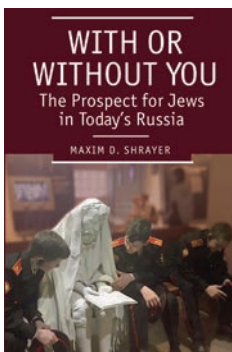
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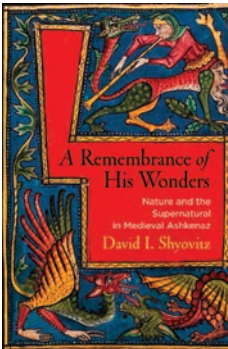
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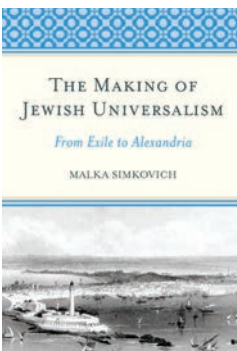
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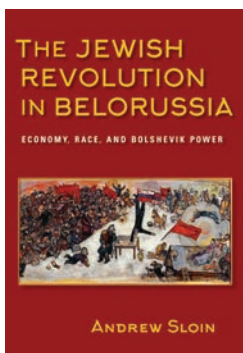
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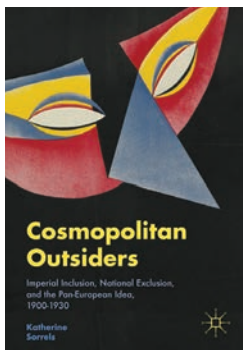
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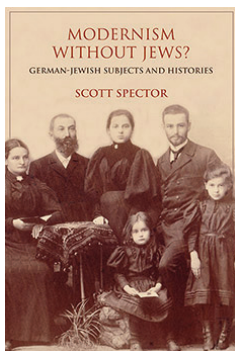
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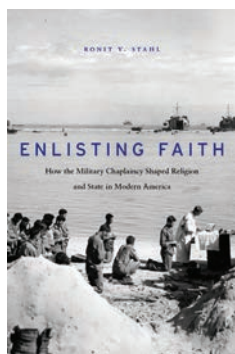
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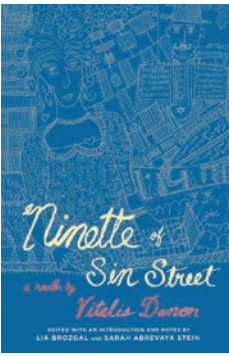
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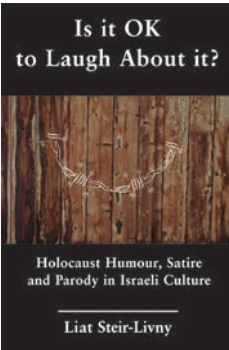
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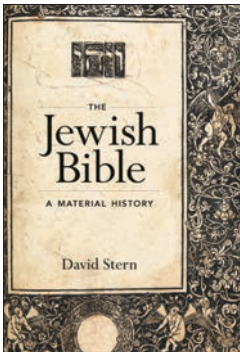
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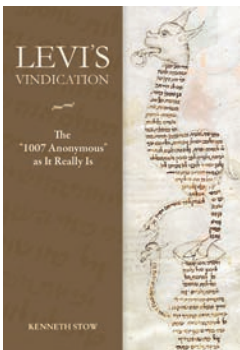
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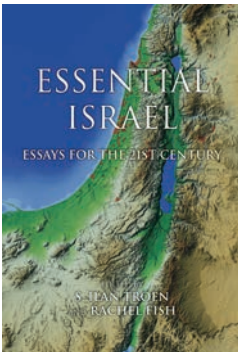
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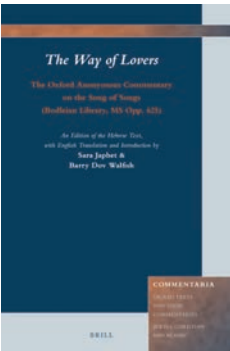
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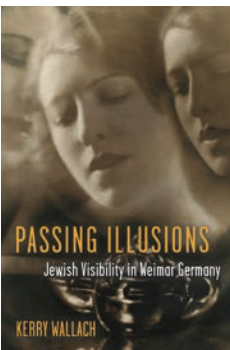
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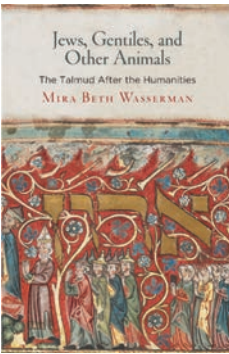
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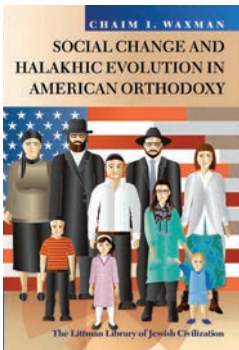
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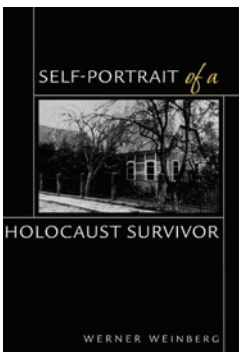
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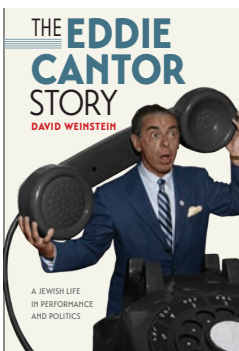
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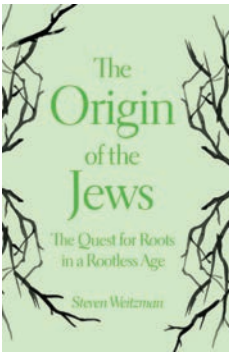
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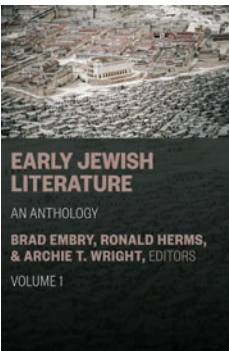
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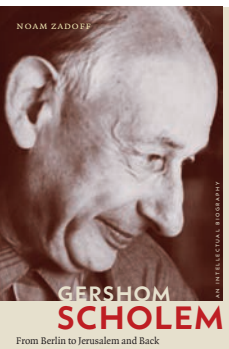
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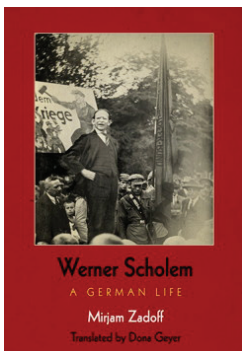
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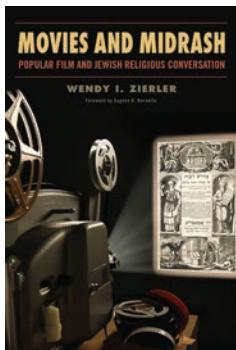
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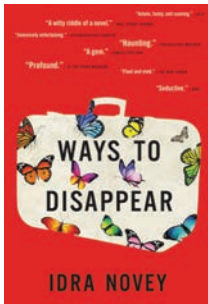




