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Shadow Strike 2019-05-07 the never before told inside story of how israel stopped syria from becoming a global nuclear nightmare and its far reaching implications on september 6 2007 shortly after midnight israeli fighters advanced on deir ez zour in syria israel often flew into syria as a warning to president bashar al assad but this time there was no warning and no explanation this was a covert operation with one goal to destroy a nuclear reactor being built by north korea under a tight veil of secrecy in the syrian desert shadow strike tells for the first time the story of the espionage political courage military might and psychological warfare behind israel s daring operation to stop one of the greatest known acts of nuclear proliferation it also brings israel s powerful military and diplomatic alliance with the united states to life revealing the debates president bush had with vice president cheney and israeli prime minister ehud olmert as well as the diplomatic and military planning that took place in the oval office the prime minister s office in jerusalem and inside the idf s underground war room beneath tel aviv these two countries remain united in a battle to prevent nuclear proliferation to defeat islamic terror and to curtail iran s attempts to spread its hegemony throughout the middle east yaakov katz s shadow strike explores how this operation continues to impact the world we live in today and if what happened in 2007 is a sign of what israel will need to do one day to stop iran s nuclear program it also asks had israel not carried out this mission what would the middle east look like today

The Weapon Wizards 2017-01-31 a lively account of israel s evolving military prowess if the weapon wizards were a novel it would be one written by horatio alger if it were a biblical allegory it would be the story of david and goliath the new york times book review from drones to satellites missile defense systems to cyber warfare israel is leading the world when it comes to new technology being deployed on the modern battlefield the weapon wizards shows how this tiny nation of 8 million

learned to adapt to the changes in warfare and in the defense industry and become the new prototype of a 21st century superpower not in size but rather in innovation and efficiency and as a result of its long war experience sitting on the front lines of how wars are fought in the 21st century israel has developed in its arms trade new weapons and retrofitted old ones so they remain effective relevant and deadly on a constantly changing battlefield while other countries begin to prepare for these challenges they are looking to israel and specifically its weapons for guidance israel is in effect a laboratory for the rest of the world how did israel do it and what are the military and geopolitical implications of these developments these are some of the key questions yaakov katz and amir bohbot address drawing on a vast amount of research and unparalleled access to the israeli defense establishment this book is a report directly from the front lines

Summary of Yaakov Katz's Shadow Strike 2022-06-15T22:59:00Z please note this is a companion version not the original book sample book insights 1 in 2007 meir dagan the head of the mossad came to see president george w bush with information that syria was building a nuclear reactor he showed him dozens of photos one of which showed two men posing in front of the concrete structure one of the men was ibrahim othman head of syria s atomic energy commission 2 dagan showed the americans photos of the yongbyon nuclear reactor which he said was built by north korea and syria the americans had believed that north korea was the only country helping syria build a nuclear weapon 3 when dagan showed photos of the nuclear reactor being built in syria cheney saw clues that others had missed the reactor was almost complete and there were no power lines or an electrical grid nearby to provide enough power this was a clear violation of a marker bush had laid down after north korea conducted its first nuclear test 4 israel s intelligence capabilities were often praised by cheney in 1990 he had a secure phone line installed in his office that he used to directly contact arens

s office in tel aviv the two spoke almost daily as the us worked hard to keep israel out of the war
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Israel Vs. Iran 2016-04-15 focuses on pivotal military events since the second lebanon war including the syrian reactor bombing several assassinations of key hezbollah iranian and syrian officials and operation cast lead in the gaza strip evaluates the threat to israel s security posed by a nuclear iran and the military and diplomatic options for countering it based on extensive primary research and unprecedented access to key israeli defense establishment figures

Protecting Civilians During Violent Conflict 2012-02-14 there is almost unanimous agreement that civilians should be protected from the direct effects of violent conflict and that the distinction between combatant and non combatant should be respected but what are the fundamental ethical questions about civilian immunity are new styles of conflict making this distinction redundant eloquently combining theory and practice leading scholars from the fields of political science law and philosophy have been brought together to provide an essential overview of some of the major ethical legal and political issues with regard to protecting civilians caught up in modern inter and intra state

conflicts in doing so they examine what is being done and what can be done to make soldiers more aware of their responsibilities in this area under international law and the ethics of war and more able to respond appropriately to the challenges that will confront them in the field protecting civilians during violent conflict presents a clear eyed look at the dilemmas facing regular combatants as they confront enemies in the modern battlespace and especially the complications arising from the new styles of conflict where enemy and civilian populations merge

