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Anthropology/Archaeology

The Temple Mount Excavations in Jerusalem 1968-1978 Directed by Benjamin Mazar, Final Reports Volume V : Herodian Architectural Decoration and King Herods Royal Portico / Orit Peleg-Barkat (Ed) N. Goring-Morris (et al.) (Series Ed) Eilat Mazar

Jerusalem: Institute of Archeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2017

xx, 250p. ; illustrated ; 28cm.

ISSN: 0333-5844

QEDEM Monographs of the Instiute of Archeology No. 57

\$ 95.00 / HB

1070gm.

This is the fifth volume devoted to the final reports of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem excavations at the foot of the Temple Mount, to the south and southwest, which were directed by Prof. Benjamin Mazar (1968-1978) and are published in the Qedem Monograph series of the Institute of Archaeology. These excavations were of the largest scale conducted in Israel and are of tremendous importance, owing to both their scope and location. The present volume publishes a rich corpus of 500 architectural decorative fragments from the Second Temple period found in the excavations. The stylistic, technological and historical study of these fragments clarifies issues concerning the architecture, decoration and date of some of the structures built in the southern part of the enclosure, mainly the Royal Portico, one of most elaborate buildings in Judea of this period, and the Double Gate vestibule.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391288>

Hazor: Canaanite Metropolis, Israelite City / Amnon Ben-Tor (Translation & Ed) Tsipi Kuper-Blau

Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 2016

232p.

Includes Bibliography

9789652211019

\$ 75.00 / HB

838gm.

Discover ancient Hazor's amazing history in this summary of 30 excavation seasons by long-time Hazor dig director Amnon Ben-Tor. From its humble roots in the Early Bronze Age, Hazor rose to be the largest and most important Canaanite city-state in the Land of Israel during the second millennium B.C.E. At its height, Hazor covered about 200 acres, 10 times the size of Jerusalem in the days of King David and King Solomon. Destroyed by a massive fire in the Late Bronze Age, Hazor rose again during the days of the United Monarchy. Extensive fortifications, public structures and residential buildings date from the tenth century B.C.E. until the time of Hazor's destruction in 732 B.C.E. (2 Kings 15:29). Lavishly illustrated with hundreds of colorful images, maps and plans, Hazor: Canaanite Metropolis, Israelite City provides a deep understanding of the political, economic and cultural history of one of the most important cities in the Land of Israel an understanding that helps to illuminate and contextualize the Biblical text. This authoritative book is perfect for the scholar and layperson alike.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=222583>

Jewish Quarter Excavations in the Old City of Jerusalem conducted by Nahman Avigad, 1969-1982, Volume II : Areas Q, H, O-2 and Other Studies : Final Report / N. Amitai-Preiss (et al.) (Preface) Hillel Geva

Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, Insitute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2017

xx, 372p. ;

Includes Binumerous color plates, photos and drawingsbliography

9789652211163

\$ 240.00 / HB

1870gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391289>

Art

Yuval Shaul : Violence and Compassion / Itamar Levy (et al.)
Tel Aviv: The Levin Foundation (Ofer Levin Foundation for Israeli Art), 2018
1v.

English & Hebrew Text

9789655724639

- Shaul, Yuval, -- 1961-
- Artists -- Israel -- Catalogs.
- Artists.
- Israel.

\$ 120.00 / HB

2350gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391290>

Ludwig Blum : 1948 / Gideon Ofrat (Ed) Daria Kassovsky

Tel Aviv: The Levin Foundation, 2018

1v.

English & Hebrew Text

9789655725131

\$ 79.50 / PB

1290gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391291>

To Go : New Designs for Jewish Ritual Objects / Sharon Weiser-Ferguson
Catalogue No. 663

Jerusalem: The Israel Museum, 2018

1V

9789652784810

\$ 69.90 / PB

578gm.

When we travel, we take with us the objects necessary for observing our most essential rituals. For this exhibition, leading contemporary designers – including Vered Kaminski, Yaacov Kaufman, Assa Ashuah, Nati Shamia-Ofer, Yuri Suzuki, and Gali Cnaani – were asked to create a travel-set of objects for a Jewish holiday or lifecycle event. Featuring Shabbat sets, a portable chuppah, a matzah-making kit, objects for the Havdala ceremony, and more, this exhibition offers fascinating and original perspectives on the design of religious object in the 21st century.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391293>

Economics/Development Studies

Thou Shalt Innovate : How Israeli Ingenuity Repairs the World / Avi Jorisch
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2018

xviii, 270p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789652299345

\$ 45.00 / HB

570gm.

