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From *Thoughts to Ponder No. 2:

“Judaism defies definition. While some of us regret this and thus try to straight-jacket our religion, I believe that autonomous thought is fundamental to appreciating Judaism properly, and that philosophical non-conformity is not only the right of every Jewish teacher, but his/her obligation. . . . We must make sure that Judaism, while remaining true to its essential teachings, encourages utter originality in every generation. Judaism must provide an antidote to the poisons of indolence, routine, callousness, and drifting with the current. It must dare and defy and be experienced as a perpetually new and ongoing event.”


Judaism on Trial
An Unconventional Discussion About Jews, Judaism and the State of Israel
by Nathan Lopes Cardozo

“Rabbi Dr. Nathan Lopes Cardozo is a refreshingly thoughtful presenter of traditional Judaism. [*Judaism on Trial*] is a free-ranging discussion in the form of a dialogue with a fictional student, which enables him to hop from subject to subject. The meaning of Judaism, he argues, unfolds through ‘constant struggle and questioning’ rather than pure obedience to authority . . . this is a lively and sophisticated entree into Jewish thinking.”

–Simon Rocker, Jewish Chronicle

Urim Publications, 2000
Hardcover, 345 pages, $24.95 (100 NIS)
Visions of a Compassionate World
Guided Imagery for Spiritual Growth and Social Transformation

by Menachem Eckstein
translated by Yehoshua Starett, foreword by David Zeller

“A wonderful book that will help readers infuse the light of higher consciousness into our inner worlds.” – David A. Cooper

“A hassid . . . born in the 1890’s, Ekstein published his only book in Hebrew, in Vienna, in 1921 . . . Starrett is the first to put it into English. The work combines psychology, kabbalah, therapy, and meditation . . .” – Jane Erskine, Book News


Small Acts of Kindness
Striving for Derech Eretz in Everyday Life

by Shalom Freedman

“This exploration of the meaning of derekh eretz opens a fascinating window on the normative Jewish soul.” – Haim Chertok, Hadassah Magazine

“This book is about a kind person’s effort to bring more goodness [Derech Eretz] into the world, but also a book of instruction and practical guidance. There is no one who cannot benefit from reading this uplifting volume.”

– Dov Peretz Elkins, co-editor of Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul

Urim Publications, 2004, Hardcover, 279 pages, $25.95 (80 NIS)

Losing the Rat Race, Winning at Life

by Marc D. Angel

“This book is a call to action, and will make all readers stop and think about their lives and question how sure they are that they really know what makes them happy and fulfilled. Rabbi Angel deals with the question of what makes us really happy within, and where to look to get out of the rat race.”

– David Dangoor, President of the American Sephardi Federation

“The issues raised in this book challenge readers to evaluate their quality of life, figure out what is truly important, and hopefully find inner peace, true happiness. To achieve this inner happiness is to be a winner at life.”

– Susan Rudin, Chairman of the Board of the Lincoln Center Institute

Urim Publications, 2005, Hardcover, 159 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)
Nehama Leibowitz

Teacher and Bible Scholar

by Yael Unterman

NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD 2009
FINALIST
in the category of
MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT & EXPERIENCE

Professor Nehama Leibowitz (1905–1997), winner of the Israel Prize in Education, was a unique figure in the twentieth century Jewish landscape. This book documents her life story, inspiring personality and scholarship. It discusses her strong views on such issues as Zionism, humanism and feminism, as well as the influences that shaped her. Other topics covered include her pioneering approach to Bible and commentaries that changed the face of Jewish Bible study, her acceptance as a prominent Torah scholar despite her gender, and the future of her work in light of recent scholarship.

“. . . fascinating, exhaustive and thought-provoking.”
–Rabbi Gil Student, Hirhurim blog

Series: Modern Jewish Lives · volume 3
Hardcover, 607 pages (includes over 50 b/w photos plus an index), $39.95 (130 NIS)

Memories of a Giant

Eulogies in Memory of
Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik

edited by Michael A. Bierman

Memories of a Giant is a work about Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. In addition to being a man of deep learning and powerful intellect, Rabbi Soloveitchik is presented here as a man of profound personal piety and integrity. The essays collected in this volume chronicle the impact of not only a brilliant philosopher and master pedagogue, but a caring, thoughtful and awe-inspiring teacher and role model.

