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The Lady of the Cimarrones : The Penafrancia Devotion in the Spanish Kabikolan
1710-1898 / Danilo Madrid Gerona

Bikol Historical Research Center, Philippines 2010

viii, 162p.

Includes Bibliography

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330 gm.

Set in a wider context of Bikolano history, The Lady of the Cimarrones, is the first fully-documented book on the origin and development of the Penafrancia devotion during the entire stretch of the Spanish regime. With sources drawn from the major archives in Spain, this book promises to be one of the most definitive studies on this subject.

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Maimonides : Between Philosophy and Halakhah : Rabbi Josep B. Soloveitchik's
Lectures on the Guide of the Perplexed / (Ed) Lawrence J. Kaplan (Foreword) Dov
Schwartz

Urim Publications & KTAV Publishing, Israel 2016

256p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical Notes

9789655242034

\$ 44.00 / HB

620 gm.

- 1.Maimonides, Moses, 1135-1204
- 2.Dalealat al-rhea. irein
- 3.Jewish philosophy – Early works to 1800
- 4.Philosophy, Medieval – Early works to 1800
- 5.Soloveitchik, Joseph Dov
- 6.Jewish Philosophy
- 7.BISAC: RELIGION / Judaism / General.
- 8.Philosophy

This is the first and only comprehensive study of the philosophy of Maimonides by the noted 20th-century rabbinic scholar and thinker, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Based on a complete set of notes, taken by Rabbi Gerald (Yaakov) Homnick, on R. Soloveitchik's lectures on Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed at the Bernard Revel Graduate School, and edited by the noted scholar Lawrence Kaplan, this work constitutes a major contribution to our knowledge of both Maimonides and Soloveitchik. In these lectures Soloveitchik emerges as a major commentator on the Guide. In a wide-ranging analysis he eloquently and incisively explores such diverse topics in Maimonides' philosophy as his views on prophecy, the knowledge of and approach to God—normative, intellectual, and experiential; divine knowledge; human ethics and moral excellence; the divine creative act; imitation of God; and the love and fear of God. He also undertakes an extensive and penetrating comparison and contrast of Maimonides' and Aristotle's philosophical views. Over the course of these lectures develops a very profound and challenging overall approach to and interpretation of the Guide's central and critical issue: the relationship between philosophy and divine law. This work sheds a bright light on the thought of both Maimonides and Soloveitchik—two great philosophers and rabbinic scholars.

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Moreh Nevuchim of the Rambam o the Torah with Moreh Nevuchim on the bokof Iyov / Rabbi David Makover (Ed)

Mosad Harav Kook, Israel 2016

205p.

9789657265253

\$ 65.00 / HB

640 gm.

Excerpts from Maimonides' 'Guide For The Perplexed' organized to the order of the verses in the Torah. Interpretations of biblical verses and the rationale behind precepts as written by Maimonides, while citing the source of each excerpt. The editor, Rabbi Dovid Makover, added additional sources accompanied by brief notes.

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Moadei Harav : Public Lectures on the Festivals by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik : Based Upon Student Notes, including essays on Jewish laws and rituals in light of the Rav's teaching / (Ed) Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Pick

Urim Publications & KTAV Publishing, Israel 2016

278p.

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660 gm.

1.Fasts and feasts – Judaism

A concise and organized collection of ideas on Jewish festivals from one of the seminal Jewish thinkers

Through a collection of essays and lectures, Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Pick provides insight on Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik's thoughts on Jewish festivals. Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik was not only one of the outstanding Talmudists of the 20th century, but was also one of its most creative and seminal Jewish thinkers. Moadei HaRav provides lectures by the Rav on the major Jewish holidays, such as Passover and Sukkot, as well as Hanukah and Purim. An introductory essay analyzes the Rav's works and interests in Judaism as well as his methodology of Talmud analysis."

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From Within the Tent : The Festival Prayers : Essays the Rabbis & Professors of Yeshiva University / (Eds) Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman & Dr. Stuart W. Halpern

Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), Israel 2017

xiv, 314p.

9781592644827

\$ 42.00 / HB

610 gm.