Thou Shalt Innovate profiles wondrous Israeli innovations that are collectively changing the lives of billions of people around the world and explores why Israeli innovators of all faiths feel compelled to make the world better. This is the story of how Israelis are helping to feed the hungry, cure the sick, protect the defenseless, and make the desert bloom. Israel is playing a disproportionate role in helping solve some of the world's biggest challenges by tapping into the nation's soul: the spirit of tikkun olam the Jewish concept of repairing the world.

Following Start-Up Nation's account of Israel's incredibly prolific start-up scene, Thou Shalt Innovate tells the story of how Israeli innovation is making the whole world a better place. Israel has extraordinary innovators who are bound together by their desire to save lives and find higher purpose. In a part of the world that has more than its share of darkness, these stories are rays of light.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391294>

Jerusalem : Facts and Trends 2016 : The State of the City and Changing Trends / Maya Choshen, Michal Korach & Dafna Shemer

Jerusalem: The Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research, 2016

88p.

\$ 35.00 / PB

226gm.

Jerusalem: Facts and Trends – The State of the City and Changing Trends provides an up-to-date picture of Jerusalem across a wide range of topics, including population, employment, education, tourism, and construction. The publication is intended to present the main findings of the Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem in an accessible manner, by means of a brief narrative description accompanied by graphs and illustrative maps that help the reader

understand developments in Jerusalem, the largest and most complex of Israel's cities.

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History

Phantom Nation: Inventing the "Palestinians" as the Obstacle Race, Volume I & II / Sha'i Ben-Tekoa

Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2018

2v. (xviii, 510p. ; viii, 846p.)

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

9789652299253

1. Arab-Israeli conflict
2. Palestinian Arabs – History – 20th century
3. Zionism
4. Israel – History – 20th century

\$ 140.00 / HB

2750gm.

"Meticulously researched.... These volumes are packed with more information than any single book on the history of Israel. Ben-Tekoa chronicles it all – from the early pre-state Zionists to the rebirth of the Jewish state, through the endless wars and terrorism to the present Holocaust denial and international anti-Semitism....I highly recommend Ben-Tekoa's work. Phantom Nation belongs in homes, libraries, and should be studied by all Israel support organizations."

Ruth King – Board of Directors, Americans for a Safe Israel

Who are the "Palestinians"? Why is there no book in any library on the planet narrating their history? Why are there no references in United Nations records to the "Palestinians" for the first quarter-century of UN resolutions of the Arab-Israeli conflict?

Phantom Nation is an exhaustive survey of historical records and news accounts that demonstrates conclusively that the Arabs currently inhabiting the land of Israel have no indigenous ties to the area, and that "Palestinian" nationalism is verbal camouflage for belligerent Islam and functions as this generation's politically correct, even fashionable mutation of the ageless fear, loathing and hatred of Jews.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391296>

Judaism's Encounter With Other Cultures: Rejection or Integration / (Ed)

Jacob J. Schacter

Jerusalem: Maggid Books, 2017

xx, 396p.

Includes Index

9781592644834

\$ 39.95 / HB

668gm.

The issue of Judaism's relationship to wisdom derived from non-Jewish sources has been one of the most basic concerns of Jewish intellectual history from antiquity to modern times. As the encounters between traditional Jews and world culture become ever more extensive in the digital age, this tension is perhaps more relevant now than ever. In *Judaism's Encounter with Other Cultures: Rejection or Integration?*, four eminent scholars provide fresh insight into this continuing discussion. In compelling essays, they present multiple angles to the issue, providing a rich sampling of source material and offering an eloquent case for the perpetuation of Judaism's dialogue and cultural interaction with the outside world.

The first three essays of this classic volume-by Professors Gerald Blidstein, David Berger, and Shnayer Z. Leiman – present comprehensive and authoritative historical overviews of central themes in the debate over Judaism's encounter with world culture. The final essay a breathtaking philosophical, halakhic, and educational opus by Rabbi Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein has become a primary source in a discussion which continues to resonate deeply among committed Jews.

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The Emergence of the Modern Middle East / Asher Susser and Duygu Atlas
(Companion Volume for Parts I and II of the Massive Open Online Course
(MOOC) Conducted by Tel Aviv University in collaboration Coursera)

Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, 2017

x, 310p.

Includes Index

9789652241078

\$ 59.00 / PB

556gm.

