

# JEWES IN THE AMERICAS

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## JEWES IN CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Agosin, M. (1995). *A cross and a star: Memoirs of a Jewish girl in Chile* (1st ed). University of New Mexico Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1545146>

"A Cross and a Star: Memoirs of a Jewish Girl in Chile" by Marjorie Agosin is an autobiographical account that narrates the experiences of a Jewish girl growing up in Chile. Agosin explores her dual identity, grappling with her family's Jewish heritage and their place within the predominantly Catholic Chilean society. The memoir offers a deeply personal perspective on cultural integration, memory, and identity, reflecting on the broader themes of exile and belonging.

Agosin, M. (Ed.). (2002). *Taking root: Narratives of Jewish women in Latin America*. Ohio University Center for International Studies. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2955088>

Taking Root: Narratives of Jewish Women in Latin America," edited by Marjorie Agosin, compiles the rich and diverse experiences of Jewish women in Latin America. Through an anthology of essays, stories, and testimonies, it uncovers the unique intersection of Jewish and Latin American identities. The volume reveals the multifaceted roles these women play in their communities, highlighting their contributions to cultural preservation, social activism, and the arts, while also navigating challenges related to displacement, identity, and integration within a complex socio-political landscape.

Avni, H. (1991). *Argentina & the Jews: A history of Jewish immigration*. University of Alabama Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1294558>

"Argentina & the Jews: A History of Jewish Immigration" by Haim Avni provides an in-depth analysis of Jewish immigration to Argentina, tracing the community's development from its origins through significant growth phases. Avni explores the socio-political and economic motivations behind Jewish migration, the challenges of assimilation, and the contributions of the Jewish community to Argentine society. The book highlights the diverse origins of Jewish immigrants and their complex interactions with Argentine culture, offering a comprehensive overview of their historical and contemporary impact.

Behar, R. (2007). *An island called home: Returning to Jewish Cuba*. Rutgers University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=5102028>

“An Island Called Home: Returning to Jewish Cuba” by Ruth Behar is a deeply personal exploration of Jewish life in Cuba. Behar, who returns to her roots, portrays the struggles and resilience of the Jewish community in Cuba through narratives that interweave history, memory, and identity. The book offers a poignant look at the complexities of belonging, diaspora, and cultural preservation within the Cuban Jewish community, against the backdrop of the island’s broader socio-political landscape.

Beller, J. (1969). *Jews in Latin America*. J. David. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1876854>

Beller’s “Jews in Latin America” offers a comprehensive historical account of Jewish communities across Latin America from the colonial period to the late 20th century. The book details their migration, settlement patterns, cultural adaptation, and the evolution of Jewish life in a diverse and changing socio-political landscape. It delves into the contributions of Jewish communities to the economic, cultural, and political spheres of Latin American societies, while also addressing challenges such as assimilation, discrimination, and the preservation of Jewish identity.

Braylan, M. (2000). *Report on the situation of the Jewish detainees-disappeared during the genocide perpetrated in Argentina*. Social Research Center of DAIA-Argentinean Jewish Community Centers Association. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2819005>

“Report on the Situation of the Jewish Detainees-Disappeared during the Genocide Perpetrated in Argentina” by Marisa Braylan is a comprehensive study that documents the experiences of Jewish victims during Argentina’s military dictatorship. It provides a detailed analysis of the persecution, disappearance, and detention of Jewish individuals, contextualizing these events within the broader scope of state terrorism. The report sheds light on the specific vulnerabilities and targeting of the Jewish community, contributing to the historical record of human rights abuses in Argentina.

Cimet, A. (1997). *Ashkenazi Jews in Mexico: Ideologies in the structuring of a community*. State University of New York Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1656261>

“Ashkenazi Jews in Mexico: Ideologies in the Structuring of a Community” by Adina Cimet explores the formation and evolution of the Ashkenazi Jewish community in Mexico. Cimet analyzes how ideological frameworks, including Zionism, socialism, and assimilation, have shaped the community’s identity, internal dynamics, and its relationship with the broader Mexican society. The book provides an in-depth examination of the cultural, religious, and social aspects of the Ashkenazi Jews in Mexico, offering insights into the challenges and achievements of integrating a distinct cultural group within a diverse nation.

