The Jewish Movement in the Soviet Union represented a unique cultural and religious phenomenon in post-Stalinist Russia—the conversion of thousands of Russian Jews to Christianity. This phenomenon challenges conventional perspectives on Russian-Jewish identity and the role of religion in the context of modern Jewish migration and resettlement.

This book presents a comprehensive analysis of the interrelations between the Christianization of Jews and the wider context of Jewish migration, exploring the various factors that led to this conversion movement. The authors, prominent scholars in the field of Jewish studies, provide a multidisciplinary perspective, integrating historical, sociological, and anthropological insights.

Key themes include the historical background of the Soviet Union, the impact of anti-Semitism, and the role of the Russian Orthodox Church in shaping Jewish identity. The book also examines the consequences of this conversion on Jewish identity, religious affiliation, and cultural heritage.

Overall, Russian Jews on Three Continents Migration And Resettlement Cummings Center offers a deep and nuanced understanding of the complex interplay between religion, identity, and migration in the post-Soviet era. It is a valuable resource for scholars, students, and anyone interested in the history and sociology of Jewish migration.
Published annually by the Araham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Studies in Contemporary Jewry continues to be an invaluable resource for scholars of modern history and culture.

Comparative Perspectives on Judaisms and Jewish Identities: Stephen Sharot 2011 "Comparative Perspectives on Judaisms and Jewish Identities makes a unique contribution, building on but not duplicating Sharot's earlier work. There is no comparable work that covers all of these periods and particular cases."—

Harriet Hartman, professor of sociology at Rowan University In Comparative Perspectives on Judaisms and Jewish Identities author Stephen Sharot uses his work published in journals and collected volumes over the past thirty-five years to examine a range of Jewish communities across both time and geography. Sharot's sociological analyses consider religious developments and identities in diverse Jewish communities from Imperial China and Renaissance Italy to contemporary Israel and the United States The book is divided into four parts: the first compares religious developments in pre-modern and early modern Jewish communities; the second focuses on Jewish religious movements, especially messianico-millennial and antinomian, in the premodern and early modern period; the third examines Jewish religious and ethnic identities in the modern period; and the fourth relates developments in Judaism in the modern period to theoretical debates on secularization, fundamentalism, and public religion in the sociology of religion Immigration and Ethnic Formations in a Deeply Divided Society Majlo Ahi Hajo 2004 This book provides a new critical perspective on questions of immigration and society in Israel through a detailed analysis of ethnic formation, identity patterns, political behavior, and cultural orientation among the 1990s immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel.


Gender and U.S. Immigration Piemonte Hundag-Soto 2008-08 Publisher Description The New Jewish Diaspora 2016-07-27 In 1900 over five million Jews lived in the Russian empire; today, there are four times as many Russian-speaking Jews residing outside the former Soviet Union than there are in that region. The New Jewish Diaspora is the first English-language study of the Russian-speaking Jewish diaspora. This migration has made deep marks on the social, cultural, and political terrain of many countries, in particular the United States, Israel, and Germany. The contributors examine the varied ways these immigrants have adapted to new environments, while identifying the common cultural bonds that continue to unite them. Assembling an international array of experts on the Soviet and post-Soviet Jewish diaspora, the book makes room for a wide range of scholarly approaches, allowing readers to appreciate the significance of this migration from many different angles. Some chapters offer data-driven analyses that seek to quantify the impact Russian-speaking Jewish populations are making in their adoptive countries and their adaptations there. Others take a more ethnographic approach, using interviews and observations to determine how these immigrants integrate their old traditions and affiliations into their new identities. Further chapters examine how, despite the oceans separating them, members of this diaspora form imagined communities within cyberspace and through literature, enabling them to keep their shared culture alive. Above all, the scholars in The New Jewish Diaspora place the migration of Russian-speaking Jews in its historical and social contexts, showing where it fits within the larger historic saga of the Jewish diaspora, exploring its dynamic engagement with the contemporary world, and pointing to future paths these immigrants and their descendants might follow.

