

Moshe Mendel The Mitzva Maven And His Amazing Mitzva Quest

When tragedy strikes we want to know: Why did this happen? How could it have happened? Where is life's justice and fairness? When tragedy strikes we need to know: What still makes sense. What paths lead to healing. How to deal with the timeless questions. When Rabbi Richard Agler's twenty-six-year-old daughter Talia was struck and killed by a motor vehicle, his understanding of tragedy failed him. This book is an account of a journey, one he had no choice but to take, leading from unimaginable grief to (at least partial) recovery. In clear and compelling language, with references to both ancient and modern sources of wisdom, Rabbi Agler offers insight for everyone who has, or who one day might, experience painful loss. The Tragedy Test may give you enhanced clarity on some of humanity's most profound questions. It may lead you to reimagine the nature of our universe. It may fundamentally challenge your understanding of the God you thought you knew. It will not leave you unmoved or unchanged.

This collection of academic essays have been written in tribute to Professor Zev Garber, and are divided to reflect the areas in which Professor Garber has devoted his teaching and writing energies: the Holocaust, Jewish-Christian relations, philosophy and theology, history and biblical interpretation.

Through a mix of nature, nurture, social conditioning and free will, we each possess a personalized lens that frames, forms, clouds and distorts the way we see ourselves and the world around us. In order to live in the most meaningful and effective way possible, each of us needs to continually assess and adjust the default frames we have developed. In Positivity Bias, we learn that life is essentially good; that positive perception is applicable and accessible to all; that it derives from objective, rational insight, not subjective, wishful imagination, and that positive living is a matter of choice, not circumstance. An inspiring and life-enriching tapestry woven from hundreds of stories, letter, anecdotes, and vignettes - Positivity Bias highlights how the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, considered the most influential rabbi in modern history, taught us to see ourselves, others, and the world around us.

Torah thoughts based on and adapted from the teaching of Rabbi Abraham Pam.

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Journeys Into the Disappearing Religions of the Middle East

Books in Print

Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms

History, Values, and Activities

Teaching Jewish Holidays

The Oxford BBC Guide to Pronunciation is the ideal source for finding out how to pronounce controversial or difficult words and names.The unique combination of the BBC's worldwide expertise in pronunciation with OUP's experience in reference publishing provides a popular and accessible guide to this tricky area.

The magnificent tale you are about to read was told by Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, a young Chassidic master who lived at the beginning of the 19th century in the Ukraine.Rebbe Nachman taught others about joy, faith, simplicity, knowing oneself, and how to make a connection with God.His enigmatic and mysterious tales - full of fantastic adventures, exotic locales, kings, queens, giants, pirates and paupers - describe people in pursuit of their destiny.Rebbe Nachman said that stories are often told to help people fall asleep, but his stories are meant to wake people up! He didn't explain what the tales meant; but instead left the task of interpretation to each reader. Nevertheless, in each story you can find your own story. In fact, one of the major pleasures in reading these tales is trying to imagine what it is talking about and how it applies to your life.A wonderful adventure awaits you!

This book exposes and traces a previously unrecognized performance tradition of extraordinary Jewish women in the Diaspora, from Rachel and Sarah Bernhardt in Nineteenth Century France to Roseanne and Sandra Bernhard in late Twentieth Century America.

This book casts a new light on a variety of matters pertaining to gedolim who lived a hundred years ago and whose influence continues to this day.