Elazar, D. J., & Medding, P. (1983). *Jewish communities in frontier societies—Argentina, Australia, and South Africa*. Holmes & Meier. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=776635>

“Jewish Communities in Frontier Societies—Argentina, Australia, and South Africa” by Elazar and Medding analyzes the unique development of Jewish communities in these countries, identifying common themes of adaptation, identity formation, and the role of Jews in societies that were at the time considered frontiers. It explores the challenges and opportunities encountered by Jewish immigrants as they navigated new social, economic, and political landscapes, contributing to our understanding of Jewish diaspora dynamics in diverse settings.

Faingold, E. D. (2008). *Exile from Argentina: A Jewish family and the military dictatorship (1976-1983)*. Information Age Pub. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=6444096>

“Exile from Argentina: A Jewish Family and the Military Dictatorship (1976-1983)” by Eduardo D. Faingold offers a poignant account of a Jewish family’s experience during Argentina’s brutal military dictatorship. This narrative provides insights into the challenges and horrors faced by those who were persecuted, highlighting the broader impact of political repression on personal identities, family dynamics, and community cohesion within the context of Argentina’s Jewish population during this dark period in the country’s history.

Goldschmidt Wyman, E. (2013). *Escaping Hitler: A Jewish haven in Chile*. The University of Alabama Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=7900352>

“Escaping Hitler: A Jewish Haven in Chile” by Goldschmidt Wyman recounts the story of Jewish refugees who found sanctuary in Chile during the Holocaust. This work details their struggles and triumphs in escaping Nazi persecution and establishing new lives. It explores the broader context of Chile’s reception of Jewish refugees, examining the social, political, and economic factors that shaped their integration and the development of a vibrant Jewish community within Chile.

Hordes, S. M. (2005). *To the end of the earth: A history of the crypto-Jews of New Mexico*. Columbia University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3929788>

“To the End of the Earth: A History of the Crypto-Jews of New Mexico” by Stanley M. Hordes delves into the secretive world of the crypto-Jews who, fleeing the Spanish Inquisition, sought refuge in New Mexico. Hordes provides a comprehensive history that uncovers their covert practices, cultural persistence, and the complexities of identity they navigated in a predominantly Catholic region. This work sheds light on the resilience of faith and the crypto-Jews’ lasting impact on the cultural tapestry of New Mexico.

Kalczewiak, M. (2020). *Polacos in Argentina: Polish Jews, interwar migration, and the emergence of transatlantic Jewish culture*. The University of Alabama Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=9293425>

“Polacos in Argentina: Polish Jews, Interwar Migration, and the Emergence of Transatlantic Jewish Culture” by Mariusz Kalczewiak delves into the experiences of Polish Jewish immigrants in Argentina during the interwar period. It examines their cultural integration, the development of a transatlantic Jewish identity, and the impact of their presence on Argentine society. Kalczewiak’s research highlights the complexities of identity, migration, and community among Polish Jews, contributing to a deeper understanding of Jewish diasporic culture in the Americas.

Klenicki, L., & Jacob Rader Marcus Center (Eds.). (2000). *Identity in dispersion: Selected memoirs from Latin American Jews*. Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2766179>

“Identity in Dispersion: Selected Memoirs from Latin American Jews,” edited by Leon Klenicki and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center, assembles personal narratives that illuminate the Jewish experience in Latin America. These memoirs traverse themes of identity, migration, and community life, offering a lens into the varied ways Jewish individuals and families have navigated their cultural and religious identities amidst the broader Latin American tapestry. The collection serves as a testament to resilience, adaptation, and the complex interplay of Jewish tradition and Latin American culture.

Klich, I., & Lesser, J. (Eds.). (1998). *Arab and Jewish immigrants in Latin America: Images and realities*. F. Cass. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1746741>

“Arab and Jewish Immigrants in Latin America: Images and Realities,” edited by Klich and Lesser, explores the nuanced experiences of Arab and Jewish immigrant communities in Latin America. This volume critically examines the stereotypes and realities these groups face, highlighting the complexities of identity, integration, and inter-community relations. Through a collection of essays, the editors provide a comprehensive analysis of the socio-political and cultural dynamics shaping the lives of these immigrants and their descendants in the Latin American context.