“All of these colorful strands of the grand tapestry that was the Rav’s life are captured in these moving and thought provoking eulogies . . . This beautiful volume is a fitting tribute to a rare Torah giant as well as a giant among men.”
–Stephen H. Garrin, Jewish Book World

Urim Publications and The Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Institute, 2003
Hardcover, 368 pages, $27.95 (110 NIS)
ISBN 10: 965-7108-50-0
Chief Rabbi Brigadier-General Shlomo Goren (1918–1994) made a unique and unforgettable contribution to the Jewish people. More than any other person, he embodied the ancient ideal of being both a great Jewish scholar and a remarkable soldier in the service of God and the Jewish people.

“It is excellent! . . . Accessible, readable, gripping. And a lot of great pictures (including one of Rav Elyashiv). Plus, no shortage of criticism about R. Goren, albeit written from the perspective of a clear admirer . . . This book should be on every Jewish bookshelf. Note that I write that without having any financial stake in the book. Buy it. Read it. Have your children read it.”

–Rabbi Gil Student, Hirhurim Blog

Urim Publications, 2006
Series: Modern Jewish Lives · volume 1
Hardcover, 223 pages, 27 b/w photographs, $23.95 (70 NIS)

In this book, Rabbis Marc and Hayyim Angel provide an analysis of the teachings of Rabbi Halevy on a wide range of topics: confronting modernity, rabbinic responsibility and authority, metaphysical issues, questions of faith, the role of customs, Jewish education, governing the Jewish State, and more. Rabbi Halevy was a gentle, thoughtful scholar and a courageous thinker who was not afraid to consider old questions in a new light, and to break new ground in the field of Torah studies.

“I began reading your book on Rabbi Haim David Halevy and I could not put it down.”

–Rabbi Barry Hartman

“Rabbi Halevy, surprisingly under-appreciated and inadequately recognized as a Torah luminary, was a prolific author of books and articles. This volume explores major themes in this thought and halakhic discourse.”

–YU Review

Urim Publications, 2006
Series: Modern Jewish Lives · Volume 2
HC, 221 pages, 34 b/w photos, $23.95 (70 NIS)
Sages of the Talmud
The Lives, Sayings and Stories of 400 Rabbinic Masters

by Mordechai Judovits

“Sages of the Talmud is a necessary book for every person, lay and scholar alike, who is interested in Talmud and Jewish history because it presents important data about the Talmudic sages in both an informative and enjoyable manner... Judovits places the sages in the century in which they lived and describes the unique historical and social environments that prevailed in the days of each one. In addition, readers will find interesting revelations about the character traits of each sage and their accomplishments.” —Rabbi Dr. Israel Drazin

“. . .an eminently useful reference tool for anyone interested in the biographies, maxims and historical context of the ancient rabbis whose teachings shaped Rabbinic Judaism.” —Professor Jonathan D. Sarna

Urim Publications, 2009
Hardcover, 345 pages, $29.95 (110 NIS)

The Spirits Behind the Law
The Talmudic Scholars

by Rabbi Jonathan Duker

This work portrays fifteen scholars based on the stories of their lives that appear in the Talmudic and midrashic traditions. By weaving the original accounts together with insightful analysis, the writer provides a human portrait of these great masters while remaining faithful to the original narratives.

“Rabbi Jonathan Duker’s book is eminently readable. He capably and creatively synthesizes many disparate sources into a coherent and meaningful flow...” —Rabbi Hayyim Angel

“The book is a treasure for both rabbis and laypersons; as well as for teachers and their students looking for the key to open up the genius and sweetness of Talmudic study.” —Rabbi Avraham Weiss

Urim, 2007, Hardcover, 123 pages, $21.95 (60 NIS)

www.UrimPublications.com
Rabbi Meir Kahane: His Life and Thought
Volume One: 1932–1975
by Libby Kahane

“This is an extraordinary tale of a man with a vision and a mission, whose life’s journey was passionately directed to promoting Torah, Jewish pride and power, and the Zionist dream . . . A major figure in modern Jewish history, Meir Kahane can now be judiciously assessed and appreciated through this new and gripping volume.”