The Hidden Lives of Hasidic Rebels

A Festschrift in Honor of Zev Garber

Love of the Land

Ally

The AMIT Woman

Bowser the Hound

Children's Books in Print 1998

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Includes a new afterword about the Iran nuclear agreement, the 2016 presidential race, and the future of the U.S.-Israel alliance
Michael B. Oren's memoir of his time as Israel's ambassador to the United States—a period of transformative change for America and a time of violent upheaval throughout the Middle East—provides a frank, fascinating look inside the special relationship between America and its closest ally in the region. Michael Oren served as the Israeli ambassador to the United States from 2009 to 2013. An American by birth and a historian by training, Oren arrived at his diplomatic post just as Benjamin Netanyahu, Barack Obama, and Hillary Clinton assumed office. During Oren's tenure in office, Israel and America grappled with the Palestinian peace process, the Arab Spring, and existential threats to Israel posed by international terrorism and the Iranian nuclear program. Forged in the Truman administration, America's alliance with Israel was subjected to enormous strains, and its future was questioned by commentators in both countries. On more than one occasion, the friendship's very fabric seemed close to unraveling. Ally is the story of that enduring alliance—and of its divides—written from the perspective of a man who treasures his American identity while proudly serving the Jewish State he has come to call home. No one could have been better suited to strengthen bridges between the United States and Israel than Michael Oren—a man equally at home jumping out of a plane as an Israeli paratrooper and discussing Middle East history on TV's Sunday morning political shows. In the pages of this fast-paced book, Oren interweaves the story of his personal journey with behind-the-scenes accounts of fateful meetings between President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu, high-stakes summits with the Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, and diplomatic crises that intensified the controversy surrounding the world's most contested strip of land. A quintessentially American story of a young man who refused to relinquish a dream—irrespective of the obstacles—and an inherently Israeli story about assuming onerous responsibilities, Ally is at once a record, a chronicle, and a confession. And it is a story about love—about someone fortunate enough to love two countries and to represent one to the other. But, above all, this memoir is a testament to an alliance that was and will remain vital for Americans, Israelis, and the world.

An exploration of Hasidic Jews struggling to live within their restrictive communities—and, in some cases, to carve out a new life beyond them
When Hella Winston began talking with Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn for her doctoral dissertation in sociology, she was surprised to be covertly introduced to Hasidim unhappy with their highly restrictive way of life and sometimes desperately struggling to escape it. Unchosen tells the stories of these “rebel” Hasidim, serious questioners who long for greater personal and intellectual freedom than their communities allow. She meets is Malky Schwartz, who grew up in a Lubavith sect in Brooklyn, and started Footsteps, Inc., an organization that helps ultra-Orthodox Jews who are considering or have already left their community. There is Yossi, a young man who, though deeply attached to the Hasidic culture in which he was raised, longed for a life with fewer restrictions and more tolerance. Yossi's efforts at making such a life, however, were being severely hampered by his fourth grade English and math skills, his profound ignorance of the ways of the outside world, and the looming threat that pursuing his desires would almost certainly lead to rejection by his family and friends. Then she met Dini, a young wife and mother whose decision to deviate even slightly from Hasidic standards of modesty led to threatening phone calls from anonymous men, warning her that she needed to watch the way she was dressing if she wanted to remain a part of the community. Someone else introduced Winston to Steinmetz, a closet bibliophile worked in a small Judaica store in his community and spent his days off anxiously evading discovery in the library of the Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary, whose shelves contain non-Hasidic books he is forbidden to read but nonetheless devours, often several at a sitting. There were others still who had actually made the wrenching decision to leave their communities altogether. In her new Preface, Winston discusses the passionate reactions the book has elicited among Hasidim and non-Hasidim alike. Named one of Publishers Weekly's Ten Best Religion Books of 2005. Honorable Mention in the 2012 Casey Medals for Meritorious Journalism

Bowser the Hound, outsmarted so often by Old Man Coyote, is taken advantage of once again when the coyote leads him on a long chase that ends far from the canine's home.

