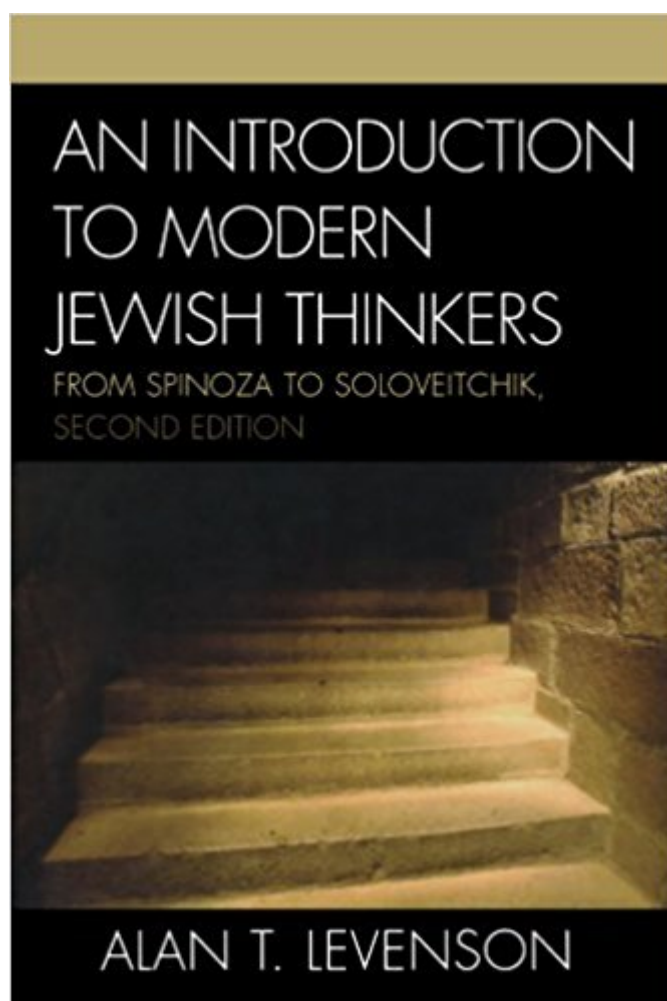


The book was found

An Introduction To Modern Jewish Thinkers: From Spinoza To Soloveitchik



Synopsis

Highlighting well-known Jewish thinkers from a very wide spectrum of opinion, the author addresses a range of issues, including: What makes a thinker Jewish? What makes modern Jewish thought modern? How have secular Jews integrated Jewish traditional thought with agnosticism? What do Orthodox thinkers have to teach non-Orthodox Jews and vice versa? Each chapter includes a short, judiciously chosen selection from the given author, along with questions to guide the reader through the material. Short biographical essays at the end of each chapter offer the reader recommendations for further readings and provide the low-down on which books are worth the reader's while. Introduction to Modern Jewish Thinkers represents a decade of the author's experience teaching students ranging from undergraduate age to their seventies. This is an ideal textbook for undergraduate classes.

Book Information

Paperback: 252 pages

Publisher: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers; 2 edition (January 11, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0742546071

ISBN-13: 978-0742546073

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 0.6 x 9.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 15.7 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 4 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #495,056 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #191 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > Judaism > Theology #433 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > Judaism > History #584 in Books > History > World > Religious > Judaism

Customer Reviews

Every thinking Jew today is heir to Spinoza and Herzl, Buber and Rosenzweig, Kaplan and Heschel. Levenson has written an essential sourcebook for understanding the modern thinkers behind the various strands of Jewish life. Adult learners and university students alike will benefit from Levenson's artful blend of intellectual rigor and probing questions about the meaning of these thinkers for our own time. (Rabbi Barbara Penzner, Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, Past President, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association) Alan Levenson's anthology is the best textbook on modern Jewish thinkers available for college courses and adult Jewish learning today. He offers biographical background, historical context, a description of the author's significance and