American Jewish Year Book 2015 Arnold Dashfel 2016-02-03 This Year Book, now in its 115th year, provides insight into major trends in the North American Jewish communities and is the Annual Record of the North American Jewish Communities. The first two chapters of Part I examine Jewish immigrant groups to the US and Jewish life on campus. Chapters on "National Affairs" and "Jewish Communal Affairs" analyze the year's events. Three chapters analyze the demography and geography of the US, Canada, and world Jewish populations. Part II provides Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers, social service agencies, national organizations, overnight camps, museums, and Israeli consulates. The final chapters present national and local Jewish periodicals and broadcast media; academic resources, including Jewish Studies Programs, books, articles websites, and research libraries; and lists of major events in the past year, Jewish honorees, and obituaries. For those interested in the North American Jewish community—scholars, service providers, volunteers—this volume undoubtedly provides the single best source of information on the structure, dynamics, and ongoing religious, political, and social challenges confronting the community. It should be on the bookshelf of everyone interested in monitoring the dynamics of change in the Jewish communities of North America. Sidney Goldstein, Founder and Director, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, and Alice Goldstein, Population Studies and Trainng Center, Brown University The American Jewish Year Book is a unique and valuable resource for Jewish community professionals. It is part almanac, directory, encyclopedia and all together a volume to have within easy reach. It is the best, concise diary of trends, events, and personalites of interest for the past year. We should all welcome the Year Book's publication as a sign of vitality for the Jewish community. Brenda Gevertz, Executive Director, JPRO Network, the Jewish Professional Resource Organization International Journal of the Sociology of Language 1974 The Jewish Year Book 1968 American Journal of Public Health 1999-07 Points of Passage Tobias Brinkmann 2013-10-30 Between 1880 and 1914 several million Eastern Europeans migrated West. Much is known about the immigration experience of Jews, Poles, Greeks, and others, notably in the United States. Yet, little is known about the paths of mass migration across "green borders" via European railway stations and ports to destinations in other continents. Ellis Island, literally a point of passage into America, has a much higher symbolic significance than the often inconspicuous departure stations, makeshift facilities for migrant masses at European railway stations and port cities, and former control posts along borders that were redrawn several times during the twentieth century. This volume focuses on the journeys of Jews from Eastern Europe through Germany, Britain, and Scandinavia between 1880 and 1914. The authors investigate various aspects of transmigration including medical controls, travel conditions, and the role of the steamship lines; and also review the rise of migration restrictions around the globe in the decades before 1914.

Russian Language Studies in North America Veronika Makarova 2013-10-01 "Russian Language Studies in North America: New Perspectives from Theoretical and Applied Linguistics" offers a unique collection of research papers representing current directions in Russian language studies in Canada and the United States. Traditionally, Slavic and Russian studies in these countries have centered around literature, history, politics and culture. This volume reflects recent changes in Russian studies by focusing on language structure, language use and teaching methodology. The volume brings together several generations of scholars, from young promising researchers to those with long-established reputations in the field.

The Oxford Handbook of Judaism and Economics Aaron Levine 2010-11-12 The interaction of Judaism and economics encompasses many different dimensions. Much of this interaction can be explored through the way in which Jewish law accommodates and even enhances commercial practice today and in past societies. From this context, The Oxford Handbook of Judaism and Economics explores how Judaism as a religion and as a people relate to the economic sphere of life in modern society as well as in the past. Bringing together an astonishingly strong group of top scholars, the volume approaches the subject from a variety of angles, providing one of the most comprehensive, well-rounded, and authoritative accounts of the interactions of Judaism and economics yet produced. Aaron Levine first offers a brief overview of the nature and development of Jewish law as a legal system, then presents essays from a variety of angles and areas of expertise. The book offers contributions on economic theory in the bible and in the Talmud; on the interaction between Jewish law, ethics, modern society, and public policy; then presents illuminating explorations of Judaism throughout economic history and the ways in which economics has influenced Jewish history. The Oxford Handbook of Judaism and Economics at last offers an extensive and welcome resource by leading scholars and economists on the vast and delightfully complex relationship between economics and Judaism.