Good news! America's master wordsmith strikes again with a new collection of erudite, witty, provocative, sometimes barbed, frequently hilarious “On Language” columns. Published in The New York Times and syndicated in more than three hundred other newspapers, these opinions from the “Supreme Court of Current English Usage” cover everything from the bottom line on tycoonese and the accesss* of computerese to portmanteau words like televangelist and Draconomics (the language maven's own plan for our bloated economy). Although Safire makes an admirable case for adverbs and adjectives, advocates of strong verbs will be heartened to hear that he also: pleads for the preservation of the subjunctive mood; delivers, hot off the college campus, the latest lingo in which ‘rents means parents and yesterday's wimps are today's squids; decries the brevity-is-next-to-godliness literary school; bids farewell to anxiety (it's been replaced by trendy stress or swangst); noodles over such weighty geopolitical questions as “when an intercept of a fighter is a buzz”; bemoans the loss of roughage to fiber; and rides herd over the language spoken in Marlboro Country. More good news! Safire again spices his own wit and wisdom with correspondence from Lexicographic irregulars, those zealous readers and letter writers who reply to his columns with praise, scorn, corrections and nitpicks—anything to match wits with Super-maven. If You Could Look It Up and Take My Word for It occupy prominent spots in your bookcase, then Language Maven Strikes Again belongs there too. If they don't, then begin with this Safire and work your way back. *That's not a typo—that's a pun.

Maven in Blue Jeans

Reb Shraga Feivel

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Amazing Stories of Ancient Times

How a Mish-Mosh of Languages Saved the Jews

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Oxford BBC Guide to Pronunciation

For years, All For The Boss has remained a beloved classic for teenagers and adults. Now, young readers can enjoy this special edition of the biography of R' Yaakov Yosef Herman zt"l, Torah pioneer in America. Each chapter relates a story, and with large, clear type and detailed illustrations, younger children will love reading about Jewish life in early 20th century New York. The story of R' Yaakov Yosef's life, devotion to Torah, and his love for fellow Jews is told with affection, humor, and awe by his daughter. Share this inspiring book with a young reader in your life today!

Yiddish—an oft-considered “gutter” language—is an unlikely survivor of the ages, much like the Jews themselves. Its survival has been an incredible journey, especially considering how often Jews have tried to kill it themselves. Underlying Neal Karlen's unique, brashly entertaining, yet thoroughly researched telling of the language's story is the notion that Yiddish is a mirror of Jewish history, thought, and practice—for better and worse. Karlen charts the beginning of Yiddish as a minor dialect in medieval Europe that helped peasant Jews live safely apart from the marauders of the First Crusades. Incorporating a large measure of antique German dialects, Yiddish also included little scraps of French, Italian, ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, the Slavic and Romance languages, and a dozen other tongues native to the places where Jews were briefly given shelter. One may speak a dozen languages, all of them Yiddish. By 1939, Yiddish flourished as the lingua franca of 13 million Jews. After the Holocaust, whatever remained of Yiddish, its worldview and vibrant culture, was almost stamped out—by Jews themselves. Yiddish was an old-world embarrassment for Americans anxious to assimilate. In Israel, young, proud Zionists suppressed Yiddish as the symbol of the weak and frightened ghetto-bound Jew—and invented modern Hebrew. Today, a new generation has zealously sought to explore the language and to embrace its soul. This renaissance has spread to millions of non-Jews who now know the subtle difference between a shlemiel and a shlimazel; hundreds of Yiddish words dot the most recent editions of the Oxford English Dictionary. The Story of Yiddish is a delightful tale of a people, their place in the world, and the fascinating language that held them together.

A riveting portrait of cultural conflict in action visits a small Iowa community where Lubavitcher Jews opened a successful slaughterhouse and found themselves in conflict with Gentile neighbors. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

Despite its reputation for religious intolerance, the Middle East has long sheltered many distinctive and strange faiths: one regards the Greek prophets as incarnations of God, another reveres Lucifer in the form of a peacock, and yet another believes that their followers are reincarnated beings who have existed in various forms for thousands of years. These religions represent the last vestiges of the magnificent civilizations in ancient history of Persia, Babylon, Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs. Their followers have learned how to survive foreign attacks and the perils of assimilation. But today, with the Middle East in turmoil, they face greater challenges than ever before. In Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms, former diplomat Gerard Russell ventures to the distant, nearly impassable regions where these mysterious religions still cling to survival. He lives alongside the Mandaeans and Ezidis of Iraq, the Zoroastrians of Iran, the Copts of Egypt, and others. He learns their histories, participates in their rituals, and comes to understand the threats to their communities. Historically a tolerant faith, Islam has, since the early 20th century, witnessed the rise of militant, extremist sects. This development, along with the rippling effects of Western invasion, now pose existential threats to these minority faiths. And as more and more of their youth flee to the West in search of greater freedoms and job prospects, these religions face the dire possibility of extinction. Drawing on his extensive travels and archival research, Russell provides an essential record of the past, present, and perilous future of these remarkable religions.

