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Yentl's Revenge: The Next Wave Of Jewish Feminism



Synopsis

Thanks in large part to the struggles of their activist foremothers, today's young Jewish women have a dizzying array of spiritual options. Yentl's Revenge chronicles a range of experiences lived by an entire generation of women, from Judeo-pagan witches to young Orthodox mothers, from rabbis to sex educators. Contributors ponder Jewish transgenderdom, Jewish body image, Jewish punk, the stereotype of the Jewish American Princess, intermarriage, circumcision, faith, and intolerance. Essays include "Bubbe Got Back: Tales of a Jewish Caboose" • by Ophira Edut, and "On Being a Jewish Feminist Valley Girl" • by Tobin Belzer.

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Deftly compiled and edited by Danya Ruttenberg, Yentle's Revenge: The Next Wave Of Jewish Feminism is an impressive collection of essays by women in their 20s and 30s who are changing the very meaning of what it is to be Jewish. The range of thoughtful, informative, and challenging contributions offer a range of perspectives from former riot grrls to judeo-pagan witches to young Orthodox mothers. The wide ranging and diverse issues covered include circumcision, intermarriage, and the stereotype of the Jewish American Princess. Also chronicled are searches for faith, detailed intolerance, and defying expectations. Enhanced with a preface by Susannah Heschel (editor of "On Being A Jewish Feminist) and a glossary of Yiddish and Hebrew terminology, Yentl's Revenge is a welcome and seminal contribution to feminist studies in general, and the

changing roles and perceptions of Jewish women entering the 21st Century in particular.

Ruttenberg has collected 20 well-crafted essays dealing with a broad range of Jewish feminist concerns. Many are thoughtful responses to the obvious sexism of Jewish law; others range more widely, from Eve vs. Lilith to an examination of what, exactly, a Jewish sexual ethics might entail. Required reading for any Jewish feminist (no matter how secular), and sure to be of interest to many others as well.

This book is a wonderful collection of thinking and sharing. The essays are written from a wide variety of views and personal backgrounds. It made me think outside the box, it challenged me, it intrigued me, I was moved to tears, I laughed out loud, I felt motivated to examine my own process of categorizing and change it. I loved reading this book and highly recommend it.

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