The rabbis and professors of Yeshiva University come together in this latest volume of the Mitokh Ha-Ohel (Within the Tent) series to present scholarly and insightful essays on the Festival prayers. Like its companion volumes, Mitokh Ha-Ohel: The Festival Prayers offers essays by many of Yeshiva University's most esteemed rabbis and scholars.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329444>

Ceremony and Celebration : Introduction to the Holidays / Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), Israel 2017

vii, 328p.

9781592640256

\$ 42.00 / HB

620 gm.

When did Rosh HaShana, the anniversary of creation, become a day of judgement? How does Yom Kippur unite the priest's atonement with the prophet's repentance? What makes Kohelet, read on Sukkot, the most joyful book in the Bible? Why is the remembrance of the Pesah story so central to Jewish morality? And which does Shavuot really celebrate the law or the land? Bringing together Rabbi Sacks's acclaimed introductions to the Koren Sacks Mahzorim, Ceremony & Celebration reveals the stunning interplay of biblical laws, rabbinic edicts, liturgical themes, communal rituals and profound religious meaning of each of the five central Jewish holidays.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329445>

Religious Movements and Transformations in Judaism, Christianity and Islam /
(Ed) Yohanan Friedmann

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Israel 2016

180p.

9789652082206

\$ 50.00 / HB

500 gm.

This volume is based on the papers delivered at a conference on 'Religious Movements and Transformations in Judaism, Christianity and Islam', held in Jerusalem on January 7-9, 2010 on the occasion of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

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In His Image : The Image of God In Man / Rabbi Yuval Cherlow

Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), Israel 2015

x, 246p.

9781592643714

\$ 40.00 / HB

510 gm.

At a time when religion is distorted to crush, belittle, and negate Man, when personal responsibility is replaced by passive faith, and human endeavor is deemed unworthy, In His Image seeks to reinstate one of the fundamental truths of Judaism: the creation of Man in the image of God. Rabbi Yuval Cherlow explores the significance of Man's divine image, and its far-reaching halakhic, ethical, psychological, and existential implications. Rather than demeaning, argues Cherlow, Judaism is based on the profound glorification of Man, his strengths and freedoms, rights and responsibilities. A manifesto of Jewish humanism.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329443>

Covenant and Conversation : A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible : Numbers:
The Wilderness Years /

Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), Israel 2017

The Koschitzky Edition

438p.

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760 gm.

The book of Numbers in Hebrew, Bemidbar, In the Wilderness is a key text for our time. It is among the most searching, self-critical books in all of literature about what Nelson Mandela called the long walk to freedom. Its message is that there is no shortcut to liberty. Numbers is not an easy book to read, nor is it an optimistic one. It is a sober warning set in the midst of a text the Hebrew Bible that remains the West's master narrative of hope.

The Mosaic books, especially Exodus and Numbers, are about the journey from slavery to freedom and from oppression to law-governed liberty. On the map, the distance from Egypt to the Promised Land is not far. But the message of Numbers is that it always takes longer than you think. For the journey is not just physical, a walk across the desert. It is psychological, moral, and spiritual. It takes as long as the time needed for human beings to change... You cannot arrive at freedom merely by escaping from slavery. It is won only when a nation takes upon itself the responsibilities of self-restraint, courage, and patience. Without that, a journey of a few hundred miles can take forty years. Even then, it has only just begun.

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Reading the Sacred Text : What the Torah Tell Us / Aaron Lichtenstein

Urim Publications, Israel 2015

128p.

9789655241648

\$ 42.00 / HB

420 gm.

1. Bible. Old Testament – Hermeneutics
2. Bible. Old Testament – Criticism, interpretation, etc., Jewish

Understanding the sacred text has been a wonderful yet elusive challenge through the ages. This book is a reading of the Bible, accessible to readers of all backgrounds and levels of familiarity with the biblical text. In contrast to previous works on the subject, "Reading the Sacred Text" focuses on the true meaning of the biblical text rather than the metaphorical or mystical interpretations. It retells, in a captivating and easy-to-follow narrative, the story of the Five Books of Moses, the first books of the Bible.

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Who Stole My Religion : Revitalizing Judaism and Applying Jewish Values to Help Heal Our Imperiled Planet / Richard Schwartz. Ph.D with Rabbi Yonassan Gershom & Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz

Urim Publications & KTAV Publishing, Israel 2016

304p.

