

**JEWISH & FEMALE-
THOUGHT-PROVOKING BOOKS PUBLISHED FROM 1990 TO
THE PRESENT**

Famous Jewish Women

- Ref 798.77 Hyman, Paula E. & Moore, Deborah Dash, eds.: *Jewish Women in
Hym America; an Historical Encyclopedia*. 2v., N.Y., Routledge, 1997

A two-volume compendium of biographical articles on Notable American Jewish women, with photographs. Also contains articles on women's organizations, e.g. Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, and historical surveys, e.g. Eastern European immigration, Film Industry.

- Ref 798.619 Slater, Elinor and Slater, Robert: *Great Jewish Women*, Middle
Sla Village, NY, Jonathan David, 1994.

Women included in this volume range from public and political leaders to movie stars, artists, writers, scientists. Portraits are included.

- Ref 798.619 Taitz, Emily and Tallan, Cheryl: *The JPS Guide to Jewish Women:
Tai 600 B.C.E. – 1900 C.E.* Philadelphia, Jewish Publication Society.
2003.

This listing goes back to pre C.E. times and ends with the start of the 20th century. Entries are brief, but include names not easily found elsewhere

Women And Jewish Liturgy

Prayers

230.9 Cardin, Nina Beth, ed. *Out of the Depths I Call to You*, Northvale, NJ,
Car Aronson, 1992.
A woman rabbi formulates prayers springing from the heart of a woman but grounded in Jewish liturgical tradition.

222.5 Cardin, Nina Beth: *Tears of Sorrow, Seeds of Hope: Jewish Spiritual*
Car *Companion for Infertility & Pregnancy Loss*, Woodstock, VT.,
Jewish lights, 1999.

When life brings grief, prayers or readings from our traditional texts can bring relief and assuage sorrow.

230.9 Frymer-Kensky, Tikva: *Motherprayer*. NY, Berkley Publ., 1995.
Fry
A small but powerful book filled with expressions of mothers when they face problems or seek comfort and support.

Passover

244 Anisfeld, Sharon Cohen and Spector, Catherine, eds.: *The Women's*
Ani *Passover Companion; Women's Reflections on the Festival of*
Freedom, Woodstock, VT, Jewish Lights, 2003.

All too often, Passover preparations become the bane of a woman's existence, so this book comes as welcome medicine to cure the sense of utter exhaustion and remind us that Passover is a celebration of freedom and not a submission to slavery.

244.12 Anisfeld, Sharon Cohen and Spector, Catherine, eds.: *The Women's*
Ani *Seder Sourcebook: Rituals and Readings for Use at the Passover*
Seder. Woodstock, VT, Jewish Lights, 2003

This companion volume contains a wealth of practical and inspiring ways to enhance your Seder and make "this night different from all other nights", even from Seders past.

244 Bro Broner, E. M. and Nimrod, Naomi: *The Telling*. NY, Harper, 1993.

A Seder for women only is quite different from other Seders and offers much opportunity for innovation and creativity. This group of “sisters”, who have been celebrating a women’s seder every year for more than a decade, consists of prominent names, e.g. Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug, Lettie Pogrebin. It discusses both history and “how-to” and can serve as guide and inspiration for other women.

Rosh Chodesh

265 Ber Berrin, Susan, ed.: *Celebrating the Moon; A Rosh Chodesh Anthology*. Northvale, NJ, Aronson, 1996.

In recent years, celebrations of Rosh Chodesh by women’s groups have been revived. This book offers a rich spread of ideas of how to give this monthly observance meaning and content and a sweet taste to carry with you through the entire month.

Women & Jewish Theology

136 Adl Adler, Rachel: *Engendering Judaism: An Inclusive Theology and Ethics*, Philadelphia, Jewish Publication Society, 1998.

Thoughtful and thought-provoking, this author challenges our contemporary society to let women take part in Jewish practice and learning, to enrich our Jewish institutions by the infusion of feminine contributions to all phases of Judaism.

Jewish Women in Social Action

619 She Shepherd, Naomi: *A Price Below Rubies; Jewish Women as Rebels & Radicals*, Cambridge, MA, Harvard Univ. Pr., 1993.

Find out how women have taken their place in areas of life that the famous Eshet Chayil, the poem in praise of women never even dreamed of. In this book you will find Jewish radicals such as Rosa Luxemburg, brilliant polemicist and Marxist revolutionary, Bertha Pappenheim, leading feminist and social reformer, Emam Goldman and Golda Meir.

222.5 Levy, Naomi: *To Begin Again*. N.Y., Knopf, 1998.
Levy

Naomi Levy was in the first class of women admitted to study for the

rabbinate at Jewish Theological Seminary and the first Conservative rabbi to head a West Coast congregation. Her struggle to come to terms with the cruel murder of her father during her teen years with her subsequent loss of faith is interwoven with stories of crisis and loss among her congregants. We can learn much from her practical approach to recovery from loss and recommitment to living fully. Her prayers speak to us in direct, heartfelt language.

Orthodoxy and Jewish Women

619.9 Rotem, Judith: *Distant Sisters; the Women I Left Behind*
Rot .Philadelphia, Jewish Publication Society, 1997.

A reflection on the women Rotem left behind when she abandoned her orthodox environment in which she had grown up. Ten years after she had left that community, Rotem returned as an observer and interviewed Orthodox women in order to portray them sympathetically and yet honestly.

Jewish Women Writers

556.3 Diamant, Carol and Rattock, Lily, eds.: *Ribcage; Israeli Women's*
Dia *Fiction*. NY, Hadassah, 1994.

A collection of writings by contemporary Israeli women. Each story is followed by a study guide.

F Niederman, Sharon, ed.: *Shaking Eve's Tree*. Philadelphia, Jewish
Nie Publication Society, 1990

Short stories by Jewish women.

557 Umansky, Ellen M. and Ashton, Diane, eds.: *Four Centuries of*
Uma *Jewish Women's Spirituality*, Boston, Beacon, 1992

A roundup of women's poetry and prose from the "four corners of the world," ranging from traditional to contemporary voices.

Jews by Choice – A Female Glimpse

203.8 Fink, Nan: *Stranger in the Midst*. NY, Basic Books, 1997.

Fin

A very personal account by a Jew by choice who shares with us her joys but also her disappointments in joining the Jewish community.

Women's Place in the Synagogue?

619.9 Goldman, Karla: *Beyond the Synagogue Gallery*. Cambridge, MA, Harvard U. press, 2001.
Gol

Even though the synagogue gallery is still a reality in many congregations, altogether much has changed in the status of women in the synagogue, and this book describes some of the progress and historical development of the status of women in America.

619 Grossman, Susan & Haut, Rivka, eds.: *Daughters of the King; Woman and the Synagogue*. Philadelphia, Jewish Publication Society, 1992.
Gro

Divided into three sections, *History, Halakhah and Contemporary Realities*, this volume presents contributions by 28 writers. Through their eyes we get to see the evolution of the relation between the institution of the Synagogue and women from the days of the Temple in Jerusalem to the twentieth century.

Mothers and Daughters

619.9 Moskowitz, Faye, ed.: *Her Face in the Mirror*. Boston, Beacon, 1994.
Mos

Contemplates the way mothers see daughters, and vice versa.

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