This book discusses the emergence of the modern Middle East over the last two centuries, starting with the Napoleonic invasion of Egypt in 1798, to the present. It examines the Ottoman legacy in the region and the Western imperial impact on the creation of the Arab state system. It then addresses rise and retreat of Arab nationalism, the problems of internal cohesion of the Arab states, issues of religion and state, and the evolution of Islamist politics. It also focuses on the evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict and its impact on the region and concludes with an in depth analysis of the Arab Spring by placing these contemporary revolutionary events in their historical context.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=241112>

Destiny : Why a tiny nation plays such a huge role in history / Ken Spiro
(Postscripts) Mitch Julis (Illustration) Yariv Newman
Jerusalem: Gefen Publishing House Ltd., 2018
xvi, 224p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789652299093

1. Jews – Election, Doctrine of.
2. Civilization – Jewish influences
3. Jews – History
4. Jews Identity

\$ 39.90 / PB

538gm.

Every Hollywood epic follows the same plot outline: a cosmic struggle of good and evil that pits a little hero against a big bad guy (think Luke Skywalker vs. Darth Vader, Frodo Baggins vs. Saruman, Harry Potter vs. Voldemort). The odds are totally stacked against the hero, yet as the story unfolds, his strengths are revealed, and in the final showdown he triumphs. All these movies follow this plot because it is deeply ingrained in our subconscious that this is the way the story is supposed to happen. This may be fiction and fantasy in the movies, but in reality it is the story of the Jewish people and the real plot of human history.

This book walks the reader through the central themes in Jewish history: the impact of Jewish values on civilization, Jewish drive and the disproportionate impact of the Jewish people, antisemitism and its message, the Jewish view of history and conception of time and the End of Days. These themes allow the reader to see the striking parallel between the reality of Jewish history and the universal plot of these epic movies that everyone loves. The metaphor is enhanced with striking fold-out movie storyboards depicting Jewish history in movie form. The reader will come away with an understanding of the unique role and mission of the Jewish people in history and its very special destiny.

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Dynamics of Continuity, Patterns of Change : Between World History and Comparative Historical Sociology : In memory of Shmuel Noah Eisenstadt / (Eds) Benjamin Z. Kedar, Ilana Friedrich Silber & Adam Klin-Oron
Jerusalem: The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2017
viii, 292p.
9789652082244
\$ 95.00 / HB
640gm.

The present volume comprises expanded versions of papers delivered at two events in memory of Shmuel Noah Eisenstadt that took place at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

As reflected in its title, the volume pays tribute to Eisenstadt's persistent commitment to the interdisciplinary dialogue between sociology and history, in general, and between comparative historical macrosociology and world historians, in particular. In line with Eisenstadt's work, the intent was to challenge the common tendency to associate the notion of dynamics with the idea of change, concomitantly applying the notion of patterns to issues of continuity. As he demonstrated repeatedly, continuity is never to be taken as simply static; rather, it needs to be understood as the ongoing and ever unstable result of a specific configuration of forces and processes, themselves entailing the possibility of further dynamics and processes. These may either sustain the reproduction of aspects of a specific historical configuration or engender its partial transformation. Moreover, Eisenstadt saw significant macrosocietal changes as shaped by forces – with a distinctive (if never exclusive) emphasis on forces of a cultural nature, such as religious axiomatics, ontological conceptions and soteriologies, traditions, ideological visions, and political programs – that had already started operating in the past, often a very distant past, but that keep unfolding into the present, resulting in a deep interpenetration of trends of continuity and change. The idea was thus to revisit the classic issue of continuity and change, so central to S.N. Eisenstadt's work, by inviting historians and sociologists known

for their macro-orientations to revisit it from the point of view of new research topics or new analytical developments. The work of the participants in the volume reflects a diversity of approaches, having varying degrees of convergence with or divergence from his own, thus also following Eisenstadt's predilection for creative, constructive debate and dialogical encounters.

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Literature

The Outcast and Other Tales / S.Y. Agnon; (Ed & Annotated by Jeffrey Saks)
Jerusalem: The Toby Press, 2017
248p.
9781592644889
The Toby Press S.Y. Agnon Library Series
\$ 44.95 / HB

The fifteenth and final volume in the S.Y. Agnon Library, this volume opens with 'The Outcast,' in a first-time English translation, an affecting novella about the clash within traditional Jewish civilization between Hasidism and its opponents, and how that historic confrontation plays itself out within the heart and mind of one sensitive young man. Ten additional stories paint lyrical portraits of traditional Jewish life in Europe and the Land of Israel worlds on the cusp of seismic shifts and historic transformations. The volume is rounded out with nine nightmarish and surrealistic selections from Agnon's classic Book of Deeds. Miniature masterpieces which caused a complete reevaluation of his art and helped his readers understand how profoundly modern the master of the old-world pietistic stories truly was a writer of world-class stature, recognized with the Nobel Prize in 1966, Hebrew literature's only laureate.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391301>

Politics/Administration/Military Studies

Lessons From Israel's Response to Terrorism / Amb, Dore Gold (et al.) (Ed)
Fiamma Nirenstein
Jerusalem: Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, 2017
104p.
9789652181367

\$ 39.90 /PB
414gm.