The Besht 2019-01-31 now available in english a provocative new biography of the founder of hasidism

Sarah Schenirer and the Bais Yaakov Movement 2011 sarah schenirer and the bais yaakov movement she founded represent a revolution in the name of tradition in interwar poland the new type of jewishly educated woman the movement created was a major innovation in a culture hostile to female initiative a vivid portrait of schenirer that dispels many myths

We Were Caught Unprepared 2018-03-08 this is a print on demand edition of a hard to find publication the fact that the outcome of the 2006 hezbollah israeli war was at best a stalemate for israel has confounded military analysts long considered the most professional and powerful army in the middle east with a history of impressive military victories against its enemies the israeli defense forces idf emerged from the campaign with its enemies undefeated and its prestige tarnished this historical analysis of the war includes an examination of idf and hezbollah doctrine prior to the war as well as an overview of the operational and tactical problems encountered by the idf during the war the idf ground forces were tactically unprepared and untrained to fight against a determined hezbollah force an insightful comprehensive examination of the war illustrations

Israeli National Security 2015-04-29 national security has been at the forefront of the israeli

experience for seven decades with threats ranging from terrorism to vast rocket and missile arsenals and even existential nuclear dangers yet despite its overwhelming preoccupation with foreign and defense affairs israel does not have a formal national security strategy in israeli national security chuck freilich presents an authoritative analysis of the military diplomatic demographic and societal challenges israel faces today to propose a comprehensive and long term israeli national security strategy the heart of the new strategy places greater emphasis on restraint defense and diplomacy as means of addressing the challenges israel faces along with the military capacity to deter and if necessary defeat israel s adversaries while also maintaining the resolve of its society by bringing israel s most critical debates about the palestinians demography iran hezbollah hamas us relations and nuclear strategy into sharp focus the strategy freilich proposes addresses the primary challenges israel must address in order to chart its national course the most comprehensive study of israel s national security to date this book presents the first public proposal for a comprehensive israeli national security strategy and prescribes an actionable course forward

Hezbollah 2013-10-18 hezbollah the global footprint of lebanon s party of god is the first thorough examination of hezbollah s covert activities beyond lebanon s borders including its financial and logistical support networks and its criminal and terrorist operations worldwide hezbollah lebanon s party of god is a multifaceted organization it is a powerful political party in lebanon a shia islam religious and social movement lebanon s largest militia a close ally of iran and a terrorist organization drawing on a wide range of sources including recently declassified government documents court records and personal interviews with intelligence and law enforcement officials around the world matthew levitt examines hezbollah s beginnings its first violent forays in lebanon and then its terrorist activities and criminal enterprises abroad in europe the middle east south america southeast asia

africa and finally in north america levitt also describes hezbollah s unit dedicated to supporting palestinian militant groups and hezbollah s involvement in training and supporting insurgents who fought us troops in post saddam iraq the book concludes with a look at hezbollah s integral ongoing role in iran s shadow war with israel and the west including plots targeting civilians around the world levitt shows convincingly that hezbollah s willingness to use violence at home and abroad its global reach and its proxy patron relationship with the iranian regime should be of serious concern hezbollah is an important book for scholars policymakers students and the general public interested in international security terrorism international criminal organizations and middle east studies

Israel at the Polls 2009 2011-09-16 this book describes political and sociological developments in israel before and after the february 2009 elections alongside an analysis of electoral trends it provides an effective analysis of contemporary political and sociological israeli history rather than focusing narrowly on electoral politics alone this book broadens its focus to make it relevant to undergraduate and graduate students in middle eastern israeli and jewish studies and the liberal arts israel at the polls has been updated and published annually for thirty years providing readers with up to date analysis and continuity of scholarship this book offers an expert long term assessment of israeli politics this book was published as a special issue of israel affairs

Divining Victory: Airpower in the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah War 2016-05-30 this is the story of an airpower dominated campaign one that was deeply flawed in its design yet impressive in its efficiency this quick look study is based upon visits to damaged sites villages towns and cities discussions with government and military officials and experience of having evaluated airpower and its effects in afghanistan iraq and the former yugoslavia and previously in lebanon months of follow up research included exchanges with israeli lebanese hezbollah and us experts the intent was to develop a timely

airpower narrative to enhance professional military education and planning about the author william m arkin is an independent military analyst journalist and author he writes the early warning column for washingtonpost.com where he previously wrote the dot mil column from 1998 to 2003 and is a longtime nbc news military analyst originally published by air university press