How to Be an Extremely Reform Jew

Jewish Book Annual

The Essential Handbook of the Spoken Word

Dancing Arabs

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A Developer's Notebook

Positivity Bias

The consummate encyclopedia of holiday activities.

In this important and timely work, Graham and Diamond reassess the success of American universities as research institutions and the role of public funding in their developmentfrom the expansionist golden years of the 1950s and '60s, through the austerity measures of the 1970s and the entrepreneurial ethos of the 1980s, to the budget crises universities face in the 1990s.

Extremely Reform Judaism is one of the world's fastest growing denominations and also its most misunderstood-ever since the ancient forefathers first lifted their eyes to God to ask, "Why can't we have a Christmas Tree?" How to Be an Extremely Reform Jew pokes irreverent yet good-natured fun its subject, with chapters on the mandatory and optional Extremely Reform Jewish holidays; maintaining the Extremely Reform Jewish home; diaspora travel tips; Extremely Reform rites of passage (circumcision, bar mitzvah, intermarriage); and how to deprogram your Extremely Reform child after he has joined a religious cult. Highlights include "The Ten Suggestions"; a "Feast and Fast Yo-Yo Diet Guide to Jewish Holidays"; and "Glengarry Glen Purim, a David Mamet Purim Play." This humorous illustrated guide contains numerous quotations from ancient Extremely Reform Jewish texts, such as, "He who gives a coin to the poor is rewarded with six blessings, but he who makes a pledge to charity receives a free tote bag," and, "Thou shalt not stand outside the synagogue on the High Holy Days scalping thy tickets to the services." First published by Avon Books in 1994, the new edition preserves the content of the original in fresh paperback and ebook formats. It's an ideal gift for Hanukkah or any occasion.

A guide to the project-comprehension tool covers such topics as generating a Maven report, publishing a project site, setting up a Continuous Integration environment, and developing Maven plug-ins.

The Pleasant Way

Letters of Light

Making Sense of Life-Changing Loss--A Rabbi's Journey

Halachic Debates of Current Events

The Rise of American Research Universities

The Seven Beggars

Rabbi Nachman's Path in Meditation

"Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public."—an excerpt

"When the summer begins to approach, go out to meditate in the meadows. When every bush of the field begins to return to life and grow, they all yearn to be included in your prayer." Rebbe Nachman emphasized the greatness of spontaneous, improvised prayer uttered in one's own language and springing from the heart -- hitbodedut. This handbook of his teachings on prayer includes Rabbi Kaplan's scholarly introduction setting hitbodedut in its context in the history of Jewish prayer and meditation.

Moshe Mendel the Mitzva Maven and the Wonderful World of BerachosFeidheim Publishers

Is there a Jew anywhere in the world who does not harbor in his heart a genuine love of the Land called Eretz Yisrael?

The Story of Yiddish

Elites and Challengers in the Postwar Era

Twelve Years a Slave

Jewish Women on Stage, Film, and Television

UnChosen

Outpouring of the Soul

English and in the back of the book in Hebrew. there is a mitzvah checklist for each of the Picture/Pages at the back.