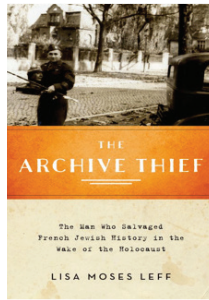
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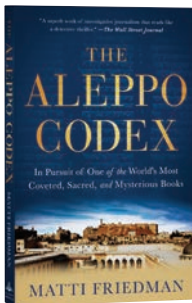
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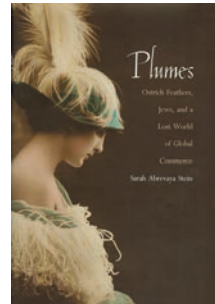
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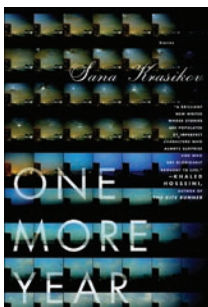
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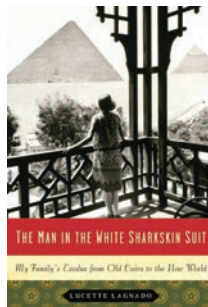
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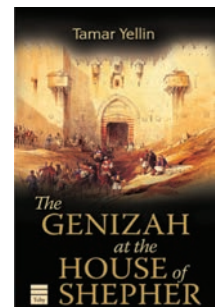
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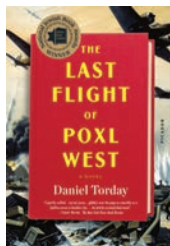


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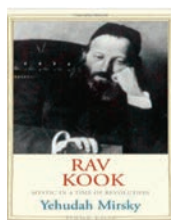


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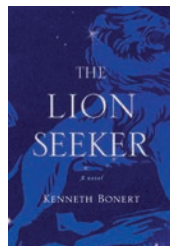
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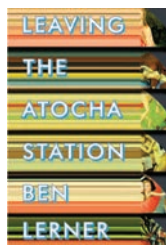
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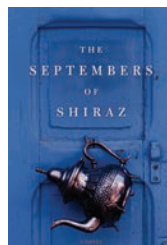
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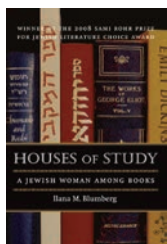
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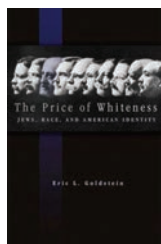
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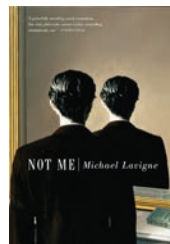
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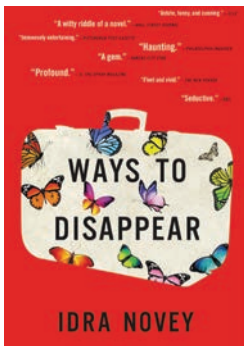
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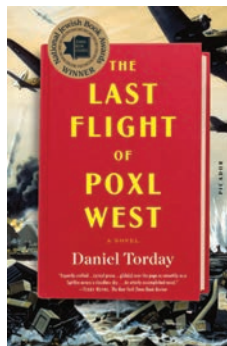
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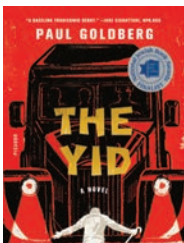
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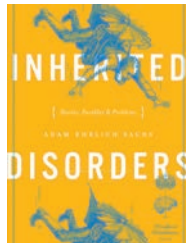
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