–Dr. Mordechai Nisan, author of Toward a New Israel

The Institute for the Publication of the Writings of Rabbi Meir Kahane, 2008
Hardcover, 761 pages (including index) + 32 additional pages of photos, $45.00 (150 NIS)

They Called Him Rebbe
The Life and Good Works of Rabbi Boruch Milikowsky
by Raphael D. Blumberg

“They Called Him Rebbe demonstrates how a synthesis of wisdom and love created a force that spanned space and time to bring the flavor of prewar Lithuania into today’s American classroom. But only a true Talmid Chacham, as was Rabbi Boruch Milikowsky, z”l, will know how to utilize the ‘chochmas lev’ (Exodus 35:35) effectively. A must read for every educator.”

–Rabbi Nathan Kamenetsky, author of Making of a Godol

“. . . must reading for any parent or educator who wants to understand teenage boys and how to motivate them to be better Jews and menschen.”

–Rabbi Yaakov Spivak, Rav and Rosh Yeshiva, Kollel Ayshel Avraham

Urim Publications, 2007, Hardcover, 295 pages, $24.95 (70 NIS)

An Angel Among Men
Impressions from the Life of Rav Avraham Yitzchak Hakohen Kook
by Simcha Raz, translated by Moshe D. Lichtman

“. . . a valuable and informative work. There is so much about Rav Kook that is misunderstood and misportrayed in the Jewish world, that a book that portrays him accurately is invaluable and necessary. This is such a book.”

–Rabbi Berel Wein

Kol Mevaser, 2003, Hardcover, 520 pages, $10.00 (125 NIS)
**Flower of God**
A Jewish Family’s 3,000-Year Journey from Spice to Medicine
by Herbert Ausubel

*Flower of God* tells the story of the author’s patrilineal ancestral family from the time of the Temple of Solomon to the present: their migration from ancient Israel to Babylon, to Persia, to Anatolia, to Europe and finally to the United States.

Dr. Herbert Ausubel’s saga of his family history is a captivating story of the Jewish experience, at once universal and unique. It is Everyman’s tale, and the family’s struggles are immediately recognized by anyone who knows something of the immigrant’s journey, whatever the ethnicity.

“Not since Alex Haley’s *Roots* have we seen such a rich tale of generations. It is not an easy feat, but Ausubel achieved his goal beautifully. Few of us know what our ancestors have actually said, but Ausubel’s voices are surely representative of their lives and times. And that’s as close to being there as we’ll ever get.” –June S. Neal, columnist and feature writer, *Northeast Magazine/Hartford Courant*, Hartford, CT

Penina Press, 2011
Softcover, 422 pages, $25.95 (NIS 90)
ISBN 978-1-936068-11-1

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**Life’s Journey**
Exploring Relationships, Resolving Conflicts
by Dr. Batya L. Ludman

How do you get your child to listen, live with your teenager and not turn gray overnight, love your lover, succeed in marriage, deal with illness and aging, comfort the bereaved, and cope with terror and war?

In *Life’s Journey: Exploring Relationships – Resolving Conflicts* you’ll answer some thought-provoking questions, get expert advice and have the opportunity to do some homework as you explore issues with the premise that, as an active participant, you can engender change and become the person you’d like to be.

Topics include managing stress, communicating effectively, pro-active parenting, eating disorders, dealing with anger, coping with depression, trauma recovery, facing fear, Internet addiction, loss of a loved one, and more.

“I highly recommend this book to both Laymen and Therapists.” –Dr. Judith Guedalia

Devora Publishing, 2011
Softcover, 368 pages, $24.95 (NIS 90)
Rebecca’s Choice

The Surprising Sequel to the Tale of Ivanhoe

by Alexander Balman

“Rebecca’s Choice is a captivating sequel to Scott’s Ivanhoe – a book that has been a source of delight to generations of readers. In this new and surprising tale, Rebecca, a Jewess barely saved from being burned at the stake by the Templars, discovers that her former oppressor, the Templar knight Brian de Bois-Guilbert, is not dead but just unconscious.

Fate delivers the life of her enemy into her hands and she must make a choice between revenge and compassion. Rebecca decides to conceal him and leaves England in her company, disguised as a Jew, while being hunted by his Templar brothers who fear disclosure of the true secrets of the Order.

After a long journey full of dangers, they arrive at the residence of Rabbi Moses (Maimonides) in Egypt where Rebecca and Brian part ways – seemingly forever. But unexpected adversaries and many more adventures await both of them.

