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After years of relative  
neglect, culture is finally  
receiving due recognition  
as a key factor in the  
evolution and resolution  
of conflicts. Unfortunately,  
however, when theorists  
and practitioners of

conflict resolution speak  
of culture, they often  
understand and use it in a  
bewildering and unhelpful  
variety of ways. With  
sophistication and  
lucidity, "Culture and  
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exposes these  
shortcomings and  
proposes an alternative  
conception in which  
culture is seen as  
dynamic and derivative of  
individual experience. The

book explores divergent  
theories of social conflict  
and differing strategies  
that shape the conduct of  
diplomacy, and examines  
the role that culture has  
(and has not) played in  
conflict resolution. The  
author is as forceful in  
critiquing those who  
would dismiss or diminish  
culture's relevance as he  
is trenchant in advocating  
conflict resolution  
approaches that make the

most productive use of a coherent concept of culture. In a lively style, Avruch challenges both scholars and practitioners not only to develop a clearer understanding of what culture is, but also to take that understanding and incorporate it into more effective conflict resolution processes."

*The Gates of Gaza: Critical Voices from Israel on October 7 and the War with Hamas* Routledge  
Now facing a genuinely unprecedented configuration of existential threats, Israel's

leaders must decide whether to continue their deliberate nuclear ambiguity policy (the "bomb in the basement") as they consider such urgent and overlapping survival issues as regional nuclear proliferation, Jihadist terror-group intersections with enemy states, rationality or irrationality of state and sub-state adversaries, assassination or "targeted killing," preemption, and the probable effects of a "Cold War II" between Russia and the United States. Israel must

develop a strategic posture that will involve a suitably coherent and refined nuclear strategy. This book critically examines Israel's rapidly evolving nuclear strategy in light of these issues and explains how it underscores the overarching complexity of strategic interactions in the Middle East.

### **Understanding Jewish History**

Rutgers University Press  
But a covenantal Israel, which draws its Jewish identity from divine promise and the biblical

narrative, refuses to surrender to modern imperatives. As the very nature of Jewish statehood has become ever more polarized, American Jewish life has been profoundly affected by this fateful Zionist contradiction."

Are We One? Rowman & Littlefield

First Published in 1996.

This study provides a political viewpoint on Israel and the Bible. It covers reading the Bible politically as well as considering if it has political reality. Part II

extends to discuss Moses as a political leader and David as a builder of a state. Part III focuses more on the modern relevance of Biblical politics, Jewish vitality and the Case of Jerusalem.

**Army** University of Chicago Press

Following the horrific attack on October 7, support for a devastating military retaliation and resolution has taken center stage.

Nevertheless, within Israel, numerous critical voices cast doubt on the sustainability of such

approaches. They champion the principles of morality, legality, and common sense as the true keys to a lasting solution. This book focuses on these voices which are critical of Israeli government policies. They are deeply grieving and affected by the October 7 attack, while also able to hold both Palestinian and Israeli pain and aspirations not as mutually exclusive, but as an impetus for creating a better and more equitable future for all who inhabit the land. It chronicles the

reactions of intellectuals and scholars to unfolding events. All the pieces in this volume were written within a few days to a few months of October 7 and comprise an archive of a particular discourse taking shape in Israel at this historical juncture. The book is dedicated to the memory of Vivian Silver, who devoted her life to waging peace through valiant activism, and was murdered in her home on October 7. The editor's royalties will go to support an annual lecture in her memory on the themes of

peace and democracy. With contributions by Shaul Arieli, Eva Illouz, Idan Landau, Yaniv Ronen, Yofi Tirosh, Assaf David, Ameer Fakhoury, Ghadir Hani, Eran Tzidkiyahu, Orit Kamir, Orly Noy, Noam Shuster-Eliassi, Jessica Ausinheiler, Meirav Jones, Tal Correm, Anwar Mhajne, David Kretzmer, Omer Bartov, Rawia Aburabia, Hannah Safran, Tanya Zion-Waldoks, Galit Cohen-Kedem, Avi Shilon, Hagar Kotef, Merav Amir, Ali Al-Awar, and Nicholas Kristof.