Montoya M., G. (2014). *Él: Novela histórica sobre el origen judío de los antioqueños en Colombia* (Primera edición). Gabriel Montoya Montoya. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8728255>

“Él: Novela histórica sobre el origen judío de los antioqueños en Colombia” by Gabriel Montoya M. is a historical novel exploring the Jewish roots of the Antioqueños in Colombia. Through a blend of fact and fiction, Montoya weaves a narrative that delves into the contributions and presence of Jewish ancestors in the development of Antioquia, Colombia. The novel seeks to illuminate the historical and cultural impact of Jewish communities in the region, offering readers a deep dive into a lesser-known aspect of Colombian history.

Nagarajan, N. G. (2005). *Pomegranate seeds: Latin American Jewish tales*. University of New Mexico Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3797585>

“Pomegranate Seeds: Latin American Jewish Tales” is a collection of tales weaves together the rich tapestry of Latin American Jewish culture, offering a captivating exploration of identity, tradition, and folklore. Stavans skillfully brings to life the unique experiences and perspectives of Jewish communities across the region, blending elements of magic realism with poignant human narratives. Through these stories, readers are transported into a world where the boundaries between reality and myth blur, inviting reflection on themes of heritage, faith, and belonging. With lyrical prose and vivid imagery, Stavans crafts an enchanting tapestry that celebrates the enduring spirit of Latin American Jewish heritage.

Rein, R. (2014). *Fútbol, Jews, and the making of Argentina*. Stanford University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8087659>

“Fútbol, Jews, and the Making of Argentina” by Raanan Rein explores the integral role of Jewish communities in the development of Argentine football. Rein examines how football served as a conduit for Jewish immigrants to integrate into Argentine society, negotiate their identities, and influence the cultural fabric of the nation. The book highlights the contributions of Jewish clubs, players, and administrators to Argentine football, underscoring the sport’s significance in the broader narrative of immigration, identity, and nation-building in Argentina.

Rein, R., & Sadek, I. (2020). *Populism and ethnicity: Peronism and the Jews of Argentina*. McGill-Queen’s University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=9405569>

“Populism and Ethnicity: Peronism and the Jews of Argentina” by Rein and Sadek reevaluates the narrative around Juan Perón’s regime (1946-1955), challenging the perception of it as antisemitic. The authors present evidence of Jewish support for Perón, noting a decrease in antisemitic incidents during his tenure and highlighting his explicit denouncements of antisemitism. The book discusses the positive changes for Jewish Argentines, including increased representation in government and the establishment of diplomatic ties with Israel, thus deconstructing the myth of Perón’s antisemitism.

Rojer, O. E. (1989). *Exile in Argentina, 1933-1945: A historical and literary introduction*. P. Lang. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1138798>

“Exile in Argentina, 1933-1945: A Historical and Literary Introduction” by O. E. Rojer offers an analysis of the Argentine exile experience during a critical period of global upheaval. Focusing on the narratives of those who sought refuge from the fascist regimes of Europe, Rojer integrates historical context with literary exploration to shed light on the impact of exile on individual lives and the broader Argentine society. This work

contributes to understanding the complexities of displacement, identity, and cultural assimilation during a turbulent era.

Schaposchnik, A. E. (2015). *The Lima Inquisition: The plight of crypto-Jews in seventeenth-century Peru*. The University of Wisconsin Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8285879>

“The Lima Inquisition: The Plight of Crypto-Jews in Seventeenth-Century Peru” by Ana E. Schaposchnik delves into the history of the Inquisition in Lima, focusing on the persecution of crypto-Jews—individuals secretly practicing Judaism while outwardly conforming to Christianity. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the socio-political context, the mechanisms of the Inquisition, and the resilience of the crypto-Jewish community, offering a critical perspective on religious intolerance and the struggle for religious identity in colonial Latin America.

Segal Freilich, A. (1999). *Jews of the Amazon: Self-exile in earthly paradise*. Jewish Publication Society. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2558265>

“Jews of the Amazon: Self-exile in Earthly Paradise” by Segal Freilich explores the migration of Jewish families to the Amazon basin in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, focusing on their pursuit of economic opportunities and autonomy. This narrative investigates their integration into the local societies, the development of their communities, and the challenges they faced in maintaining their cultural and religious identities amidst the backdrop of the Amazon’s lush landscapes.