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Mysteries of Judaism II : How the Rabbis and Others Changed Judaism / Israel Drazin

Gefen Publishing House Ltd., Jerusalem 2017

124p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

9789652298867

\$ 32.00 / HB

500 gm.

1. Judaism – Essence, genius, nature
2. Judaism – 21st century
3. Judaism – Doctrines

From kindergarten on, Jewish children are taught that the Torah as observed today is identical to the Torah given at Sinai. Unfortunately, many adults today, even those at the highest institutions of Torah learning, never develop a more nuanced and complex view of the evolution of the Torah. In another fascinating book, Israel Drazin shows how the Torah has been adapting to and adopting from its surrounding cultures, from the time of the Canaanites, through the Talmudic period, and until today.

Although challenging to some preconceived notions, and perhaps even threatening to some dogmatic elements, this richer view of Judaism reveals how a breathing, flexible religion has been essential in upholding the unity of the Jewish people throughout the centuries.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329428>

Theosophical Appropriations : Esotericism, Kabbalah and the Transformation of Traditions / (Ed) Julie Chajes and Boaz Huss

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Press, Israel 2016

412p.

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820 gm.

"The thirteen chapters of this volume examine intersections between theosophical thought and areas as diverse as the arts, literature, scholarship, politics, and, especially, modern interpretations of Judaism and kabbalah. Each chapter offers a case study in theosophical appropriations of a different type and in different context. The chapters join together to reveal congruencies between theosophical ideas and a wide range of contemporaneous intellectual, cultural, religious, and political currents. They demonstrate the far-reaching influence of the theosophical movement worldwide from the late-nineteenth century to the present day".

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329429>

Maybe the Lies We Tell Are Really True : Selected Writings on Education, Judaism & Jewish Education / Joseph Sander Lukinsky (Eds) Barry W. Holtz & David V. Kahn

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, New York 2016

520p.

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900 gm.

"Joseph Lukinsky was a man with a deep intellectual honesty and a love of Judaism that struck all of us who knew him during his all-too-short life. Those two qualities are amply illustrated in this long-awaited and valuable collection of his writings."

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Isa Aron - Professor of Jewish Education, Rhea Hirsch School of Education, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, California.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329430>

Who Was The Biblical Prophet Samuel? / Israel Drazin

Gefen Publishing House Ltd., Israel 2017

xvi, 176p.

Includes Index

9789652298959

\$ 42.00 / HB

570 gm.

1. Samuel (Biblical judge)
2. Bible. Old Testament – Criticism, interpretation, etc.
3. Rabbinical literature – History and criticism

This volume explores the biblical prophet Samuel as presented in the eponymous scriptural book. Rabbi Dr Israel Drazin examines the scriptural verses dealing with Samuel and refers to traditional and scholarly sources in ways that many readers will consider unusual and insightful. His objective analysis raises challenging questions. He presents logical explanations to issues that have perplexed readers of the Bible for centuries and discloses insights that will astonish readers, such as: Although the scriptural book of Samuel contains 1506 verses, only about 200 speak about the prophet Samuel. The book repeatedly portrays him during his old age in an unattractive, belligerent, outspoken, and vindictive manner. Like many of the other biblical books, Samuel shows no familiarity with the laws in the Five Books of Moses. Despite the Torah allowing the crowning of a king, Samuel does not want to do so, because the people's demand for a king represents their rejection of Samuel's service to his people, and the service of his sons whom he hoped would carry on his legacy. Scholars stress that it was Samuel's personal enmity to Saul, not Saul's behavior, that was the real reason why he declared so violently that Saul's kingdom would end and the monarchy transfer to another, better person not of Saul's family. The book presents differing accounts of the same events, including the manner in which Saul becomes king, the reason Samuel tells Saul his kingdom will end, David's introduction to the history, and the slaying of Goliath. The book of Samuel is one of the most well-liked books of the prophets and is frequently taught to children in Jewish day schools, yet despite its importance as a biblical book it is generally misunderstood. Readers will enjoy Dr. Drazin's analysis of Samuel and learn much from it, not only about Samuel but also about how the Bible tells its tales.