Haredi Masculinities between the Yeshiva, the Army, Work and Politics 2015-03-19 haredi masculinities between the yeshiva the army work and politics sheds a unique light on the dramatic changes israeli haredi masculinities have faced in the last decade as well as the wider impact these changes have on the haredi minority and israeli society

The Southern Mediterranean 2022-03-15 der tagungsband zur internationalen und interdisziplinären konferenz 2014 analysiert mit blick auf die umbrüche in den ländern des südlichen mittelmeers die herausforderungen der europäischen außen und sicherheitspolitik neben einer bilanz der europäischen nachbarschaftspolitik und der erfahrungen des europäischen auswärtigen diensts in den ländern der südlichen peripherie werden die sozio ökonomischen und sozialen dynamiken sowie die bedeutung gesellschaftlicher akteure insbesondere islamistischer gruppen für die entwicklungen der region und die eu politik untersucht darüber hinaus integriert der band die perspektiven der türkei und israels auf die entwicklungen in der region und erläutert deren reaktionen mit beiträgen von steffen angenendt maximilian benner dustin dehez Çagri erhan burak küntay baran kusoglu amichai magen piril ocak sharon pardo silvia popp alessandro quarenghi stephan roll julia simon und jan Šnidauf

Reenvisioning Israel through Political Cartoons 2023-05-09 reenvisioning israel through political cartoons visual discourses during the 2018 2021 electoral crisis examines the ways in which the work of israeli political cartoonists broadens conversations about contemporary challenges in the country

matt reingold shows how 21 cartoonists across 10 different israeli newspapers produced cartoons in response to the country's social and political crises between december 2018 june 2021 a period where the country was mired in four national elections each chapter is structured around an issue that emerged during this period with examples drawn from multiple cartoonists this allows for fertile cross cartoonist discussion and analysis offering an opportunity to understand the different ways that an issue affects national discourse and what commentaries have been offered about it by focusing on this difficult period in contemporary israeli society the volume highlights the ways that artists have responded to these national challenges and how they have fashioned creative reimaginings of their country

Socializing Militants: How States End Asymmetric Conflict with Non-State Militants 2005 the twentieth and twenty first centuries have seen states engaged in long term conflicts with asymmetrically weaker non state actors nsa states aim to end these conflicts as quickly as possible by combining force and diplomacy to socialize these militants meaning give them the characteristics of states in order to make a credible bargain achievable the militant's characteristics determine the state's optimal strategy in times of conflict politicians and pundits often march out an oft cited phrase in support of negotiations if you want to make peace you don't talk to your friends you talk to your enemies this is only possible when the opponent is willing to make peace under acceptable terms and able to enforce abidance some opponents have an ideologically driven fundamental purpose that precludes renouncing violence under terms that a state could accept others have reasonable demands and are structured in a way that allows productive negotiations in other cases the non state militant is not yet the type that can be bargained with but can be socialized into this type through a state's correct application of force and diplomacy i call this socialization logic i argue that optimally

states tailor their strategy to socialize with their opponent to make it possible to successfully negotiate peace in practice the state s strategy is often distorted by its internal and external constraints socialization logic provides a novel typology of non state militants based on how well interstate conflict bargaining concepts can be applied to them it looks beyond tactics to systematize a framework for understanding how leaders tailor strategy towards non state opponents based on their characteristics socialization logic examines the nsa type as endogenous to the strategy that the state employs and provides a framework for leaders to design a strategy to end the conflict finally socialization logic synthesizes critical nsa attributes ideology leadership structure and governance function and the state s strategy distorted by constraints into in an interactive model through 41 interviews primary and secondary source data i analyze the united states russia s and israel s asymmetric conflicts with militants and demonstrate that socialization logic most comprehensively explains their strategies throughout those conflicts

