

sold to the Aabs... Sauli Glick starting his 101st band... The Caribbean Hotel sinking into the ocean this past intersession from Florida Free loaders... The Pollack Pharmacist breaking the prescription bottles in the typewriter... To my parents and all my beautiful readers...

K'Siva V'Chasima Tova

Shai, Ali Hafid, Taso Marish, Chevron Levy...

**JOKE OF WEEK:**

Henny Youngman tells about his shamus who walked in shul drunk. I asked him who did it to you? Two goyim, he remarked; Haig and Haig....

Shalom David

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ample....An option costs \$50...  
right to purchase XYZ at \$40 a...

**BOOKS**

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Ha Am's dictum that the Jews did not keep the Sabbath: the Sabbath kept them.

Great joys in the Shtetl were more often matched by greater sorrows show Diane and David Roskies in **The Shtetl Book**. Despite the unending and unequal struggle for survival, the poverty-stricken and discrimination-ridden Jews of Eastern Europe were remarkable not only for their endurance but also for their refusal to let hope die. The Roskies, through the use of many easily read quotations and authentic photographs, present an in-depth study of the Shtetl as well as an overview of East European Jewry. While **The Shtetl Book** is about Yiddish-speaking Jews, the reader need not know Yiddish to get the full flavor of the Shtetl, for the translations are excellent and the Roskies provide clear explanations and just the right apparatus for getting to know about such people and institutions as the **porets**, the **kahal**, the **pinkes**.

In **Out of the Ghetto**, Katz chiefly describes and analyzes what happened to the Jews of Western Europe between 1760 and 1860. He deals with the ideological and physical forces underlying the Jewish rise out of the ghetto, and he uses a broad sociological approach to demonstrate the interrelationship of movement and event. Nowhere, says Katz, was the transformation of Jewish life a smooth process. Jews had almost always lived as isolated strangers surrounded by hostile Gentiles. Suddenly, it seemed in the Eighteenth Century, the Jews were free. For a society as traditional as theirs, the change cut deeply — even to the point of annihilation as the following 150 years would reveal. Indeed, even in the Eighteenth Century, as parliaments debated whether to give Civil Rights to the Jews, generations clashed and both Christians and Jews — fearful of corruption by

association — predicted loss of Jewish identity.

The time-span so graphically portrayed by **The Walled Garden**, **World of Our Fathers**, **The Shtetl Book**, and **Out of the Ghetto** — until assimilation, emigration, and genocide extinguished the Shtetl and made Jewish existence almost extinct in Eastern Europe — reveals how tradition made Jewish life possible. Ironically, the story of freedom won in these books is of Jewish annihilation as well as of Jewish emancipation. Before 1850, Jews and non-Jews regarded all Jews as part of one indivisible nation, that, paradoxically scattered and dispersed, had found temporary abode among the nations. By 1850, large numbers of Jews had begun to leave Ghetto and Shtetl and to come into a wider and more secular and more fragmented world. Today, most Jews are still concerned about absorption and assimilation into Gentile society, nowhere and at no time a smooth process. But thanks to Bermant, Meltzer, the Roskies, and Katz — who have made the past real and alive for those of us who never saw a Shtetel and never will — today's Jews can analyze and counter the process effectively because they can now perceive their roots clearly.

Chaim Bermant, **The Walled Garden** (New York: Macmillan), \$12.95.

Milton Meltzer, **World of Our Fathers** (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux), \$7.95.

Diane K. Roskies and David G. Roskies, **The Shtetl Book** (U.S.A.: Ktav), \$10.00 for cloth-bound, \$5.95 for paper-bound.

Jacob Katz, **Out of the Ghetto** (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Univ. Press), \$12.00.

A handsome man may wear ugly clothes, and an ugly man handsome. But Israel is fine and Israel's garments are fine. Israel is fine and Israel's land is fine. Israel is suited to the Land of Israel. The Land of Israel is suited to Israel.

(Tanhum...

**BIBLE PUZZLE**



ACROSS

- 1. THE SPIES TOLD IN EXCHANGE HELP HER FAN BE SAVED.
- 4. RAHAB TOLD TO HIDE IN FOR THREE
- 5. THE M DOWN