The Struggle for Soviet Jewry in American Politics Fred A. Lazein 2005-04-19 Until 1989 most Soviet Jews wanting to immigrate to the United States left on visas for Israel via Vienna. In Vienna, with the assistance of American aid organizations, thousands of Soviet Jews transferred to Rome and applied for refugee entry into the United States. The Struggle for Soviet Jewry in American Politics examines the conflict between the Israeli government and the organized American Jewish community over the final destination of Soviet Jewish immigrants. Between 1967 and 1989, Israel, the Diaspora, and Jewish identity Danny Ben-Moshe 2007 This title investigates the significance, contribution, and role played by the State of Israel - ideologically and practically - and explores the extent and way Israeli features in diaspora identity through a range of issues. Contemporary Jewries Eliezer Ben Rafael 2013-01-01 This work aims to explore whether one can still speak, at the beginning of the 21st century, of one Jewish People encompassing all Jews in the world and based on shared principles of collective identity. It covers factors of convergence and divergence that characterize contemporary Jewries.

Ethnicity and Beyond Eli Lederhandler 2011-03-08 Volume XXV of the distinguished annual Studies in Contemporary Jewry explores new understandings and approaches to Jewish "ethnicity." In current parlance regarding multicultural diversity, Jews are often considered to belong socially to the "majority," whereas "otherness" is reserved for "minorities." But these group labels and their meanings have changed over time. This volume analyzes how "ethnic," "ethnicity," and "identity" have been applied to Jews, past and present, individually and collectively. Most of the symposium papers on the ethnicity of Jewish people and the social groups they form draw heavily on the case of American Jews, while others offer wider geographical perspectives. Contributors address ex-Soviet Jews in Philadelphia, comparing them to a similar population in Tel Aviv; Communist and ethnicity; intermarriage and group binding; American Jewish dialogue; and German Jewish migration in the interwar decades. Leading academics, employing a variety of sociological methods and historical paradigms, propose to enhance the clarity of definitions used to relate "ethnic identity"
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book covers commonly researched language varieties, like Yiddish, Judeo-Spanish, and Judeo-Arabic, as well
as less commonly researched ones, like Judeo-Tat, Jewish Swedish, and Hebraized Amharic in Israel today.
Israel Identity in Transition Professor of Jewish History Anita Shapira 2004 Presents the major issues of the
Israel culture wars: cleavages between religious and secular, veterans and newcomers, Zionists and non-
Zionists, Jews and Arabs.
Jews in Eastern Europe 2001 American Jewish Year Book 2001 Arnold Dachslfay 2001-03-14 The American Jewish Year Book, now in its
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major trends. The first two chapters of Part II include a special forum on "Contemporary American Jewry: Grounds for Optimism or Pessimism?" with assessments from more than 20 experts in the field. The third chapter examines antisemitism in Contemporary America. Chapters on "Domestic Arena" and "The International Arena" analyze the year’s events as they affect American Jewish communal and political affairs. Three chapters analyze the demography and geography of the US, Canada, and world Jewish populations. Part II provides lists of Jewish institutions, including federations, community centers, social service agencies, national organizations, synagogues, Hillels, day schools, camps, museums, and Israel centers. The book contains current national and local Jewish periodicals and broadcast media, academic resources, including Jewish Studies programs, books, journals, articles, websites, and research libraries; and lists of major events in the past year, Jewish honors, and obituaries. Today, as it has for over a century, the American Jewish Year Book remains the single most useful source of information and analysis on Jewish demography, social and political trends, culture, and religion. For anyone interested in Jewish life, it is simply indispensable. David Harris, CEO, American Jewish Committee (AJC), Edward and Sandra Meyer Office of the CEO The American Jewish Year Book stands as an unparalleled resource for scholars, policy makers, Jewish community professionals and thought leaders. This authoritative and comprehensive compendium of facts and figures, trends and key issues, observations and essays, is the essential guide to contemporary American Jewish life in all its dynamic multi-dimensionality. Christine Hayes, President, Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) and Robert F. and Patricia R. Weis Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica at Yale University. A Jewish Life on Three Continents 2013-05-08 This remarkable memoir by Menachem Mendel Frieden illuminates Jewish experience in all three of the most significant centers of Jewish life during the late
nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It chronicles Frieden's early years in Eastern Europe, his subsequent