An Ethical Compass

Rowman & Littlefield  
 Surveying six decades of scholarship, *Recovering International Relations* suggests new ethical and methodological foundations for the study of world politics. IR is conceived as a vocation; one that must balance the insights of normative and empirical theory against each other to address a densely populated, heavily armed, and persistently diverse world.

**Raising Standards in History Education** A&C  
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 The geopolitical history of

the Middle East in antiquity is principally the story of the continuing struggle for domination of the trade routes of the eastern littoral of the Mediterranean Sea, some of the most valued of which passed through the relatively narrow strip of territory stretching from the Egyptian frontier in the Sinai desert to southern Syria, and from there to Mesopotamia. That strip of territory, bounded by the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Jordan River to the east, known as

Cisjordan, constituted the primary land-bridge between northeastern Africa and southwestern Asia. As a consequence of its geopolitical role as a buffer zone between Egypt and the major powers of antiquity, it was always in the interests of the dominant powers of the region to keep that strip of territory divided into numerous small city-states that would be dependent on one or the other of the major powers for their political survival. The present study is primarily concerned with

the political history of the Jewish states that emerged in Cisjordan in antiquity, in effect continuing the narrative of my previous study, *The Rise and Fall of the Ancient Israelite States*, which concluded with the final destruction of the First Hebrew Commonwealth by the Babylonians, including the Temple built in Jerusalem by Solomon, in 586 BCE. This study begins with a brief discussion of the circumstances that led to that disastrous event and its aftermath. The

subsequent Persian conquest of Babylonia unexpectedly led to the emergence of what is frequently spoken of as the Second Hebrew Commonwealth or the Second Temple period. The present study reviews the political history of the Jews in the Land of Israel between the destruction of the First Temple to the destruction of the Second Temple, nearly seven hundred years later, and its aftermath, until the early second century CE.

**International Journal on World Peace**

Routledge  
 A challenge to each of us to take personal responsibility for repairing the world. "We are taught that every one of us is created in the divine image. All of us can be holy through imitating God.... So, you don't have to look around or look away. You don't have to wait for someone to come and do what you were put on this earth to do in the first place. Judaism empowers you, as one of God's anointed ones, to do more than you ever dreamed possible." —from

Chapter 1 The coming of the messiah is anticipated by millions of people of many faiths as the ultimate salve for our spiritual lives and as a way to finally make the world a better place. *There Is No Messiah...and You're It* examines the history of messianic hope and anticipation, its evolution in Judaism and Jewish history, and other interpretations of "messiah" that shed new light on what it means to usher in the "kingdom of God." This fascinating book is our call to see



ourselves as the fulfillment of, not the anticipators of, messianic change. Drawing from the Bible, the Talmud, rabbinic sources, and modern-day scholars, Rabbi Robert Levine provides us with an accessible, fascinating understanding of messianic vision, as well as false messiahs throughout Jewish history. He challenges the powerful idea of messiah that has survived in the heart, soul, and ethos of the Jewish people, and reveals the immediacy of

the messianic presence in our day—in our own lives. Compelling and controversial, *There Is No Messiah...and You're It* inspires us to embody the noblest values of Jewish tradition—prayer, study, mitzvoth, and tzedakah—and embrace our own messianic potential to heal the world. *The Fifth Fiasco, or How to Escape the Traps of Jewish History in the Twenty-First Century* Psychology Press This book goes on a journey into alternative

retellings of Jewish history in order to discover its patterns, which might give us clues about the future. It proposes exploring these versions of history as an intellectual exercise to come to terms with the traumas of the past, and to prevent repeated tragedies in the future. This book identifies the direction in which the Jewish people and their future leaders will develop. Since the Jewish people have never experienced modern sovereignty before, it

promises to usher in far-reaching changes. Making a diagnosis of a national neurosis as the cause for four previous fiascos in Jewish history, the book explains what must be done in the twenty-first century to prevent the dark forces of the past from recurring, and explores the changes awaiting the Jewish religion and nation in the Land of Israel.