Effective solidarity among states has become a prerequisite for ultimately succeeding in the war of the West against jihadist terrorism. A cohesive military strategy is needed for the West, the Arab states that are threatened, and Israel. It stands to reason that, just as all three face similar threats, the models developed in Israel for dealing with terror merit attention in Europe and beyond.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391302>

Kurdistan's Moment in the Middle East / Ofra Bengio
Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, 2018
468p.
9789652241092
\$ 39.90 / PB
738gm.

This book is a compilation of essays on Kurdish history, society, identity and politics covering developments over the last four decades. It reflects the sea-changes that have taken place in Greater Kurdistan and the sociopolitical processes it has undergone during this crucial time span.

Overall, the book challenges conventional wisdoms regarding the Kurds and their host states. It argues that due to their harsh treatment of the Kurds it was the central governments themselves which were the cause of instability in the Middle East rather than the Kurds who have been blamed for it.

Another theme which was canonized by the West and which this book calls into question is the urge to maintain by force of arms the integrity of states such as Iraq, even if they have proved to be failed ones. It was this urge which made the West pay heavily, economically, militarily and politically throughout Iraq's hundred year of existence. Finally, the book argues that the international community's support of existing central governments and its disregard of the Kurdish national movements have bolstered the policies of denial and subjugation of the Kurds, policies that were common to all four states sharing Greater Kurdistan.

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Religion - Judaism

The Bible as a Judeo-Persian Epic : An Illustrated Manuscript of 'Imrani's Fath-Nama / Vera Basch Moreen with Orit Carmeli (Ed) Judith Loebenstein-Witztum

Tel Aviv: Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East
Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2016

320p.

9789652351876

1. Bible - In literature.
2. Judeo-Persian literature - Translations into English.
3. Jewish religious poetry, Judeo-Persian - Translations into English.
4. Jewish illumination of books and manuscripts - Iran.

\$ 55.00 / HB

786gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391305>

Illuminating Jewish Thought : Explorations of Free Will, the Afterlife, and the Messianic Era / Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank (Series Ed) Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman

The Riets Hashkafah Series

Jerusalem: Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd), 2018

xliv, 644p.

English & Hebrew Text

9781592644988

\$ 49.95 / HB

1000gm.

It is more important to me to explain a [philosophical] principle than any other thing that I teach. (Rambam, Mishna Berachot, 9:7)

Illuminating Jewish Thought is a contemporary, multi-volume series that surveys the theological foundations of Jewish faith. With the approach and scope of a master educator for undergraduate and rabbinical students at Yeshiva University, Rabbi Wiederblank brings together a wide array of Jewish texts ranging from philosophical to Kabbalistic, ancient to modern, in a clear and accessible source book.

In this volume, the author shows the richness of the Jewish scholastic tradition relating to three fundamental yet esoteric topics: free will, the afterlife, and the messianic era. Primary sources are presented in their original language with modern English translation, enabling readers to analyze the texts independently, while the author illuminates and contextualizes these complex concepts. Altogether, Illuminating Jewish Thought reveals the bedrock on which lies the nexus of Jewish belief and practice.

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Jewish Law as a Journey : Finding Meaning in Daily Jewish Practice / David Silverstein
Jerusalem: Memorah Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), 2017
xxxiv, 262p.
Includes Bibliography
9781940516752
\$ 49.95 / HB
510gm.

The 21st Century has seen a dramatic increase in the number of books published on practical halakha. As a result, Halakhic observance has never been more accessible. But how does increased commitment to halakhic detail accomplish its goal of personal and ethical refinement?

Halakhic practices are meant to be spiritual entry points for divine encounters. Commitment to Jewish ritual should mold one's character and help facilitate a life guided by divine ideals. In fact, adherence to Jewish law without a parallel understanding of the meaning behind the law runs the risk of transforming halakha into a formulaic set of rules without any larger spiritual vision. Jewish Law as a Journey is a valuable companion to published works of practical halakha. It explores virtues and ideals foundational to daily halakhic practice. Moreover, it offers a systematic exploration of the mitzvot one encounters in a given day and the transformative religious messages that underlie them.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391308>

Old-New Jewish Humanism / Ephraim Meir (Series Ed) Dr. Avi Elqayam
Tel-Aviv: Ira Publishing, 2018
152p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789659245284
Idra Series of Interfaith Dialogues for Love and Peace
\$ 44.90 / HB
400gm.

