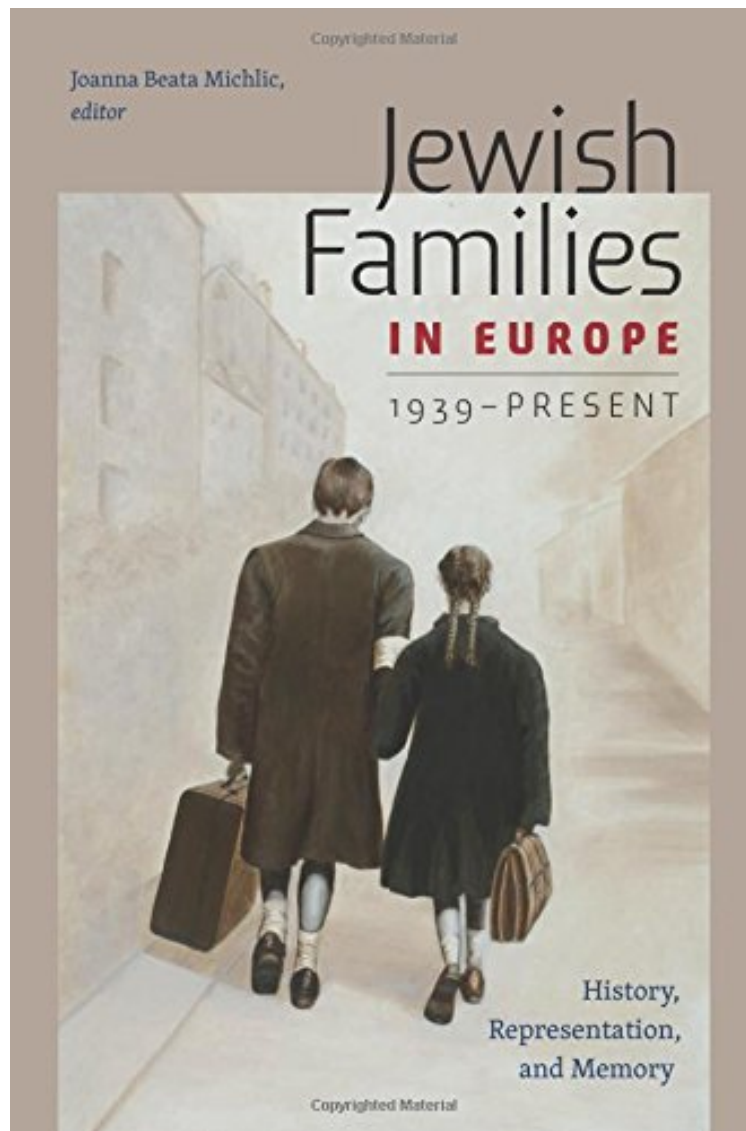


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families' psyche By Cambridge What a vital work of scholarship on the impact of the Shoah and its aftermath on Jewish individual and family psycho-dynamics. At a time that the question of how Extreme Personality Change after Catastrophic Experience should be best understood and responded to, and massive psychic trauma continues in all too many parts of the world, this thoughtfully edited volume is a vibrant repository of both clinical data and heartfelt narrative. *Jewish Families in Europe, 1939-Present: History, Representation, and Memory* (HBI Series on Jewish Women) It is accessible and will be of interest to mental health professionals, educators, and to the interested general public.

This book offers an extensive introduction and 13 diverse essays on how World War II, the Holocaust, and their aftermath affected Jewish families and Jewish communities, with an especially close look at the roles played by women, youth, and children. Focusing on Eastern and Central Europe, themes explored include: how Jewish parents handled the Nazi threat; rescue and resistance within the Jewish family unit; the transformation of gender roles under duress; youths wartime and early postwar experiences; postwar reconstruction of the Jewish family; rehabilitation of Jewish children and youth; and the role of Zionism in shaping the present and future of young survivors. Relying on newly available archival material and novel research in the areas of families, youth, rescue, resistance, gender, and memory, this volume will be an indispensable guide to current work on the familial and social history of the Holocaust.

If childhood experiences usually remain a work in progress, as children grow and remake themselves, then that process was both speeded up and dramatically curtailed in the case of children caught up in the Holocaust. As the contributors to this remarkable, path-breaking collection show, life in ghettos, in hiding and in the camps of the Nazis Final Solution forced children and their parents into new roles, sometimes inverting who was caring for whom within the family, sometimes creating new social bonds with groups of other children. For the children who survived, their experience went on being reworked, depending on how receptive - or not - they found the post-war world to be and how long it took them to find words for what they had undergone. The authors reflect critically on how to use extraordinarily rich and complex source material, and they resist any easy idealisation of how children were treated, whether by the Jewish authorities in the ghettos or by the victorious Allies postwar. This is indispensable history-writing, and places this collection at the forefront not only of Holocaust scholarship but also the new and growing study of children and the family as historical actors. (Nicholas Stargardt, author of *Witnesses of War: Children's Lives under the Nazis* / Professor of Modern European History, University of Oxford) *Jewish Families in Europe, 1939-Present: History Representation and Memory* accomplishes what it sets out to do. Its meticulously researched, intellectually rigorous and methodologically sophisticated essays explore the impact of the Holocaust on the Jewish family during the Holocaust and in its aftermath. Each of the authors is an authority in their field, whether it be history, sociology, psychology or literature, and each applies the tools of their profession coupled with a detailed knowledge of the history of the country being examined to address diverse topics relating to the family. I have seldom read a collection of essays by different authors with as much satisfaction as each essay is significant and the whole exceeds the sum of its parts. Children survivors of the Holocaust have often complained that no one takes their memories seriously. This work does! From now on, no one will be able to address the Jewish family without considering the memories and impressions of the youngest survivors and this book is invaluable in teaching researchers how to interpret what is said and what remains unsaid. (Michael Berenbaum, Professor of Jewish Studies, American Jewish University) About the Author JOANNA BEATA MICHLIC teaches at Leo Baeck College, London, and is a senior honorary research associate at the UCL Centre for Collective Violence, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, London.