### **Nationalizing Judaism**

Lexington Books

This volume explores the conceptual, methodological and

praxeological aspects of dialectical analysis in world politics. As dialectics has remained an under-theorised analytical tool in international relations, this volume provides a critical resource for those seeking to deploy dialectics in their own research by showcasing its effectiveness for understanding and transforming world politics. Contributions demonstrate a number of innovative ways in which dialectical thinking can be of benefit to the study of

world politics by covering three thematic concerns: (i) conceptual or meta-theoretical dimensions of dialectics; (ii) methodological features and general principles of dialectical approaches; and (iii) applications and/or case studies that deploy a dialectical approach to world politics. Canvassing a diverse range of dialectical approaches on key issues in world politics – from global security to postcolonial resistances, from the theoretical problems of reification

and complexity, to the study of the global futures and the intercultural historical expressions of dialectics – Dialectics and World Politics offers key insights into the social forces and contradictions that are generative of transformation in world politics and yet routinely downplayed in orthodox approaches to international relations. Each chapter demonstrates how dialectics can be utilized more broadly in the discipline and deployed in a critical fashion as part of

an emancipatory project. This book was originally published as a special issue of Globalizations.

**Flashpoints in the War on Terrorism** Lexington Books

The essays in this volume, by leading scholars from within and outside Israel, shed new light on the Israeli historians' controversy of the creation of the State of Israel, the 1948 War and its aftermath, Israel's attitude towards Holocaust survivors, the "melting pot" absorption policy and similar

subjects. The attack on Zionist historiography, which initially came from what is dubbed the "post-Zionist" radical left, has recently broadened to include a critique from the right. These essays cover diverse aspects of the critique, exploring its historiographical, political, sociological and educational ramifications. *The Politics of Religion and the Religion of Politics* Arau : Sauerländer  
The third volume in this international review takes "raising standards" as its central theme. Raising

standards is no simple matter, either conceptually or empirically, whatever politicians might think. If it is to happen, it must draw on research and practical experience from other countries.

*An Understanding of Judaism* Cambridge Scholars Publishing  
Civil casualties and collateral damage have been long considered as an undesired outcome of military activity that has to be reduced. While most of the contemporary discourse on this topic has

been primarily concentrating on three main factors: the legal aspects of causing civil casualties, the impact of war on local population, and different factors of military professionalism required to avoid disproportional harm to civilians; this book asks an entirely different question. As the subject of civil casualties during military operations seems to be highly politicized, this book takes this discourse out of its usual niches and suggests that the indirect responsibility

rests with the politicians and the public, which they represent. When a society, in the beginning of the 21st century, sends its troops to a battle, does it really care about the enemy civilian casualties? To answer this question, this book traces the political and cultural factors that have led to the failure of Non-Lethal Weapons - the great promise of the 1990s, which was intended to make the war significantly less lethal than it was known before. Examining three different cases, this

study explains that the idea of minimizing civil casualties is no more than an illusion, and, in fact, neither politicians, nor societies, feel really stressed to change this situation.

*Introduction to Conflict Resolution* US Institute of Peace Press

First Published in 2002. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Jewish Life and Thought among Greeks and Romans Council on Foreign Relations  
In the years leading to the

birth of Israel, Zerubavel shows, Zionist settlers in Palestine consciously sought to rewrite Jewish history by reshaping Jewish memory.