Penina Press, 2010
Softcover, 256 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)
Lighting Up the Soul
Stories from a Changing Jewish World
by Stanley Abramovitch

Stanley Abramovitch’s drive to help his fellow Jews in need led him to volunteer to work with Holocaust survivors in 1945. With this, he left the London of his youth for Germany, where he began a sixty-five year association with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Jewish world’s preeminent international relief agency.

In these pages, Stanley captures a dramatic and often poignant dimension of this history: the individual stories of the men, women and children whose lives reflect times and circumstances that are now only memory. We learn of their challenges – of the struggles and the immense strength that enabled them, their communities and our people, to overcome this history.

Penina Press, 2011, Softcover, 328 pages, $22.95 (80 NIS)

My Blue Kitchen
by Esther Rafaeli

My Blue Kitchen is a collection of stories about events in the life of Esther Rafaeli’s family, while living over the last fifty-odd years in Jerusalem. She describes life in the early years of the State of Israel and in other Jewish centers in the 20th century.

These stories were written over a long period of time because of a strong desire to “catch the moment” and keep it alive. It was only after the author had decided to close up her home five years after the death of her husband, that she saw in her stories a record of events that had happened to the family while living in Jerusalem. The author also found that she had encapsulated in them a record of how life went on in the early years of the State, and also in other centers of Jewish life in the 20th century.

Urim Publications, 2011, Hardcover, 320 pages (includes 50 color and b/w photo images), $24.95 (80 NIS)

From Couscous to Kasha
Reporting from the Field of Jewish Community Work
by Seymour Epstein

“A talented writer, he blends personal memoirs, historical anecdotes and sober insight into that historical period. Exciting and inspiring.”
–Ralph Goldman, Honorary Executive Vice President, Joint Distribution Committee

“This is a book that should be read by all who marvel at the stubborn survival of isolated ancient Jewish communities and the rebirth of Jewish life after communist suppression, and by those interested in conscientious, effective foreign aid that does not suffocate or disrespect communities in need.”
–Robert Moses Shapiro, Jewish Book World

Urim, Hardcover, 171 pages (includes 21 b/w photos), $22.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-017-7
A Circle in the Square
Rabbi Shlomo Riskin Reinvents the Synagogue
by Edward Abramson

Within these pages, readers will learn about Rabbi Riskin’s unprecedented approach to adult Jewish education and his steadfast commitment to reaching out to each and every Jew within and beyond the four walls of Lincoln Square Synagogue.

“...demonstrating how leaders of spirit and vision can live unique and passionate lives of merit and achievement.”

–Rabbi Jack Bieler, Jewish Book World

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 207 pages, $23.95 (80 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-014-6

Orthodoxy Awakens
The Belkin Era and Yeshiva University
by Victor B. Geller

“Dramatic, gripping and perceptive, Orthodoxy Awakens: The Belkin Era and Yeshiva University is a fascinating and provocative look at a crucial period in American Jewish history. Victor Geller was an active participant in much of this history and personally knew its leading figures, which adds to the impact of this book. For anyone who wants to know about the amazing growth of Jewish life in America, and of the influence that individuals can have upon history, this is a ‘must-read.’”

–Rabbi Emanuel Feldman, retired editor of Tradition

Urim Publications, 2003
Hardcover, 291 pages, $26.95 (120 NIS)

The Golden Age
Synagogues of Spain in History and Architecture
by Meir Ben-Dov

“Meir Ben-Dov’s research accompanied me to towns and villages in Spain as I searched for the roots of the Jewish community in those places. The Spanish synagogues and their heritage served as a guide for the construction of hundreds of synagogues throughout the Jewish Diaspora. Congratulations to Meir Ben-Dov for this comprehensive work, which is of the greatest significance in the study of Jewish communities in Spain.”

–President Yitzhak Navon

“This well-researched and esthetically beautiful book is highly recommended...”

–Ilka Gordon, AJL Newsletter

Urim Publications
Settling for More
From Jersey to Judea
by Zahava Englard

“Zahava’s madcap humor keeps you laughing until she slaps you with the actuality of Arab terrorism, Israel’s construction of the Separation Wall, and the reality of being the mother of a soldier. Zahava Englard teaches readers about idealism and Zionist values as she fights for Efrat’s Eitam Hill and honors our nation’s true leaders and defenders.”