The Legacy of Maran Rav Aharon Kotler 2012-03-29 rav aharon kotler zt I came to america from europe in 1942 bringing with him an unprecedented level of torah learning a pure and uncompromising dedication to torah and a torah that was truly lishmah in just 20 years rav aharon transformed the face of torah in america a living mishnas rav ahron the legacy of maran rav aharon kotler offers readers an intimate glimpse into the strength and spirit of this great man through a wealth of stories vignettes insights encounters with other great jewish leaders and most importantly through a vibrant sampling of his teachings all translated for the first time from the classic mishnas rav aharon included are insights into chessed torah study emunah bitachon hashgocha protis middos and much more there are also entire chapters on the rebbetzin a h rav shneur zt I rav nosson wachtfogel zt I and the lakewood kehilla along with many precious photographs over 550 pages

overflowing with the integrity character sanctity and spirit of this gadol batorah meticulously researched compiled with great care and beautifully written by one of rav aharon s talmidim an eminent talmid chacham this volume reads like a fascinating book yet it is a sefer from which you will come away awed uplifted and inspired

Countries and Territories of the World 2022-02-28 this edited volume provides a systematic analysis of the missile threat and proliferation issue in the middle east region the question of how to increase the level of security in the middle east is not a new one given the conflict ridden nature of the region the solution attempted for this predicament has typically revolved around intense arms build ups a strategy which can prove self defeating due to the subsequent countermeasures employed by neighbouring states arms control and missile proliferation in the middle east focuses on the strategic proliferation of arms with a specific emphasis on missiles this unique emphasis enables the contributors to provide a dynamic new perspective on conceptual and political disarmament efforts thereby distinguishing this volume from many other related works on the region which deal mainly with weapons of mass destruction the book also explores the possibility of a reduction in weapon arsenals examining a more promising cooperative security concept which includes confidence and security building measures csbms this book will be of much interest to students of arms control middle eastern politics gulf security war and conflict studies security studies and ir

Arms Control and Missile Proliferation in the Middle East 2023-09-29 this book analyzes major national security issues in the middle east focusing on those regarding israel which could have negative implications on the united states currently israel is concerned with iran s nuclear program its regional ambitions and hezbollah s arsenal other major concerns facing israel are the chemical weapons in syria and the golan heights and egypt s internal problems which might undermine its peace with

israel in the gaza strip the growing conflict between israel and hamas could lead to another war
Israel's National Security, the Arab Position, and Its Complicated Relations with the United States
2016-08-30 this book provides a ground breaking assessment of the israeli national security
experience from the establishment of the country through to the present day seventy five years after
its establishment the state of israel continues to face an acute national security predicament as a
result of the still unresolved arab israeli conflict this monograph offers a new framework for analyzing
this experience first exploring the crucial events of the past and present that define it including
interstate wars asymmetrical wars low intensity conflicts and developments in weapons of mass
destruction the book then probes how israel s evolving national security doctrine has addressed these
various challenges over the years highlighting the roles of a number of variables deterrence warning
and decision strategic depth and defensible borders the quality and quantity of fighting men and
machines intelligence self reliance in military matters foreign policy and the influence of ethnic
demography societal resilience economic prosperity and water security written in accessible non
technical language the book will appeal to general readers seeking an introduction to israeli security
as well as to specialists and researchers in various fields including israeli history middle eastern
politics and security studies

Israel's National Security Predicament 2016-06-30 since its creation the state of israel has been a
magnet for attention a country beset by conflict in its region and faced with the need to integrate
mainly jewish immigrants of disparate backgrounds into a modern and advanced democratic state
and society israel has preoccupied observers scholars and journalists since its independence in may
1948 although a jewish state israel is also a democratic state that guarantees the rights of all of its
citizens including its large arab and moslem minority in law and in practice israel and its modern

history and politics have been the subject of substantial and often highly partisan literature being hotly and vigorously debated both at home and abroad this third edition of historical dictionary of israel contains a chronology an introduction appendixes and an extensive bibliography the dictionary section has over 1100 cross referenced entries on significant persons places events government institutions political parties and battles as well as entries on israel s economy society and culture this book is an excellent access point for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about the various diplomatic and political personalities institutions organizations events concepts and documents that together define the political life of the jewish state of israel

Historical Dictionary of Israel 2020-12-03 michael levi rodkinson 1845 1904 was a journalist author and publisher whose literary projects spanned numerous countries and continents hero to some and scoundrel to others rodkinson was a polemical figure whose beliefs underwent many transformations over the course of his life most significantly from hasidism to combative haskalah to eventually anticipating the neo romantic trends of the early twentieth century throughout his career rodkinson s writing challenged the familiar genres of the literature of hasidism and the haskalah shaping the religious realities of his readers and articulating a spiritual and community life among jews who took his ideas to heart in surprising ways today rodkinson is frequently referred to as a minor hasidic author and publisher a characterization based on the criticism of his opponents rather than on his writings in literary hasidism meir draws upon those writings and their reception to present a completely different picture of this colorful and influential writer examining rodkinson s lifelong role as a catalyzing agent of different cultural phenomena his diverse publishing activities and his writings in their respective stages meir grants readers a provocative new vantage point from which to consider this divisive enigmatic figure