Sheinin, D., & Barr, L. B. (Eds.). (1996). *The Jewish diaspora in Latin America: New studies on history and literature*. Garland. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1662628>

“The Jewish Diaspora in Latin America: New Studies on History and Literature,” edited by Sheinin and Barr, presents an interdisciplinary exploration of the Jewish presence in Latin America. Through a compilation of historical and literary studies, the book delves into the complexities of Jewish life, migration, identity, and cultural expression in the region. It offers fresh perspectives on the interactions between Jewish communities and Latin American societies, highlighting both the challenges and contributions of Jews within diverse national contexts.

Silverstein, S. (2016). *The merchant of Havana: The Jew in the Cuban abolitionist archive*. Vanderbilt University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8349115>

“The Merchant of Havana: The Jew in the Cuban Abolitionist Archive” by Silverstein investigates the intersection of anti-Semitism and abolitionism in 19th-century Cuba, challenging myths around the Jewish role in the slave trade and their influence on Cuban economy and culture, in the context of a negligible Jewish population. This work delves into how these unfounded accusations emerged from mythological beliefs rather

than factual evidence, offering insights into the complexities of Cuban socio-political dynamics during its industrialization and the organized antislavery movement.

Sofer, E. F. (1977). *Invisible walls: Jewish residential patterns in Gran Buenos Aires: 1890-1947*. New York University, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2029323>

“Invisible Walls: Jewish Residential Patterns in Gran Buenos Aires: 1890-1947” by Eugene F. Sofer investigates the spatial and social dynamics of Jewish settlement in Buenos Aires during a period of significant immigration and change. This study examines the factors influencing residential choices, community cohesion, and the impact of such patterns on Jewish identity and integration into broader Argentine society. Sofer’s work sheds light on the invisible barriers and communal bonds that shaped the Jewish experience in Buenos Aires prior to the mid-20th century.

Sofer, E. F. (1982). *From pale to pampa: A social history of the Jews of Buenos Aires*. Holmes & Meier. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=706400>

“From Pale to Pampa: A Social History of the Jews of Buenos Aires” by Eugene F. Sofer delves into the migration and settlement of Jewish communities in Buenos Aires, tracing their journey from Eastern Europe to Argentina. It examines the socio-economic, cultural, and political integration of Jewish immigrants into Argentine society, highlighting the challenges they faced and the contributions they made to the urban fabric of Buenos Aires. This work provides a comprehensive overview of Jewish Argentine identity formation and community development from the late 19th to the 20th century.

Stavans, I. (2019). *The Seventh heaven: Travels through Jewish Latin America*. University of Pittsburgh Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=9291110>

The Seventh Heaven: Travels Through Jewish Latin America" examines the rich tapestry of Jewish communities across Latin America, exploring their histories, traditions, and contemporary identities. Stavans provides insightful narratives of his travels, offering a nuanced understanding of how Jewish culture has intersected with Latin American societies. Through encounters with individuals and communities, he delves into themes of migration, assimilation, and resilience, highlighting the diverse ways in which Judaism has flourished in the region. With a blend of personal reflection and scholarly analysis, Stavans presents a captivating portrayal of the vibrant and multifaceted Jewish experience in Latin America.

Weisbrot, R., & Murciano, R. (1979). *The Jews of Argentina: From the Inquisition to Perón* (1st ed). Jewish Publication Society of America. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=562687>

“The Jews of Argentina: From the Inquisition to Perón” by Robert Weisbrot and Ruth Murciano traces the complex history of the Jewish community in Argentina from its

earliest days under Spanish colonial rule through to the mid-20th century. This scholarly work examines the social, political, and economic factors that influenced Jewish life in Argentina, highlighting the community's resilience and adaptability in the face of adversity, including during the Inquisition, waves of immigration, and the political upheavals leading up to and including the era of Juan Perón.

Yalonetzky, R. (2021). *Gente como uno: Class, belonging, and transnationalism in Jewish life in Lima*. Academic Studies Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=9841178>

“Gente como uno: Class, Belonging, and Transnationalism in Jewish Life in Lima” by Raanan Yalonetzky offers an insightful exploration into the Jewish community in Lima, Peru, focusing on issues of class, belonging, and transnationalism. The book analyzes how these dynamics shape the identities and experiences of Lima’s Jewish population, offering a nuanced understanding of their integration into the broader society while maintaining connections with global Jewish networks. This study contributes to the discourse on multiculturalism and minority communities in Latin America.

