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Non-Fiction

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Cyrus Adler was a Jewish scholar who became the first president of Dropsie College in Philadelphia. He was one of the founders of the Jewish Publication Society of America, United Synagogue of America, and the American Jewish Committee. He was also president of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Theological Seminary and served as its acting president after the death of Solomon Schechter.

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Thirteen women offer personal reflections on Judaism in the United States, discussing anti-Semitism, stereotypes, ethnic identity, and the Holocaust.

Chafets, Ze'ev. *Members of the Tribe: On the Road in Jewish America*. New York, Bantam Books, 1988. PS, TEE, TTTI

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Explores Jewish power and influence in late twentieth century America especially at the political level, showing how the Jewish establishment impacts foreign and domestic policy and discussing this group's relationship with the media.

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A Time for Building: The Third Migration 1880-1920 by Gerald Sorin

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