Literary Hasidism 2015-08-09 the first systematic analysis and explanation of the political success of the israeli settler movement based on a comprehensive original theoretical framework and rich empirical analysis this book provides key new insights for the study of both israeli politics and social movements in general

The Israeli Settler Movement 2022-07-29 this booklet introduces a model that can be used to analyse responses to a variety of civil resistance campaigns whether they are aimed at overthrowing dictatorships ending occupations or are social movements in democracies the model includes five main types of response with several subcategories from introduction page 3

Responses to Nonviolent Campaigns 2019-12-02 taking members of the israeli kneset mks as a case study this book offers a comparative analysis of the various roles performed by members of parliament mps within the framework of their job in democracies around the world based on the author s experience of working in and for the kneset from 1977 to 2010 this book questions the lack of a comprehensive job description not only for mks but also for similar roles in parliamentary democracies globally the author finds that a serious perusal of materials dealing with the job s various components in the israeli case for example basic laws the kneset rules of procedure the rules of ethics for mks minutes of the kneset plenum and committees and so forth presents an almost complete picture of the mk s job that like pieces in a jigsaw puzzle merely need be assembled together finding the job of mps in general and of mks specifically definable this book argues that it ought to be defined considering the centrality of this role for a democracy s functioning this innovative book will not only prove useful for scholars of israeli governance and legislation but will also be of interest to scholars of parliamentarism and comparative legislative politics in general

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cultural theoretical and scientific approaches to this topic of ongoing interest chapters of this edited volume consider from multiple angles the cultural politics of myths fantasies and anxieties of linguistic multiplicity in the history cultures folkways and politics of global jewry methodological range is as important to this project as linguistic range thus in addition to approaches that highlight influence borrowings or acculturation the volume represents those that highlight syncretism the material conditions of jewish life and comparatist perspectives

Languages of Modern Jewish Cultures 2014-12-22 expanding the perspective initiated by british romanticism and the jews history culture literature 0 312 29522 7 this volume explores more deeply the complexities inherent in the relationship between the british and jewish cultures as initiated in the romantic period in england though extending to the present in the middle east

The Jews and British Romanticism 2022-11-01 this is the remarkable story of the 250 000 holocaust survivors who converged on the american zone of occupied germany from 1945 to 1948 they envisaged themselves as the living bridge between destruction and rebirth the last remnants of a world destroyed and the active agents of its return to life much of what has been written elsewhere looks at the surviving remnant through the eyes of others and thus has often failed to disclose the tragic complexity of their lives together with their remarkable political and social achievements despite having lost everyone and everything they got on with their lives they married had children and worked for a better future they did not surrender to the deformities of suffering and managed to preserve their humanity intact mankowitz uses largely inaccessible archival material to give a moving and sensitive account of this neglected area in the aftermath of the holocaust

Life between Memory and Hope 2010-07-28 saudi arabia with its us alliance and abundance of oil dollars has a very different economic story to that of iran which despite enormous natural gas

reserves has been hit hard by economic trade scientific and military sanctions since its 1979 revolution robert mason looks at the effect that economic considerations such as oil gas sanctions trade and investment have had on foreign policy decision making processes and diplomatic activities by examining the foreign policies of saudi arabia and iran towards each other and towards the wider middle east and beyond mason seeks to highlight how oil policy including oil production pricing and security of supply and demand is the paramount economic factor which drives the diplomacy and rivalry of these two pivotal regional powers his book thus offers vital analysis for researchers of international relations in the middle east and the processes involved in the formation of foreign policy

Foreign Policy in Iran and Saudi Arabia 2023-11-22T00:00:00Z to observers of the iran israel conflict its vitriolic rhetoric might suggest an ancient hatred between jews and muslims a biblical feud dating back hundreds or thousands of years but this rivalry is a far more modern development in this authoritative study jonathan g leslie examines the origins of the conflict drawing on extensive archival and open source research he concludes that despite the animosity surrounding the iran israel relationship the twenty first century s hostilities are not inevitable consequences of these nations history nor of contemporary political events the intensification of tensions has been largely the product of one nation s efforts with israel viewing iran as a far greater danger than iran does israel using a novel theoretical approach considering the power of narrative within historical context leslie outlines how israel s leaders successfully reimagined their erstwhile ally iran as an existential threat former prime minister benjamin netanyahu took this further employing populist strategies in an attempt to rewrite history depict iran as a global menace and recruit allies against the jcpoa nuclear deal fear and insecurity provides important new insights into the history of the iran israel conflict and offers fresh prospects for defusing the tensions threatening both global and regional security