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Adler, E. R., Jelen, S. E., & University of Maryland, College Park (Eds.). (2017). *Reconstructing the old country: American Jewry in the post-Holocaust decades*. Wayne State University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8698698>

“Reconstructing the Old Country: American Jewry in the Post-Holocaust Decades” offers a profound examination of how American Jewry responded to the aftermath of the Holocaust. Through research and insightful analysis, the book delves into the efforts of American Jews to grapple with the trauma of the Holocaust, preserve memory, and support survivors. It explores initiatives such as memorialization projects, educational programs, and advocacy efforts for Holocaust reparations and restitution. Moreover, the book examines how the Holocaust influenced American Jewish identity, community dynamics, and engagement with broader social and political issues. By shedding light on this pivotal period in Jewish history, “Reconstructing the Old Country” offers valuable insights into the enduring legacy of the Holocaust on American Jewry.

Bernardini, P., & Fiering, N. (Eds.). (2001). *Jews and the expansion of Europe to the west, 1450 to 1800*. Berghahn Books. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2814440>

“Jews and the Expansion of Europe to the West, 1450 to 1800” is a comprehensive examination of the role and experiences of Jewish communities during the period of European expansion into the Western hemisphere. Through research and interdisciplinary analysis, the book delves into various aspects of Jewish life, including migration patterns, economic activities, religious practices, and cultural exchanges. It explores how Jews participated in and were affected by the expansionist ventures of European powers, examining their encounters with indigenous peoples, colonial authorities, and other settlers. By shedding light on the multifaceted interactions between Jews and the expanding European world, the book offers valuable insights into the complexities of identity, agency, and power dynamics in the early modern era.

Bialystok, F. (2000). *Delayed impact: The Holocaust and the Canadian Jewish community*. McGill-Queen’s University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2727149>

“Delayed Impact: The Holocaust and the Canadian Jewish Community” offers a profound examination of how the Holocaust reverberated within the Canadian Jewish community in the aftermath of World War II. Through research and poignant narratives, the book delves into the experiences of survivors who resettled in Canada, as well as the broader societal and cultural responses to the Holocaust’s legacy. It explores themes such as memory, trauma, and commemoration, examining how the Holocaust shaped individual identities and collective consciousness within the Canadian Jewish community. By analyzing the delayed but enduring impact of the Holocaust, the book provides valuable insights into the complexities of remembrance, resilience, and historical interpretation in Canada’s Jewish community.

Cohen, B. B. (2007). *Case closed: Holocaust survivors in postwar America*. Rutgers University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=4512836>

“Case Closed: Holocaust Survivors in Postwar America” provides a comprehensive examination of the experiences and challenges faced by Holocaust survivors as they resettled in the United States after World War II. Through detailed research and firsthand accounts, the book delves into the complexities of survivorship, exploring issues such as trauma, memory, and integration into American society. By examining the legal, social, and psychological dimensions of their lives, the book clarifies on the resilience and determination of survivors in rebuilding their lives in a new country. With a focus on individual narratives and broader historical context, “Case Closed” offers valuable insights into the long-term impact of the Holocaust and the ongoing legacy of survivorship in America.

Cohen, B. B. (2018). *Child survivors of the Holocaust: The youngest remnant and the American experience*. Rutgers University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8817067>

“Child Survivors of the Holocaust: The Youngest Remnant and the American Experience” delves into the unique and often overlooked stories of those who survived the Holocaust as children and their subsequent experiences in America. Through a blend of personal narratives, scholarly analysis, and historical context, the book explores the resilience, trauma, and adaptation of these individuals as they navigated the challenges of displacement, loss, and identity reconstruction. With a focus on the intersection of individual experiences and broader historical forces, the book elucidates on the diverse ways in which child survivors shaped and were shaped by the American landscape. By amplifying their voices and examining their contributions, “Child Survivors of the Holocaust” offers a poignant and illuminating perspective on the lasting impact of this traumatic chapter in history.