For too long, developers have worked on disorganized application projects, where every part seemed to have its own build system, and no common repository existed for information about the state of the project. Now there's help. The long-awaited official documentation to Maven is here. Written by Maven creator Jason Van Zyl and his team at Sonatype, Maven: The Definitive Guide clearly explains how this tool can bring order to your software development projects. Maven is largely replacing Ant as the build tool of choice for large open source Java projects because, unlike Ant, Maven is also a project management tool that can run reports, generate a project website, and facilitate communication among members of a working team. To use Maven, everything you need to know is in this guide. The first part demonstrates the tool's capabilities through the development, from ideation to deployment, of several sample applications -- a simple software development project, a simple web application, a multi-module project, and a multi-module enterprise project. The second part offers a complete reference guide that includes: The POM and Project Relationships The Build Lifecycle Plugins Project website generation Advanced site generation Reporting Properties Build Profiles The Maven Repository Team Collaboration Writing Plugins IDEs such as Eclipse, IntelliJ, ands NetBeans Using and creating assemblies Developing with Maven Archetypes Several sources for Maven have appeared online for some time, but nothing served as an introduction and comprehensive reference guide to this tool -- until now. Maven: The Definitive Guide is the ideal book to help you manage development projects for software, web applications, and enterprise applications. And it comes straight from the source.

A creative and inviting way for parents and children to enjoy together the beauty of learning about reciting blessings. Since a major part of our day is spent praising and thanking Hashem for the good He bestows upon us, it is vital for all parents to give their children the tools they need to say their berachos properly. Contains many delightful, colorful illustrations and engaging activities. In the back there is a section called 'Finding Out More...' for those who want to understand the finer points of the Halacha. Large format.

How the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, the alef-beis, (the construction materials with which G-d built our earthly and spiritual existence) continue as a source of creation, reflection, prayer and inspiration in our everyday lives.

The Life and Ideals of Rabbi Avrohom Yaakov HaKohen Pam

A Study of Episodes in the Lives of Great Torah Personalities

Language Maven Strikes Again

My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide

The Life and Times of Rabbi Shraga Feivel Mendlowitz, the Architect of Torah in America

Maven: The Definitive Guide

AJL Newsletter

A nimble, engaging, unflinching debut novel of a young Arab-Israeli who struggles to rise above larger forces beyond his control. In this debut novel that “rings out on every page with a compelling sense of human truth” (Kirkus Reviews), a nameless anti-hero contends with the legacy of a grandfather who died fighting the Zionists in 1948, and a father who was jailed for blowing up a school cafeteria in the name of freedom. When the narrator is granted a scholarship to an elite Jewish boarding school, his family rejoices, dreaming that he will grow up to be the first Arab to build an atom bomb. But to their dismay, he turns out to be a coward devoid of any national pride; his only ambition is to fit in with his Jewish peers who reject him. He changes his clothes, his accent, his eating habits, and becomes an expert at faking identities, sliding between different cultures, schools, and languages, and eventually a Jewish lover and an Arab wife. With refreshing candor and self-deprecating wit, Dancing Arabs is a “stily subversive . . . chilling, convincing tale” (Publishers Weekly) that brilliantly maps one man’s struggle to disentangle his personal and national identities, only to tragically and inevitably forfeit both. “Despite its dark prognosis, there is a lightness and dry humor that lifts it with the kind of wings its protagonist once hoped for.” —Booklist

What is the right to privacy in halacha? When can DNA be used as halachic evidence? How should we treat members of the community who were convicted of crimes? Why can't one steal a kidney to save his life? Is it permitted to kill a terrorist who has been neutralized? Will the imminent arrival of genetically modified meat and fish present a kashrus crisis? -- In addition, the book includes interviews of leading poskim on many of the subjects discussed, including Rav David Cohen, Rav Moshe Heinemann, Rav Daniel Neustadt, Rav Moshe Sternbuch, Rav Asher Weiss, and Rav Mordechai Willig.--

We're delighted to announce the international debut of Lazer Beams: Rays of Inspiration, beautifully edited and exquisitely illustrated by Rivka Levy. Lazer Beams is an exquisite collection of Rabbi Lazer Brody's most well-known and beautiful quotations from his award winning website with the same name. The book, a perfect gift for someone you really care about.

A world list of books in the English language.

A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America

The Definitive Guide

Making of a Godol

Practical Wisdom for Positive Living Inspired by the Life and Teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe

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