Fear and Insecurity 2021-12-06 examines the role of secularism and religion in jewish society and politics this book also examines issues of religion tradition and secularism in israel giving a fresh approach to the widening theoretical discussion regarding the thesis of secularisation and modernity and exploring the wider implications of this identity

Secularism and Religion in Jewish-Israeli Politics 2023-08-08 un roman fiction d une actualité troublante sur le conflit israélo palestinien et ses origines un message pour la paix l histoire d une amitié entre un juif et un musulman où la fiction s imbrique dans la réalité nous transportant ainsi de paris à jérusalem en passant par gaza un journaliste un kabbaliste un dirigeant du hamas et deux musiciens nous entraînent dans une intrigue qui permettra au lecteur de mieux appréhender les origines du conflit israélo palestinien et ses conséquences faits historiques passages ésotériques humour et musique font de ce roman une lecture où s alternent avec simplicité profondeur et légèreté

Les Hommes prévoient et Dieu rigole ! 2015-10-16 how does state policy shape our most intimate desires this groundbreaking anthropological approach to the study of desire shows how orthodox desires and their discontents are reshaped at the intersection of religion reproduction and politics highlighting how ethical choreographies between personal desire and the state emerge even in the most traditional settings

Order and Transcendence 2023-09-11 the term rabbi predominantly denotes jewish men qualified to interpret the torah and apply halacha or those entrusted with the religious leadership of a jewish community however the role of the rabbi has been understood differently across the jewish world while in israel they control legally powerful rabbinical courts and major religious political parties in the jewish communities of the diaspora this role is often limited by legal regulations of individual

countries however the significance of past and present rabbis and their religious and political influence endures across the world rabbis of our time provides a comprehensive overview of the most influential rabbinical authorities of judaism in the 20th and 21st century through focussing on the most theologically influential rabbis of the contemporary era and examining their political impact it opens a broader discussion of the relationship between judaism and politics it looks at the various centres of current judaism and jewish thinking especially the state of israel and the usa as well as locating rabbis in various time periods through interviews and extracts from religious texts and books authored by rabbis readers will discover more about a range of rabbis from those before the formation of israel to the most famous chief rabbis of israel as well as those who did not reach the highest state religious functions but influenced the relation between judaism and israel by other means the rabbis selected represent all major contemporary streams of judaism from ultra orthodox haredi to reform and liberal currents and together create a broader picture of the scope of contemporary jewish thinking in a theological and political context an extensive and detailed source of information on the varieties of jewish thinking influencing contemporary judaism and the modern state of israel this book is of interest to students and scholars of jewish studies as well as religion and politics

The State of Desire the zionist pedagogical narrative reproduced in schoolbooks views the migration of jews to israel as the felicitous conclusion of the journey from the holocaust to the resurrection it negates all forms of diasporic jewish life and culture and ignores the history of palestine during the 2000 year long jewish exile this narrative otherizes three main groups vis à vis whom israeliness is constituted holocaust victims who are presented in a traumatizing manner as the stateless and therefore persecuted jews we refuse but might become again if we lose control over

palestinian arabs who constitute the second group of others palestinians are racialized demonized and portrayed as our potential exterminators the third group of others comprises non european mizrahi and ethiopian jews they are described as backward people who lack history or culture and must undergo constant acculturation to fit into israel s western society thus a rhetoric of victimhood and power evolves and a nationalistic interpretation of the never again imperative is inculcated justifying the occupation and oppression of palestinians and the marginalization of non european jews this rhetoric is conveyed multimodally through discourse genres and visual elements the present study which advocates a multidirectional memory proposes an alternative hebrew arabic multi voiced and poly centered curriculum that would relate the accounts of the people whom the pedagogic narrative seeks to conceal and exclude this joint curriculum will differ from the present one not only in content but also ideologically and semiotically instead of traumatizing and urging vengeance it will encourage discussion and celebrate diversity and hybridity

Rabbis of our Time

Holocaust Education and the Semiotics of Othering in Israeli Schoolbooks

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