Dinnerstein, L. (1982). *America and the survivors of the Holocaust*. Columbia University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=710631>

“America and the Survivors of the Holocaust” critically examines the integration and impact of Holocaust survivors in the United States. It explores their contributions to American

society and Jewish identity, the challenges they encountered, and the broader implications for American culture. Through personal narratives and historical analysis, it offers insights into the evolution of contemporary Jewish life in America, highlighting the resilience of survivors and their influence on community development and cultural heritage.

Dollinger, M. (2018). *Black power, Jewish politics: Reinventing the alliance in the 1960s*. Brandeis University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8884931>

"Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s" delves into the complex and evolving relationship between the Black Power movement and Jewish political engagement during the tumultuous 1960s. Through comprehensive research and insightful analysis, the book explores the intersections of race, religion, and activism, examining how African American and Jewish communities navigated shared goals and divergent interests. With a focus on key figures and pivotal moments, the book reveals on the challenges and opportunities of coalition building, highlighting the tensions and collaborations that shaped the era's civil rights landscape. By reexamining this critical period, the book offers valuable insights into the complexities of identity, solidarity, and social change in American history.

Feingold, H. L. (1992). *Time for searching: Entering the mainstream, 1920-1945*. Johns Hopkins University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1378797>

"Time for Searching: Entering the Mainstream, 1920-1945" offers a thorough examination of the journey of Jewish Americans as they sought to integrate into mainstream American society during the interwar period. Through research and insightful analysis, the book delves into the challenges and opportunities faced by Jewish immigrants and their descendants as they navigated economic, social, and cultural shifts. It explores the impact of events such as the Great Depression and World War II on Jewish identity and community dynamics, as well as the contributions of Jewish Americans to various aspects of American life. By shedding light on this transformative period, "Time for Searching" provides valuable insights into the processes of acculturation, assimilation, and adaptation within the Jewish American experience

Feingold, H. L. (2014). *American Jewish political culture and the liberal persuasion* (First edition). Syracuse University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=7984611>

"American Jewish Political Culture and the Liberal Persuasion" provides an in-depth analysis of the historical and ideological underpinnings of American Jewish political identity, particularly its alignment with liberal values. This scholarly work delves into the complex relationship between American Jews and liberalism, tracing its roots from early immigration to contemporary political dynamics. Through detailed research and insightful commentary, the book explores how factors such as social justice, civil rights,

and Jewish communal values have influenced American Jewish engagement with liberal political movements. By examining key moments and figures in American Jewish history, it illuminates the enduring connection between Jewish identity and progressive political ideals, offering a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between religion, culture, and politics in the American Jewish experience.

Franklin, V. P. (Ed.). (1998). *African Americans and Jews in the twentieth century: Studies in convergence and conflict*. University of Missouri Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=1780154>

"African Americans and Jews in the Twentieth Century: Studies in Convergence and Conflict" delves into the complex and evolving relationship between African Americans and Jews in America. Edited by V.P. Franklin, this insightful collection of essays examines various aspects of this relationship, exploring both moments of convergence and instances of conflict throughout the twentieth century. The book offers a nuanced understanding of the historical, social, and cultural dynamics that have shaped interactions between these two communities, shedding light on the challenges and opportunities that have arisen from their shared experiences in American society. Through interdisciplinary analysis, it contributes to a deeper understanding of race, ethnicity, and identity in American history.

Gerstenfeld, M. (Ed.). (2005). *American Jewry's challenge: Conversations confronting the twenty-first century*. Rowman & Littlefield. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3721235>

"American Jewry's Challenge: Conversations Confronting the Twenty-First Century" presents a compelling exploration of the contemporary issues and dilemmas facing American Jewry. Through a series of candid conversations, this thought-provoking book tackles a range of pressing topics, from inter-generational tensions and identity politics to Israel-Diaspora relations and the rise of antisemitism. Esteemed scholars, community leaders, and activists offer diverse perspectives and insights, reflecting on the complexities of Jewish life in the modern era. With a keen focus on adaptation, resilience, and collective action, the book invites readers to engage in meaningful dialogue and reflection, challenging assumptions and fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities shaping the future of American Jewry.