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Genesis : From Creation to Covenant / Zvi Grumet

Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), Israel 2017

xxvi, 486p.

Includes Index ; Selected Bibliography

9781592644773

\$ 42.00 / HB

850 gm.

Rabbi Dr. Zvi Grumet explores the Book of Genesis in search for answers to the fundamental questions of human existence: Who are we? Why are we here? What does God want from us and what can we expect of Him? Shuttling deftly back and forth between the microcosmic and the macro cosmic, Rabbi Grumet offers a sensitive verse-by-verse reading of the biblical text, occasionally stepping back to reveal the magnificent themes that underlie the narrative as a whole: Creation and God, mortality and sin, family and covenant. Ambitious in scope and meticulous in execution, Genesis: From Creation to Covenant presents a remarkably original interpretation of the Book of Genesis and the Divine quest at its heart - the quest for a meaningful relationship with humankind.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329434>

Kohelet's Pursuit of Truth : A New Reading of Ecclesiastes / Benjamin J. Segal

Gefen Publishing House Ltd., Israel 2016

x, 178p.

Includes Bibliographical references ; Text of Ecclesiastes in Hebrew with English translation ; commentary in English

9789652298928

\$ 36.00 / HB

570 gm.

1. Bible, Ecclesiastes – Commentaries – Commentaries

Ecclesiastes, "the greatest single piece of literature I have known" (Thomas Wolfe) continues to engage readers. The book is so controversial that some of the earliest rabbis sought to exclude it from the Bible in light of its self-contradictions and occasional near-heresies. Fortunately, the depth of thought won out. This commentary confronts the book from a perspective that is literary, while maintaining the highest academic standards. The volume is strikingly new, including the following central reconsiderations: Ecclesiastes was written with empowering the reader in mind. It is not a developed philosophy, but a short novelette, a story of one man's search for verifiable evidence of God's workings in this world (which he does not find). Strikingly, his principal consequent advice is: "Enjoy." The book is a retrospective collection, so one finds a plethora of voices from one person - the young searcher, the poet, the teacher, the old man obsessed with death, etc. To these, the author adds the slightly dissenting voice of the one presenting the book. This variety turns the novelette into a parallel ongoing dialogue. The presentation as first person speech serves both to make the reader more sympathetic toward the speaker and yet less accepting of his contentions. Many of the "contradictions" in Ecclesiastes are in fact evidence of growth and change, as observable in the text. The reader is left to judge these as maturity, as the weakness of age, or possibly as the confusions inherent in life. As the speaker turns ever more to advice on how to get along, ultimately recommending no more contemplation, the reader is nevertheless left with more questions than answers. This book does not seek to provide answers to all the challenges, but rather a challenge to all the answers.

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From Sinai to Ethiopia : The Halakhic and Conceptual World of Ethiopian Jewry : Including Shulhan Ha-Orit – A Halakhic Guide for Beta Israel / Sharon Shalom (Translated) Jessica Setbon

Gefen Publishing House Ltd., Israel 2016

xxxvi, 300p.

9789652296375

\$ 45.00 / HB

700 gm.

1. Jews, Ethiopian – Religious life
2. Jews, Ethiopian – Israel
3. Jews, Ethiopian – Customs and practices
4. Jews, Ethiopian – Rites and ceremonies
5. Jewish law – Philosophy

Some two thousand years ago, a group of Jews settled in Ethiopia and was for millennia cut off from the rest of world Jewry, preserving its heritage with great self-sacrifice. When this community, the Beta Israel, ultimately made its way to Israel to rejoin its brethren in the late twentieth century, a host of complex dilemmas emerged. Should the Beta Israel shed its venerated customs, based on ancient, pre-rabbinic Jewish law, and adopt the rabbinic halakhah of modern-day Jewry? Or is there a place for the unique legacy of the Ethiopian Jews within the umbrella of the wider Jewish community?