Zerubavel focuses on the nationalist reinterpretation of the defense of Masada against the Romans in 73 C.E. and the Bar Kokhba revolt of 133-135; and on the transformation of the 1920 defense of a new Jewish settlement in Tel Hai into a national myth. Surviving Amid Chaos Turner Publishing Company

To shed light on the tensions he observed between Jewish perceptions of power versus political realities which "are often the cause of misguided political decisions," like Israel's Lebanese War Biale analyzes Jewish history from the point of view of politics and power. The author of *Gershom Scholem: Kabbalah and Counter-History* here challenges the conventions of what he terms the Jewish "mythical past": the anachronistic

interpretation that the Diaspora, which occurred between the fall of an independent Jewish commonwealth in A.D. 70 and the rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948, was politically impotent, and, conversely, that the First and Second Temple periods were eras of full Jewish national sovereignty.

Culture & Conflict Resolution Yale University Press

Two of the world's leading authorities on the classical era bring together a comprehensive

treasury of sources on Judaism in the ancient period.

There Is No Messiah—and You're It McFarland

Marks' painstaking investigation into the figure of Bar Kokhba in traditional Jewish literature has indeed provided a corrective to those on both sides of the Zionist political spectrum and in doing so he has once again shown that historical investigations are often quite useful in elucidating and clarifying various modern debates.- Jewish Political Studies

Review" This is a very significant contribution to both Jewish literature and history. The materials which Marks works through are well-known, but at many points he offers original interpretations. He provides a comprehensive synthesis of all the historical interpretations of Bar Kokhba."-Richard D. Hecht, University of California, Santa Barbara

Bar Kokhba led the Jewish rebellion against Rome in 132-135 A.D., which resulted in massive destruction and

dislocation of the Jewish populace of Judea. In early rabbinic literature, Bar Kokhba was remembered in two ways: as an imposter claiming to be the Messiah and as a glorious military leader whose successes led Rabbi Akiva, one of the great rabbinic authorities of Jewish tradition, to acclaim him the Messiah. These two earliest images formed the core of most later perceptions of Bar Kokhba, so that he became the prototypical false messiah and the paradigmatic rebel of

Jewish history. The Image of Bar Kokhba in Traditional Jewish Literature is a history of the perceptions that later Jewish writers living in the fourth through seventeenth centuries formed of this legendary hero-villain whose actions, in their eyes, had caused enormous suffering and disappointed messianic hopes. Richard Marks examines each writer's account individually and in the context of its period, exploring particularly political and religious implications. He

builds a history of images and looks at larger patterns, such as the desacralizing of traditional imagery. His findings raise timely political questions about Bar Kokhba's image among Jews today. *Israel in the World* Emerald Group Publishing  
In the year 132, a well-planned rebellion broke out in Judea. The Jewish warrior Bar Kokhba emerged as its leader, and it has forever after been known by his name. Now, nearly two thousand years later, Dr. Yehoshafat Harkabi,

former chief of Military Intelligence of the State of Israel, expert on Arab affairs, and Professor of International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies of the Hebrew University, has written the first comprehensive military analysis of the Bar Kokhba Rebellion. The implications of this work go well beyond the Jewish sphere. The Bar Kokhba Rebellion is an instance of how political and military decisions are made by leaders who perceive their situation as desperate. It explore under what

conditions and in what straits should leaders risk national suicide?"

The Image of Bar Kokhba in Traditional Jewish Literature Rowman & Littlefield

This is the first of two volumes of edited sermons spanning the greater part of the second half of the twentieth century, and the first major collection of sermons from a Liberal Jewish point of view produced in Britain since Claude G. Montefiore's *Truth in Religion* of 1906. It combines forthrightly

radical thinking with spirituality, love of Jewish tradition, and an abundance of carefully documented quotations from classical Jewish sources. This combination yields many fresh insights into the interpretation of Scripture, as examined in Part I, and the significance of the Jewish festivals dealt with in Part II, and brings out the relevance of both to present-day intellectual and social issues. Both Parts will be found to contain many original ideas, novel formulations, and



occasional touches of humour.

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