This book presents Judaism as a special kind of Humanism. It is argued that one does not have to make a choice between Judaism or humanism: they are interconnected, two sides of the same coin. The defense of human rights such as equality and freedom and the respect for the dignity of every human being make up the backbone of Judaism.

Rediscovering the humanistic core in Judaism allows for a critical view on the own religion and forbids shaping one's particular identity on the negative background of other identities that also promote human values.

The proposed interpretation of Judaism as a humanism unites religious, less religious and secular Jews. It brings to light the constructive and cooperative forces in the fundamental texts and focuses upon the difficult election to make the world more equal and Just. It consolidates the sense of relating to humanity as such and implications waging war against discrimination or violation of fundamental human rights.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391309>

Am I My Body's Keeper? : Torah, Science, Diet and Fitness – for Life /
Michael Kaufman

Jerusalem: Urim Publications, 2018

336p.

Includes Index

9789655242669

1. Health – Popular works
2. Nutrition – Popular works
3. Physical fitness – Popular works
4. Hygiene – Popular works
5. RELIGION/Judaism/General

\$ 39.95 / HB

760gm.

In this day and age it is nearly impossible to stay 100% healthy and fit. Between long hours sitting in an office chair, balancing a family, and accomplishing everything else on your to-do list, it's no wonder that health has become a relative term. To combat this, Michael Kaufman shows you how to extend your life by living healthy and fit. Am I My Body's Keeper contains no magic life-extending elixir, nor a secret map to help you discover the fountain of youth. Am I My Body's Keeper provides a simple guide to

changing your lifestyle, from the sedentary one characterizing most of society to an active one emphasizing physical activity and healthy eating. The simple lifestyle changes advocated by this book will give you vim and vigor, health and fitness during those additional years of life you will be gaining. Based upon the timeless teachings of the Jewish sages as well as scientific research, Am I My Body's Keeper is a guide for good, healthy living. It is for young and old, men and women—for everyone who wishes to be healthy and fit and to live a long life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=391310>

Spinoza on State and Religion, Judaism and Christianity / Herman Cohen
(Translated & Intro) Robert S. Schine
Jerusalem: Shalem Press, 2014
xxxiv, 90p.
Includes Index
9789657052570
\$ 29.95 / PB
268gm.

Translation of Hermann Cohen's monograph, Spinoza on State and Religion, Judaism and Christianity. Cohen's essay is a passionate defense of religious rationalism, and especially of Jewish rationalism, against Spinoza, whose philosophy Cohen's viewed both as a moral threat and as an act of treason against his ancestral religion. Cohen defends his conception of the philosophical foundations of Judaism against the thinker for whom religion and philosophy are simply incompatible. Schine's translation and introduction have garnered high praise from our external readers. Like those readers, we believe we are now making an important text available to English-speaking students of modern Jewish thought and philosophy of religion.

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Sociology

Habad in the Twentieth Century : Spirituality, Politics, Outreach / (Ed) Jonatan Meir & Gadi Sagiv

Jerusalem: The Zalman Shazar Center for the Study of the History of the Jewish People, 2018

154p.

9789652273505

\$ 39.90 / PB

312gm.

Habad (Lubavitch) is among the best known hasidic communities in the world. One is indeed likely to come across a “Lubavitcher” at a wide range of occasions: Hanukkah menorah lightings on the main squares of countless towns and cities; official Jewish ceremonies hosted by non-Jewish public figures; and at one of the thousands of Habad Houses, where “emissaries” cater to the religious needs of Jews.

However, readers wishing to expand their knowledge of Habad's special nature would be hard-pressed to find an accessible, up-to-date, and balanced scholarly exposition on this topic. For the most part, we are currently forced to make do with research on the group's luminaries or biased works by its members and admirers.

The present anthology, which consists of four articles on Lubavitch in the twentieth century (as well as the end of the nineteenth century), endeavors to chip away at this scarcity of information. The authors of the articles are well known as leading scholars of Habad from various perspectives: history, theology, sociology, and politics. As Habad perpetuated its theological, organizational, and political characteristics during its entire history, this collection is a fine representative of Habad as a whole.

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