–Sharon Katz, Editor of Voices Magazine

“Englard’s frank, poignant, and often funny letters chronicling the ups and downs of the family’s first two years in Israel have been compiled in a book...”

–Abigail Klein Leichman, The New Jersey Jewish Standard

Devora Publishing, 2010
Softcover, 175 pages, $18.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 978-1-934440-84-1

You Come for One Reason
But Stay for Another
Making the Odyssey to Israel
by Rabbi Mordechai Weiss

“Rabbi Weiss has defied the Meraglim (spies) by sending back a candid, refreshing, and enlightening tale of a spiritual journey to the Holy Land.”

–Dovid Gantshar, host, The Aliyah Revolution, Israel National Radio/Arutz Sheva

“I think Rabbi Mordechai Weiss has devoted his entire life to the welfare of the Jewish people. He has demonstrated how to be a devoted communal leader. I enjoy reading his email updates and always look forward to their arrival.”

–Rabbi Shmuley Boteach

Devora Publishing, 2010
Softcover, 130 pages, $18.95 (NIS 60)
ISBN 978-1-936068-07-4

Diaspora is Jewry’s Graveyard
by Rabbi Dr. Yehoshua Kemelman

Diaspora is Jewry’s Graveyard was written in order to mobilize the Jewish people to fight for our survival. In this revolutionary work, Rabbi Dr. Yehoshua Kemelman seeks to document this phenomenon, provide practical suggestions to end our existential crisis and strengthen the bond of our nation. As he points out the challenges that we need to address as a people, he charts a course of rescue for the perplexed of our generation. Any Jew who is concerned about the survival of the Jewish people, as well as the survival of his or her own children as Jews, will benefit from reading this book.

Urim Publications, 2009, Hardcover, 191 pages, $19.95 (80 NIS)
Dove on a Barbed Wire

by Deborah Steiner-van Rooyen

“Chilling, riveting, authentic testimony. This is a story about a boy whose walk home from school becomes a 60-year odyssey of instinctive survival: from seven years of brutality under Nazi terror, navigating the post war chaos, fighting to rebuild his life in the fledgling State of Israel, reconnecting with a missing link of his family, and then facing his past with strength and acceptance. You just want to hug this hard, tough man because you know his heart is larger than his pain.”

–Dr. Bella Gutterman, author of A Narrow Bridge to Life

Devora Publishing, 2010
Softcover, 180 pages (includes 32 pages of color and B/W photos), $21.95 (80 NIS)

A World After This

A Memoir of Loss and Redemption

by Lola Lieber

This is the story of one woman, Lola Lieber, a Hungarian-Polish Jewess who survived and has chosen during her lifetime to tell the story of the ordeals of her survival and the strength of her faith and courage against all odds. It is also the memoir of a marriage that was a true working partnership as well as a marital bond of extraordinary depth. With her husband, Mechel, beside her, Lola defied authority, confronted the devil Eichmann in person, never giving up her faith in God and her belief that she and Mechel would be together at the end.

Devora Publishing, 2010
296 pages, includes maps and color photos
Hardcover: ISBN 978-1-934440-48-3, $27.95 (100 NIS)

Vanished Faces

by Odile Suganas

“All these forever-lost faces go on to live in us, including those French peasants, the Lacaves, who saved Odile and her parents near Mirande, not far from Toulouse, and who offer a magnificent, energetic, hopeful transfusion at the end of this Jewish Journey that we warmly recommend.”

–Claude Bochurberg, Actualité Juive

“While this is a small book, it is very well-written as well as presented; Odile Suganas recounts her family’s past. It is a deeply captivating book.”

–Journal de la Resistance

Devora Publishing, 2010
Softcover, 70 pages (includes color and B/W photos), $16.95 (50 NIS)
An Italian Renaissance
Choosing Life in Canada
by Robert Eli Rubinstein
foreword by Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter

“An Italian Renaissance: Choosing Life in Canada (Urim Publications), by Robert Eli Rubinstein, is also a book by a child of survivors about his parents’ experiences. But it is unlike most second-generation works.

