

# 5743's Ten Best Jewish Books

The Jewish books of the past year have been characterized most strikingly by their themes of return to a Jewish life. Sometimes the return is presented as religious and at other times as a personal return to Jewish identity because of such events as the Holocaust or the birth of Israel.

Jewish books are being published in great quantity and are of great quality. There does not remain a lack of books about Jewish lifestyles for non-Orthodox American Jews and a continuing need for material for pre-school Jewish children.

Here, then, is a list of the Ten Best Jewish Books of 5743.

**An Orphan in History** by Paul Cowan (Doubleday, \$15.95)

This autobiographical memoir details the steady search for a Jewish Heritage. Cowan discusses how his revived sense of Jewish religious traditions mixes with his assimilated past.

**On Equal Terms** by Lucy Dawidowicz (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, \$22.95).

In her clear, direct, superb style the author recounts a century of American Jewish life since 1881. The text is punctuated with frequent insights and is an excellent, brief overview of the era.

**Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust** by Yaffa Eliach (Oxford, \$15.95).

This collection of stories is remarkable for its sense of placing readers in the middle of the events described. The role of women in these tales is particularly and effectively stressed.

**Namesake** by Michael Goldberg (Yale University Press, \$13.95).

This is an extraordinary memoir of a man caught in the Holocaust who loses his name and

identity only to recover both years later. Scenes of a plan to murder Klaus Barbie are particularly powerful.

**Temple** by Robert Greenfield (Summit, \$15.95). This is a wonderfully-written novel about a young man, his very contemporary friends, his very traditional grandfather, and his struggle to reconcile Jewish tradition to the world he inhabits.

**This Year in Jerusalem** by Joel Gross (G. P. Putnam, \$14.95).

Beyond being an exciting adventure novel, this

book accurately portrays the range and depth of feelings during the days just prior to the birth of Israel.

**The Anti-Zionist Complex** by Jacques Givet (SBS Publishing, \$11.95).

Anti-Zionism at the U.N. and elsewhere is brilliantly analyzed.

**The Arab Reach** by Hoag Levins (Doubleday, \$17.95).

This well-documented book describes how Arabs have attempted to use their oil money and influence to isolate Israel. The book includes many interesting true stories.

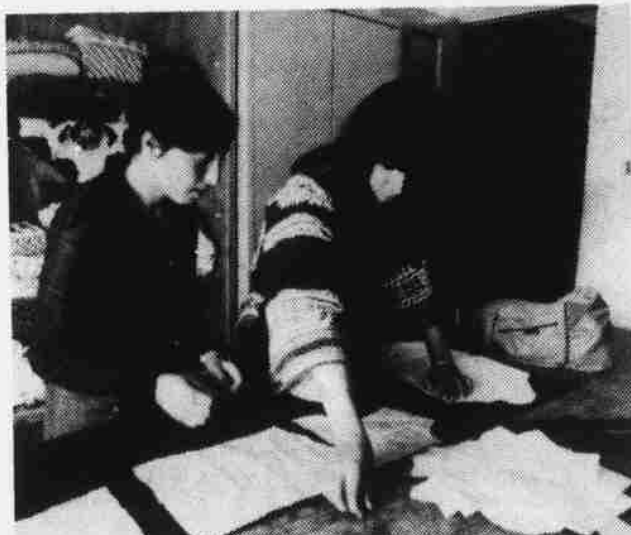
**Kibbutz Judaism** by Shalom Lilker (Cornwall, \$14.95).

The author, a Reform rabbi who has lived on a kibbutz for many years, examines the connections between two ideas many think contradictory: the kibbutz and religion.

**Art and Ardor** by Cynthia Ozick (Alfred A. Knopf, \$16.95).

This is a collection of essays, most of which in some respect are on Jewish subjects. The author is one of the most original and brilliant prose stylists currently writing.

## Arab Teenagers Study In Jerusalem



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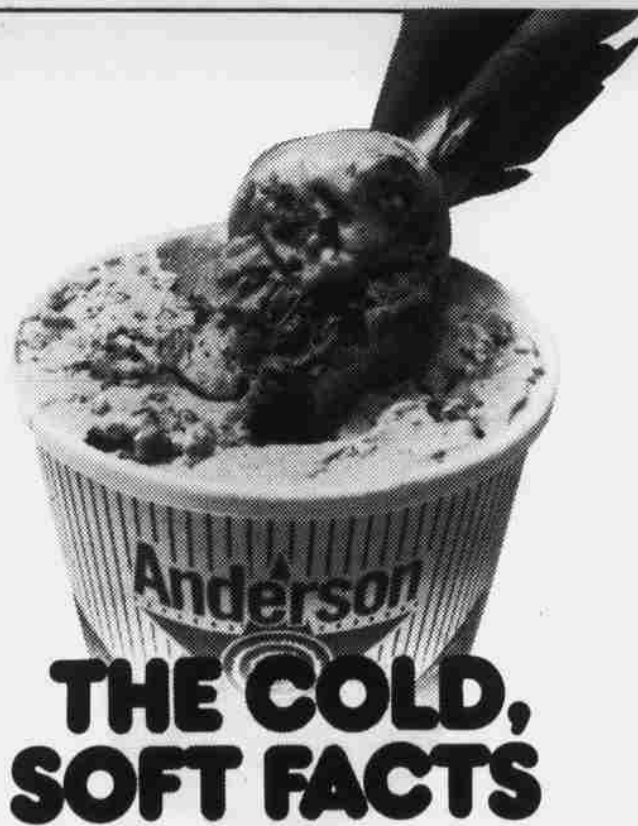
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