

REVIEWS OF TITLES FOR ADULTS

ritual practices such as the *Zeved Bat/Simchat Bat*, the naming ceremony for newborn girls, and what such practices say about the continuation and understanding of Jewish peoplehood.

The third section includes chapters on the history and uses of Jewish comedy and participation in politics, among other topics, especially as it relates to Joseph Lieberman's campaign for U.S. Vice President.

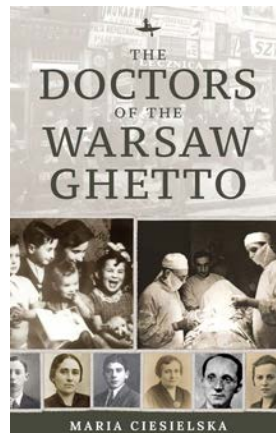
This book is recommended for academic libraries looking to expand their materials on Jewish cultural production, identity, history and participation in the wider cultures in which Jews have lived.

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Ciesielska, Maria. *The Doctors of the Warsaw Ghetto*. The Holocaust: History and Literature, Ethics and Philosophy. Edited by Tali Nates, Jeanette Friedman, and Luc Albinski. Translated by Agata Krzychylkiewicz. Boston, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2022. 403 pp. \$29.95 (9781644697269) PBK.

This meticulous account of the Warsaw Ghetto's medical community, doctors, nurses, and pharmacists, is a long overdue tribute to an era's unsung heroes. Drawing extensively on archives, with appendices and a photo gallery listing over seven hundred individuals, backgrounds, specialties, hospital affiliations, the author sheds light on a subculture that emerged in 1940, following the ghetto's establishment, and their dedication under the most hellish of environments to saving or helping Jewish lives.

Chapters are divided chronologically, beginning with Congress and interwar Poland, when many, barred from local universities, received training abroad or faced barriers in employment or careers. Most were highly assimilated; some had even converted to Christianity, resulting in later friction from devout staff and patients. Nevertheless, they nobly treated everyone, even offering instruction and research. They constantly regrouped and relocated following edicts, and faced ethical dilemmas such as offering a "ticket to life" through medical dispensation. The author describes their commitment to standards under deteriorating conditions: starvation and epidemics, paucity of drugs or materials, and, above all, the Nazi brutality which culminated in August 1942 with the deportation of thousands, including fellow doctors. Those who remained continued tending to the sick and dying, even up until



the famous revolt, in April 1943; some, hiding in the Aryan side, treated citizens during the Warsaw Uprising the following year. Sadly, the author concludes, the majority shared the same fate of their lay brethren. This poignant but well-researched book is essential for Holocaust collections.

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Clark, Matityahu. *Rooted in Torah: Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch on the Weekly Parashah and the Holidays*. Jerusalem, Israel: Gefen Publishing House, 2021. 454 pp. \$34.95 (9789657023174) HC.

Rabbi Hirsch was an Orthodox rabbi best known as the intellectual founder of the *Torah im Derech Eretz*. He believed that one could be an observant Jew and part of the greater community. He wrote *Torah* commentaries and books on Jewish philosophy.

Clark mentions little about Hirsch's life and publications in his introduction. Clark lists the sources that he used, and they include two versions of the Hirsch *humash*. He does not mention *Timeless Torah* edited by Jacob Breuer (New York, 1957) where this reviewer found some of Hirsch's ideas that Clark used. The book has no bibliography of items consulted or listing of additional sources by or about Hirsch.

Clark has three *divre Torah* for each *parasha* of the Torah. Each starts with a quote from the *Torah* portion and Clark's translation. The author states one is for each meal and suggests using this book for table conversation.

The ideas are well presented, and the book is very readable except for sections with a dark gray background due to the lack of contrast. This book is recommended for Judaic collections in libraries including personal, synagogue, high school, and academic settings that collect more traditionally centered texts.

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Englander, Yakir. *The Male Body in Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Theology*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications (imprint of WIPF and STOCK Publishers), 2021. 294 pp. \$50.00 (9781725287303) HC.

Yakir Englander has written a respectful and comprehensive book about the male body in ultra-orthodox Jewish theology within the Lithuanian subculture from after the

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