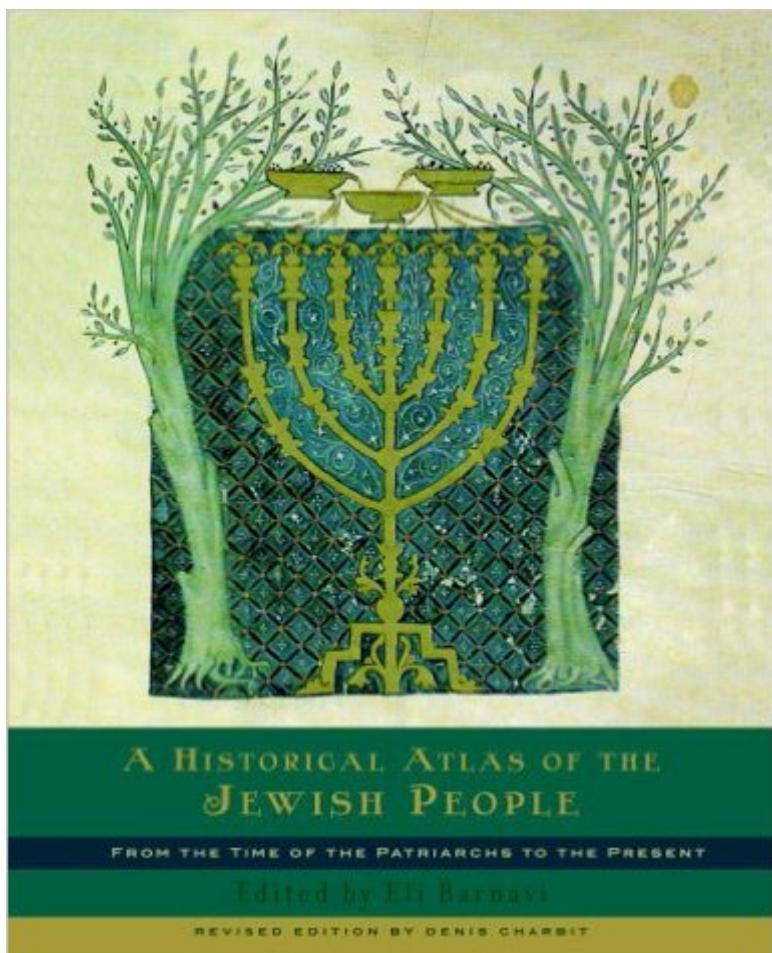


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This gorgeous coffee-table sized book would alone get my five stars for its detailed but clear maps and its breathtakingly diverse array of figures and illustrations depicting the major events of over 3,000 years of Jewish history. As it is, it provides detailed, well researched and very readable historical synopses of Jewish life throughout the world over this period, with each folio (two facing pages) a separate topic. Each folio includes the historical synopsis, usually a map, a series of other illustrations, including photographs, art, and other figures, and at the bottom of every page appears a time line highlighting important dates relevant to the topic. The topics range from the dawn of Judaism to present-day issues in Judaism, from Chinese Jews to the Jews of King Solomon's era, to Jewish farmers in Eastern Europe. You need to see this book in its entirety to believe it. If you ever wanted to an excellent and fascinating introduction to Jewish history, I don't think you can get better than this rare, colorful, scholarly and very engaging book. I'm so enthusiastic about it, I've bought it as a gift six times over.

This is a very detailed and informative atlas. It has very good illustrations that accompany each article . It presents Jewish history not simply in political but in cultural terms. Its articles are written by a wide variety of experts. Each page is an essay itself , and the themes are not simply the usual ones. There are for instance essays on " The Perception of Space" "Literature of the first Temple Period " " Religious and Social Agitation " "The Karaites" I do not know another single- volume Atlas of Jewish History which is as rich in the information and illustrations as this one.

This presentation of the history of the Jewish people through text, maps, charts, drawings, photographs, etc. is beautifully done. It is an excellent reference work for readers of all ages, a beautiful 'coffee table' book and a pleasure to use.

This is a beautiful book that illustrates the history of the Jews throughout the world. One nice thing about it is that it covers Jewish communities in surprising times and places such as China in the 11th Century or Latin America in the 1800s. Of course, it's focus is on the bulk of the Jewish population in Europe and then America. It covers the full history from biblical times to today. The one flaw in this regard is the near absence of coverage of Sephardic communities in more recent times. Each topic is covered in a 2-page spread which has text, pictures and a timeline. It is a large-sized book but clearly 2 pages only allows for the briefest coverage. The strength of the book is that it makes you aware of where Jews were at different times and how they interacted with, and were affected by, the broader society. The book approaches the Jewish people from a historical, not religious perspective. It portrays the Jews as a people.

Professor Barnavi has done a great service both to Judaism and any students who are inclined to further their understanding of it. As a Christian proponent of this ancient faith upon which our own is based, I have found it an invaluable resource in my ecumenical studies involving history and development of Ancient and Modern Jewry and the vast knowledge accumulated over the thousands of years of its existence. It is a concise coverage of every age of its progression, along with a magnificent garnish of photographs and illustrations which bring the entire process to life. I highly recommend this book.

Text does not coordinate well with the maps and other graphics, as if different people created these at different times. Also, one must skip around a lot to find the dates one is interested in. This book could have been a lot more informative than it set it out to be. Nevertheless, it still is an invaluable

source of historical information.

My favorite Jewish history atlas. I've bought it for myself and as a gift for others. Good maps and other graphics, Historically accurate and unbiased. However, it's ready for a new edition that will bring the events up to the present

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It is very detailed and contains many illustrations. It fascinates me to sit back and think about all the people and details of Jewish history that have played out over many thousands of years.

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