contribution, focused passages in translation, study questions, and suggestions for further reading. This book is at the top of my list for anyone who wishes to go back to the modern Jewish sources themselves. (David S. Ariel, Siegal College of Judaic Studies, Cleveland) Alan Levenson's book is clear, concise, and easy to use. Levenson writes an excellent introductory essay on each thinker and his analysis of their philosophy is thoughtful. (Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz, Congregation Beth Shalom) The book is an excellent sourcebook for understanding the modern thinkers behind the various strands of Jewish life, and is an artful blend of intellectual rigor and probing questions about the meaning of these thinkers for our own time. This anthology is an excellent book for college courses and adult Jewish learning. Prof. Levenson offers biographical background, historical context, a description of the author's significance and contribution, focused passages in translation, study questions, and suggestions for further reading. (Dov Peretz Elkins Jewish Media Review)...a concise, accurate pen portrait of the thinker under scrutiny is followed by a description of his overall intellectual contribution....By the end of the book, the student will have a sound grounding in the major trends of Jewish thought over the last 350 years. (Spring 2008 Journal of Jewish Studies) Alan Levenson provides a superb introduction to the many varieties of Jewish self-understanding in the modern world. His presentation is remarkably clear and fascinating. (Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College)

Dr. Alan Levenson teaches Jewish history and thought at Siegal College.

I love this book. It provides an excellent view of all the thinkers and it is very comprehensive. The author also adds questions for the reader to ponder. A great introduction.

Levenson has done a great service to those who are unacquainted with or interested in learning about recent Jewish trends in thought. The brief discussion provides an accurate overview of thought and invites and suggests further reading in a fascinating intellectual area. For many this study will bring names to life, suggest new perspectives, and clarify the impact of important ideas by the thinkers here described.

Very informative and well written. Interesting choice of "thinkers". I bought it for a class and am really learning so much. Like the way the author places the thinker in history before discussing the work. Gives a much broader perspective.

Excellent collection of modern Jewish philosophy. This collection of writings of some of the greatest modern Jewish thinkers is very well done. Although some of the material is difficult to digest, the effort is well spent.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

An Introduction to Modern Jewish Thinkers: From Spinoza to Soloveitchik Jewish Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: Essays and Lectures in Modern Jewish Thought (Suny Series, Jewish Writings of Strauss) The Essential Spinoza: Ethics and Related Writings (Hackett Classics) Spinoza in 90 Minutes Spinoza: The Outcast Thinker The Works of Benedict de Spinoza The Night That Unites Passover Haggadah: Teachings, Stories, and Questions from Rabbi Kook, Rabbi Soloveitchik, and Rabbi Carlebach Mentor of Generations: Reflections on Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik The Koren Mesorat HaRav Siddur, A Hebrew/English Prayer Book with Commentary by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (Hebrew Edition) The Koren Mesorat HaRav Kinot, The Complete Tisha B'Av Service with Commentary by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (Hebrew/English Edition) (Hebrew Edition) Discourses of Rav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik on the Weekly Parashah: Darosh Darash Yosef Jewish People, Jewish Thought : The Jewish Experience in History 50 Jewish Messiahs: The Untold Life Stories of 50 Jewish Messiahs Since Jesus and How They Changed the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Worlds The Ultimate Guide to Jewish Holidays Recipes: The Ultimate Jewish Holidays Cookbook and Guide to Jewish Cooking Zakhor: Jewish History and Jewish Memory (The Samuel and Althea Stroum Lectures in Jewish Studies) Modern Essentials Bundle 6th - Modern Essentials 6th Edition a Contemporary Guide to the Therapeutic Use of Essential Oils, An Introduction to Modern Essentials, and Modern Essentials Reference Card Eastern Philosophy: The Greatest Thinkers and Sages from Ancient to Modern Times Funny, It Doesn't Sound Jewish: How Yiddish Songs and Synagogue Melodies Influenced Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and Hollywood (SUNY Series in Modern Jewish Literature and Culture) The Jewish Life Cycle: Rites of Passage from Biblical to Modern Times (Samuel and Althea Stroum Lectures in Jewish Studies) Jonah and Sarah: Jewish Stories of Russia and America (Library of Modern Jewish Literature)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)