It is not a memoir of survivorship; it is not a chronicle of horror and rescue; nor is it a self-obsessed exculpation of personality disorder. An Italian Renaissance is a thoughtful, purposive reflection about the experiences of the author’s parents before, during and after the Shoah, a near-philosophical exploration of history, memory, facts, truth, character, human strength and human frailty.”

–Mordechai Ben-Dat, Canadian Jewish News

And You Shall Tell Your Children
A Chronicle of Survival – Lessons of Life for Today
by Dr. Ida Akerman-Tieder

“We are greatly indebted to Dr. Ida Akerman for this moving and inspiring memoir. Reading her, one learns ... even more about human fortitude and the depths of the Jewish soul.”

–Professor Susan Handelman

“This is one of those rare books which combine unconditional faith and integral humanism, smiles and serenity, philosophy and feeling, attachment to one’s people and love of one’s family, a fixation upon heaven and overflowing benevolence to mankind, love of the good and horror of evil, and universal history and geography of the Holy Land.”

–Rabbi Dr. Abraham Weingort

Devora Publishing, 2011
Softcover, 285 pages (includes 52 b/w photographs), $21.95 (80 NIS)
The Unwilling Survivor
A Jewish Officer's True Account of the WWII Eastern Front
by Michael Kopiec

The Unwilling Survivor is about the incredible commitment to family of a man who, despite coming of age in a world blackened by unimaginable cruelty, refuses to abandon the morality and codes of ethic with which he was raised. Beyond being a fantastic, untold and true story, at its core The Unwilling Survivor is about the indomitable strength of the human spirit.

“This spellbinding story is a lesson in courage and honor. A Polish and Russian officer, a gunrunner, a partisan fighter and, above all, a Jew fighting the Nazi machine to save his family, Misha discovers that the one thing he must never lose is himself. He teaches us all that, even in the midst of atrocity and utmost cruelty, we need not be victims. For, as long as we are guided first by our heart and soul, we can retain our nobility. This remarkable story speaks to anyone who wishes to better understand how the Holocaust, and life after, was survivable.”

–Rabbi David Frank

Devora Publishing, 2011
Softcover, 336 pages, $21.95 (80 NIS)

Waltzing With the Enemy
A Mother and Daughter Confront the Aftermath of the Holocaust
by Rasia Kliot and Helen Mitsios

Filled with insight and humor, this dual memoir by Rasia, born in Vilnius, Lithuania (who survived the Holocaust on a false identity), and her daughter Helen, born in Montreal, Canada, examines the long-term implications of being a survivor of the Holocaust and the unique pressures and anxieties the children of survivors inherit from their parents. Rasia, determined to protect Helen from anti-Semitism, continues to pose as a Christian and raises her daughter in the Catholic faith, forbidding her from mentioning her Jewish identity.

“This memoir, an intimate recounting of two very different lives and times, is one of the most honest and life-affirming books I’ve ever read.”

–Howard C. Cutler MD, co-author of The Art of Happiness

Penina Press, 2011
Softcover, 288 pages, $19.95 (70 NIS)
ISBN 978-1-936068-21-0
For the Love of Israel and the Jewish People
Essays and Studies on Israel, Jews and Judaism
by Nathan Lopes Cardozo

“When the international community formally acknowledged the rights of the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland after the First World War, it was implicitly understood that this connection emanated from nearly 3,000 years of Jewish law and tradition. Rabbi Cardozo eloquently reminds his readers of that very fundamental truth in a period when many in the world have unfortunately forgotten it.” —Ambassador Dore Gold

“One of the most thoughtful voices...Nathan Lopes Cardozo is a man of deep faith and wide intellectual horizons...attuned to the music of eternity.”

—Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Lone Soldiers
Israel’s Defenders from Around the World
by Herb Keinon
photographs by Ricki Rosen

“At a time when criticism of Israel, from within and from without, seems commonplace, it is refreshing and inspiring to read Herb Keinon’s Lone Soldiers: Israel’s Defenders from Around the World, a story about so much that is good and unique about Israel...Lone Soldiers is one more reason to be thankful for Israel, thankful for the IDF, and thankful for people like Tzvika Levy who make sure that the lone soldier is not alone.” —Abraham H. Foxman

“Whether or not they carry a rifle or end up staying in Israel forever, each soldier’s story testifies to the strength of Zionism.”