migration to the United States, and, finally, his settlement in Palestine in 1921. The memoir appears here
translated from its original Hebrew, edited and annotated by Frieden's grandson, the historian Lee Shai Weissbach. Frieden's story provides a window onto Jewish life in an era that saw the encroachment of modern ideas into a traditional society, great streams of migration, and the project of Jewish nation building in Palestine. The memoir follows Frieden's student life in the yeshivas of Eastern Europe, the practices of
peddlers in the American South, and the complexities of British policy in Palestine between the two World Wars. This first-hand account calls attention to some often ignored aspects of the modern Jewish experience and provides invaluable insight into the history of the time. Jewish Images in the Media Martin Lepach 2007 RELATION is a peer-reviewed book series intended to
advance the study of the multifaceted relationships between media and society by emphasizing the comparative dimensions of such research. Monographs, collection of articles, conference proceedings, or edited source material are published in this series. This volume is devoted to Jewish images as portrayed in Western media - using both historical and contemporary contexts as well as multidisciplinary perspectives. It is composed of two parts. While the first part "The Images and Stereotypes" is dedicated to articles exploring the use of images and stereotypes in the media discourse, the second part "Dealing with Stereotypes and Antisemitism" focuses, additionally or exclusively, on the media reactions to stereotypes, and reactions to antisemitism. Sixteen authors present studies that apply either a comparative approach to the subject matter or provide results that should be discussed in relation to findings of other analyses presented in this book. Russian Israelis Larissa Remenrick 2014-06-11 Israelis with a Russian accent have been part of Israel's social, cultural, and economic landscape for over 20 years. They are found in all walks of life: as controversial politicians, senior physicians and scientists, kibbutz members and religious settlers. Despite lacking personal assets and below-average income, many of them managed to enter Israeli middle class, and some even became part of local elites – an achievement not to be taken for granted for the first-generation immigrants. This collection offers a multi-faceted portrait of the 'Great Russian Aliyah' of the 1990s with the emphasis on socio-political and cultural aspects of its insertion in Israel - based on social research conducted by the scholars most of whom are former-Soviet immigrants themselves. The issues covered include the exploration of Israel as an extension of the post-soviet space; the evolving political culture of Russian Israelis; the prospects for the ethnic media and Russian language continuity; visual tokens of 'homelandization' of a major Israeli city by its 'Russian' residents, and mutual influences between Israel and Russian cinematic traditions. Written in a lively and non-technical manner, most contributions will spark interest among both social scientists and broad readership interested in modern-day Israel and post-Soviet societies. This book was originally published as a special issue of Israel Affairs. Food for Thought Julia Bernstein 2010-10-04 In recent decades, many Russian-speaking Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union have settled in Germany and Israel. In Food for Thought, Julia Bernstein conducts a widely interdisciplinary investigation into the ways in which such immigrants manage their multiple, overlapping identities-as Jews, Russians, and citizens of their newly adopted nations. Focusing in particular on the packaging, sale, and consumption of food, which offers surprising insights into the self-deifications of these immigrants, the book delivers one of our most detailed looks yet at complicated and important aspects of immigration and national identities. The Great Immigration Dina Siegel 1998 Between 1988 and 1996 more than 750,000 Russian Jews arrived in Israel, a "Great Immigration" that has gone largely unnoticed in Israeli public life. This study analyzes the situation of the new Russian-Jewish immigrants and their interactions with other Israeli citizens. It shows how the newcomers were able to exploit their capacity for political mobilization, resist bureaucratic control and cultural assimilation, and create new institutions and formations of class and leadership. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR Russian Israelis Larissa Remenrick 2014-06-11 Israelis with a Russian accent have been part of Israel's social, cultural and economic landscape for over 20 years. They are found in all walks of life: as controversial politicians, senior physicians and scientists, kibbutz members and religious settlers. Despite lacking personal assets and below-average income, many of them managed to enter Israeli middle class, and some even became part of local elites – an achievement not to be taken for granted for the first-generation immigrants. 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