Goldberg, A. (2015). *Holocaust survivors in Canada: Exclusion, inclusion, transformation, 1947-1955*. University of Manitoba Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=8207865>

"Holocaust Survivors in Canada: Exclusion, Inclusion, Transformation, 1947-1955" by Adara Goldberg illuminates on the experiences of 35,000 Jewish survivors of Nazi persecution and their dependents who arrived in Canada during the decade after World War II. This influx marked a pivotal moment in Canadian Jewish history. The book delves into the intricate relationships between survivors, Jewish social service organizations, and local Jewish communities. It explores how these relationships—strained by disparities in

experience, language, culture, and worldview—both facilitated and hindered the survivors' adaptation to their new country. Through comprehensive research, Goldberg provides a comprehensive analysis of the resettlement, integration, and acculturation process from the perspective of the survivors themselves.

Gorbach, J. (2019). *Notorious Ben Hecht: Iconoclastic writer and militant Zionist*. Purdue University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=9076224>

“Notorious Ben Hecht: Iconoclastic Writer and Militant Zionist” provides a comprehensive examination of the life and legacy of Ben Hecht, a prolific and controversial figure in 20th-century American literature and Zionist activism. Through thorough research and insightful analysis, the book delves into Hecht's multifaceted career as a playwright, screenwriter, journalist, and outspoken advocate for Jewish causes. It explores his provocative writing style, his collaborations with Hollywood luminaries, and his passionate commitment to the Zionist movement, including his efforts to raise awareness about the plight of European Jewry during the Holocaust. By contextualizing Hecht's work within the broader cultural and political landscape of his time, the book offers valuable insights into the complexities of identity, ideology, and activism in the modern era.

Goren, A. A. (1999). *Politics and public culture of American Jews*. Indiana University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2660148>

“Politics and Public Culture of American Jews” offers a comprehensive analysis of the multifaceted role of American Jews in shaping politics and public discourse. Through detailed research and insightful commentary, the book explores the diverse political identities, ideologies, and interests within the American Jewish community. It examines how Jews have influenced various aspects of public life, including electoral politics, social movements, and cultural production, while also grappling with issues such as antisemitism, Zionism, and assimilation. By delving into historical trends, contemporary debates, and future prospects, the book provides valuable insights into the complex dynamics of Jewish political engagement and its impact on American society as a whole.

Klein, R. (Ed.). (2012). *Nazi Germany, Canadian responses: Confronting antisemitism in the shadow of war*. McGill-Queen's University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=7642636>

“Nazi Germany, Canadian Responses: Confronting Antisemitism in the Shadow of War” offers a comprehensive examination of Canada's reactions to the rise of Nazism and the unfolding Holocaust. Through comprehensive research and insightful analysis, the book explores how Canadian society grappled with the challenges posed by antisemitism, refugee policies, and the moral implications of the Holocaust. It examines the responses of government officials, community leaders, and ordinary citizens, shedding light on both acts of solidarity and instances of indifference or hostility towards Jewish refugees. By contextualizing Canadian responses within broader historical,

social, and political dynamics, the book offers valuable insights into the complexities of confronting antisemitism during one of the darkest periods of modern history.

Milberg, L. L., Mendelsohn, A. D., Sarna, J. D., Argetsinger, M., Princeton University, Princeton University Press, & Puritan Capital (Printing firm) (Eds.). (2022). *Yearning to breathe free: Jews in gilded age America: essays by twenty contributing scholars*. Princeton University Library. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=10278956>

“Yearning to Breathe Free: Jews in Gilded Age America” presents a collection of essays by twenty esteemed scholars, offering a comprehensive exploration of the experiences of Jewish immigrants and communities during the Gilded Age in America. Through research and diverse perspectives, the book delves into various aspects of Jewish life, including migration patterns, economic pursuits, cultural expressions, and social integration. It examines the challenges and opportunities faced by Jews in this dynamic period of American history, highlighting their contributions to the nation’s growth and development. By illuminating the complexities of identity, adaptation, and aspiration among Gilded Age Jews, the book provides valuable insights into the broader themes of immigration, ethnicity, and Americanization in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Moore, D. D. (2004). *GI Jews: How World War II changed a generation*. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3535282>

“GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation” provides a compelling exploration of the experiences and contributions of Jewish soldiers during World War II. Through extensive research and firsthand accounts, the book delves into the stories of Jewish servicemen and women who served in various branches of the military. It examines the challenges they faced, including antisemitism within the ranks, while also highlighting their bravery, resilience, and dedication to their country. Moreover, “GI Jews” explores how their wartime experiences transformed individual lives and reshaped the collective identity of American Jewry. By shedding light on this often-overlooked aspect of World War II history, the book offers valuable insights into the intersection of military service, ethnicity, and identity in mid-20th century America.