—Abigail Klein, Jerusalem Post

“The lone soldiers are unique individuals who, despite their unusual personal status, give and contribute to the IDF wholeheartedly. The IDF and the State of Israel need to show their gratitude for these wonderful youngsters...”

—Shaul Mofaz, former IDF Chief of General Staff

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 327 pages, $26.95 (100 NIS)
ISBN 978-965-524-010-8

Devora Publishing, 2009
Hardcover, 160 pages (includes 45 color photos), $27.95 (110 NIS) ISBN 978-1934440-60-5
Pioneers of Religious Zionism: Rabbis Alkalai, Kalischer, Mohliver, Reines, Kook and Maimon

by Raymond Goldwater

“Raymond Goldwater discusses the lives, writing, and impact of several important rabbis from the middle of the 19th century through the formation of Israel, many of whom are little known outside their own communities. Some were partners with Herzl, Weizmann, and Ben-Gurion, while others were more closely connected to the Mizrachi stream of Zionism. All of them were critical in forming the religious ideas that drew thousands of immigrants to Palestine, and that remain part of the State’s frame of reference to this day.”

–Fred Isaac, AJL Newsletter

Urim Publications, 2009, $19.95 (70 NIS), Hardcover, 158 pages

On-Line with Israel at the Millennium
Insights into Life and Religion

by Micah D. Halpern

“Micah Halpern’s essays sparkle with wit and wisdom and are liberally sprinkled with delicious nuggets of knowledge. He writes about Israel with an insider’s passion but is always accessible to readers who know little about the subject.”

–Matthew Kalman, columnist for USA Today

“As a member of a family that has lived in Israel for over 200 years, I personally found the essays fascinating and engaging. This book expresses a sensitive optimism for the future and is required reading for all potential visitors and for everyone whose heart lies in Israel.”

–Professor Moshe Mandelbaum, former Governor of the Bank of Israel

Urim Publications, 1999, Softcover, 126 pages, $10.50 (40 NIS)

Jewish Identity in Modern Israel
Proceedings on Secular Judaism and Democracy

edited by Naftali Rothenberg and Eliezer Schweid

Giving voice to the plurality of Israeli opinion, Jewish Identity in Modern Israel is a collection of articles based upon conferences of the Framework for Contemporary Jewish Thought and Identity at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

“A strongly recommended addition to Judaic Studies reference collections and academic reading lists, Jewish Identity in Modern Israel offers the reader a compendium of well-written and thought-provoking selections.”

–Midwest Book Review

Urim Publications and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2002
Hardcover, 236 pages, $22.00 (90 NIS)
Torah Conversations with Nechama Leibowitz

by Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur

Torah Conversations with Nechama Leibowitz will take the reader on a journey to discover the story beneath the story of key Biblical passages. Each chapter presents one or more principles of Torah learning which will enable the learner to see new dimensions in familiar narratives.

Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur, a noted educator and communal leader based in New Jersey, was privileged to study under Professor Nechama Leibowitz. Beginning with an intensive year of classes, followed by correspondence, personal visits and regular phone conversations spanning a period of twenty-four years, Rabbi Yasgur amassed a treasury of insights, many of which he shares in this volume.

Urim Publications, 2012
Hardcover, $19.95 (80 NIS)

Studies in the Weekly Parashah

Based on the Lessons of Nehama Leibowitz

by Moshe Sokolow

“It is recommended for all Jewish libraries (synagogue, JCC, academic, seminary, etc.).”
–David B. Levy, AJL Newsletter

“To Dr. Sokolow’s credit, many of the key lessons Nehama sought to teach are included in these chapters. From the distinction between peshat and drash to the Biblical use of stories, and the true differences between the ways that different commentators view the Biblical narrative, many of the greatest issues addressed during the thirty years which she composed her gilyonot are found in this book.”
–Rabbi Dr. Leonard A. Matanky, Jewish Book World

“To a remarkable extent, Nehama did to the Biblical commentaries what Rav Soloveitchik did to the Talmudic commentaries . . . .”
–Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin

Urim Publications, 2008
Hardcover, 285 pages, $24.95 (90 NIS)
The Path of Torah

by HaRav Naftali Tzvi
Yehuda Berlin (Netziv)

translated & annotated by
Rabbi Elchanan Greenman

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