Rabbi Shalom's startlingly original Shulhan ha-Orit delves into the history, customs, and law of the Beta Israel, codifying the ancient cultural heritage of Ethiopian Jewry for the first time and contrasting it with Orthodox rabbinic law. He offers suggestions for honoring Beta Israel tradition while fully participating in the greater Jewish community. This book provides an invaluable service to Jews of Ethiopian descent on how to practically conduct themselves throughout the Jewish year, but more than that it is a fascinating meditation on the tension each of us faces between individual practice and group togetherness, between difference and unity. For anyone who has ever pondered the balance between communal belonging and being true to one's own self, this is a mesmerizing read.

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From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey : A Commentary on Food in the Torah / Diana Lipton

Urim Publications, Israel 2018

304p.

9789655242522

\$ 49.50 / HB

750 gm.

1. Food – Biblical teaching
2. Food – Religious aspects – Judaism
3. Bible. Pentateuch – Commentaries
4. BISAC : RELIGION / Biblical Commentary / Old Testament
5. Cooking / Essays

Food is at the heart of Jewish life and culture. It's the subject of many studies, popular and academic, and countless Jewish jokes. From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey spotlights food in the Torah itself, where, as still today, it's used to explore themes including love and desire, compassion and commitment, social justice, memory, belonging and exclusion, control, deception, and life and death. Originally an online project to support the food rescue charity, Leket Israel, From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey comprises short essays on food in the parasha by 52 internationally acclaimed scholars and Jewish educators, and a verse by verse commentary by Diana Lipton on food and eating in the Torah.

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In the Beginning : Discourses on Chasidic Thought / Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz (Ed & Translated) Yehuda Hanegbi

Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), Israel 2016

xiv, 202p.

9781592643141

\$ 39.95 / HB

470 gm.

In the Beginning: Discourses on Chasidic Thought is a journey through the Book of Genesis by one of the most respected thinkers of our generation. Drawing on the teachings of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, the founding father of Chabad chassidut, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz takes readers deep into the mysteries of Creation.

As he explores the stories of the foundational book of the Torah, Rabbi Steinsaltz addresses some of the most profound philosophical questions that humanity has grappled with throughout the ages: life and death, good and evil, chaos and order, truth, faith, and prayer. Like his many previous works, In the Beginning offers a profound new understanding of the words of the Torah.

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By His Light : Character and Values in the Service of god / Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein

Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem Ltd.), Israel 2016

xvi, 256p.

Includes General Index

9781592644668

\$ 39.95 / HB

570 gm.

In this volume, Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein explores the development of the religious personality. He advocates a life centered on the service of God, but recognizes multiple paths to this goal. Acknowledging that both the Jewish value system and human experience are multifaceted, he examines the relevant issues from an unusually wide perspective.

Rabbi Lichtenstein's essays reflect not only a staunch commitment to Halakha and a firm grounding in rigorous Torah study, but also a deep spirituality, a profound moral sensitivity, and a keen awareness of both the challenges and opportunities of modernity. While being enlightened by Rabbi Lichtenstein's penetrating analyses and wide-ranging learning, the reader will also be inspired by the beauty of his vision of the religious life.

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The Twice Told Tale : Parallels in the Bible : A Carta Handbook / Abba Bendavid ((Introduced) Mordechai Cogan

Carta Jerusalem, Jerusalem 2017

284p. ; 6 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches.

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\$ 120.00 / HB

940 gm.

Book Details:

The Twice Told Tale: Parallels in the Bible is a title by Abba Bendavid that attempts to help the reader make sense of I and II Chronicles, a part of the Bible that is often overlooked. This English edition (using the classic text of the King James Version), of a work originally written in Hebrew, provides the entire Book of Chronicles in one column, with the parallel verses from other books of the Bible in an accompanying column on the same page. In arranging the text this way, the reader is able to see the parallel texts that are found not just in Kings and Samuel but also the Pentateuch and the Prophets. Words or phrases that are omitted in one source are represented by blank spaces of appropriate length in the opposite column, allowing for the reader to make their own deductions from the duplications, differences, or even silence of the text.

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A World For Everybody – Communicating Faith in the Diversity of Culture : Inter-Religious Dialogue and Co-Existence / Obiora F. Ike

Obiora F Ike, Nigeria 2016

iv, 112p.

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220 gm.

Book Details:

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- Religion, Culture and Civilization – The Need for Dialogue
- Islam and Social Change in Africa: Approaches to and Perspectives of Social Transformation Processes in Africa
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