Moore, D. D. (Ed.). (2008). *American Jewish identity politics*. The University of Michigan Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=6125039>

“American Jewish Identity Politics” analyzes the intricate relationship between American Jews and their political identity. Through a nuanced examination, the book explores how historical, social, and cultural factors have shaped the political perspectives and activism of American Jews. Authoritative voices in Jewish studies delve into topics such as Zionism, antisemitism, social justice movements, and the influence of Israel on American Jewish identity. By scrutinizing the intersection of Jewishness and political engagement, the book offers valuable insights into the diverse and evolving landscape

of American Jewish identity politics, shedding light on the complexities of allegiance, advocacy, and community solidarity within this dynamic demographic.

Sanua, M. R. (2007). *Let us prove strong: The American Jewish Committee, 1945-2006*. Brandeis University Press ; Published by University Press of New England.  
<https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=4734253>

“Let Us Prove Strong: The American Jewish Committee, 1945-2006” offers a comprehensive analysis of the American Jewish Committee’s (AJC) evolution and impact in the post-World War II era. Through detailed research and insightful commentary, the book examines the AJC’s efforts to advocate for Jewish rights, combat antisemitism, and promote social justice both domestically and internationally. It delves into the organization’s strategies, campaigns, and partnerships with other groups to advance its mission of safeguarding Jewish interests and promoting democratic values. Additionally, the book explores the AJC’s responses to key issues such as civil rights, immigration, and Israel, providing valuable insights into the dynamics of Jewish communal advocacy in the latter half of the 20th century.

Soloveitchik, H. (2021). *Rupture and reconstruction: The transformation of contemporary orthodoxy*. Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, in association with Liverpool University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=9650246>

“Rupture and Reconstruction: The Transformation of Contemporary Orthodoxy” provides a comprehensive analysis of the shifts and challenges within contemporary Orthodox Jewish communities. Through comprehensive research and insightful commentary, the book explores how Orthodoxy has evolved in response to modernity, technology, and social change. It delves into debates surrounding issues such as gender roles, religious authority, and engagement with secular society. Additionally, the book examines the tensions between traditionalism and innovation within Orthodox communities, as well as the impact of globalization and immigration on Orthodox identity. By contextualizing these developments within broader historical and socio-cultural trends, “Rupture and Reconstruction” offers valuable insights into the complexities of Orthodox Judaism in the contemporary era.

Sterba, C. M. (2003). *Good Americans: Italian and Jewish immigrants during the First World War*. Oxford University Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2974369>

“Good Americans: Italian and Jewish Immigrants During the First World War” offers a nuanced exploration of the experiences of Italian and Jewish immigrants in the United States during World War I. Through thorough research and compelling storytelling, the book delves into the complexities of identity, loyalty, and belonging in the context of wartime America. It examines how Italian and Jewish immigrants navigated the challenges of assimilation, discrimination, and patriotism during this tumultuous period, highlighting their contributions to the war effort and their struggles for acceptance in American society. By illuminating the diverse experiences of these immigrant

communities, “Good Americans” provides valuable insights into the broader social and cultural dynamics of early 20th century America.

Troper, H. M. (2010). *Defining decade: Identity, politics, and the Canadian Jewish community in the 1960s*. University of Toronto Press. <https://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=6940617>

“Defining Decade” examines the Canadian Jewish community’s experiences during the transformative decade of the 1960s. Through a detailed analysis of historical events, political movements, and social dynamics, the book explores how Canadian Jews grappled with issues of identity, politics, and community building during this period of significant change. By delving into key moments such as the Quiet Revolution in Quebec, shifts in immigration policy, and emerging cultural trends, the book offers valuable insights into the evolving nature of Canadian Jewish identity and its intersections with broader societal shifts. Through a combination of archival research and scholarly analysis, “Defining Decade” illuminates the complex dynamics shaping the Canadian Jewish experience in the 1960s.