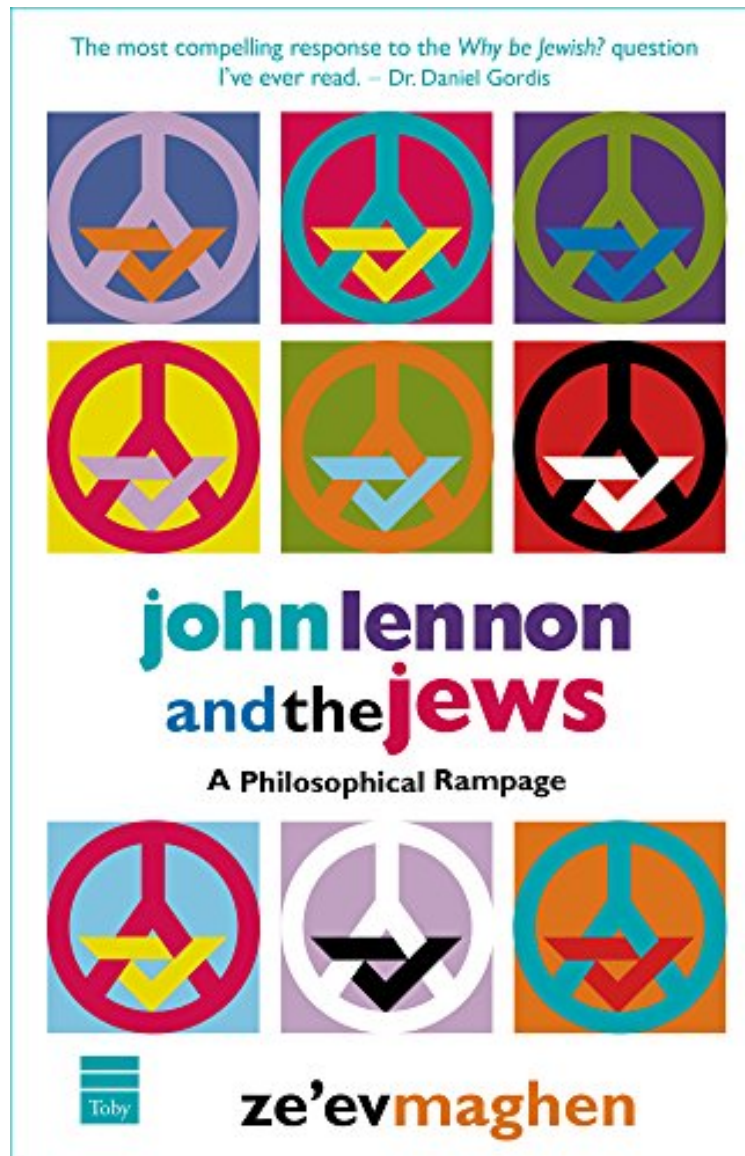


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in Los Angeles. Maghen, an American immigrant to Israel, fluent in six languages, immediately recognizes the accent of the Hare Krishnas who approach him. They are Shira, Ofer and Daron, all Israelis, all former soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces. After a brief bit of small talk, Maghen lets them have it. What the hell are you doing here?... You are Jews! You are Israelis, for Gods sake! What the hell are you doing here, in this place, on a Friday morning, wearing these clothes, chanting those words and selling that book? One by one, Shira, Ofer and Daron patiently explain to Maghen the absolute absurdity of Jewish belief and the superiority of Krishna Consciousness. Don't you see, [Ofer] continued, thundering down from his nearly seven foot high pulpit, that the Torah and its laws are no longer relevant to peoples lives today? All that hocus-pocus, all those archaic stories and ridiculous rules and time-wasting rituals and impractical practices! There's just no rhyme or reason to any of it! he forged on. How can such obsolete, irrational poppycock still appeal to an intellectual person like you? Now, Hindu wisdom, on the other hand, that's where you'll find a truly compelling reflection of reality as it is. That's where you'll find profound insights for the rational person, for the reasoning, penetrating, philosophical mind, insights which not only do not contradict, but actually help us to better understand and take advantage of our modern age of scientific discovery and global responsibility. But Judaism? Judaism just doesn't cut it in a thinking persons world. Sorry. Just as he was formulating his response to the Hare Krishnas deluge of anti-Jewish disinformation, Maghen's ride showed up. John Lennon and the Jews is the book Maghen wrote in response to his airport encounter with Shira, Ofer and Daron. If Maghen, a professor at Bar-Ilan University, wasn't a believing, observant Jew, his defense of Judaism would sound like it was penned by an irreverent heretic. He quotes Richard Gere in *Pretty Woman*, refers to a memorable *Star Trek* episode to make a point and calls John Lennon a lilting limey. He claims, There is no such thing as Judaism, spends two chapters discussing how ridiculous Jewish law seems before (whew!) redeeming it. Dissecting the choice of whether or not to live an affirmatively Jewish life, Maghen is a passionate advocate for saying yes to Judaism. There are many books about Judaism that are flat, bland and dry. *John Lennon and the Jews* isn't one of them. Simply put, Maghen has a crush on authentic Judaism.[...]

A chance encounter at LAX introduces Maghen to a trio of Hare Krishna missionaries who turn out to be Israeli migrants. They insist that Judaism is archaic, irrational, immoral and just downright stupid; that affiliating with the Jewish people in our modern, globalizing day and age is pointless and pass. Their adamant universalism and everything is everything rejection of their Jewish identity put the author in mind of John Lennon's iconic lyrics, *Imagine there's no countries...and no religion too*. *John Lennon and the Jews* is Ze'ev Maghen's confrontation with Lennon's vision of one-worldism and other in vogue beliefs that threaten Jewish continuity today. This audacious, entertaining *Magical Mystery Tour* of the mind and heart brings together the profound and the preposterous, using a bold, irreverent tone to address highly serious issues affecting society today. By incorporating logical arguments, humorous stories and pop culture references, Maghen presents a rational, thought-provoking argument in favor of preferential love, cross-cultural understanding, and Jewish tradition. This work what *The Jerusalem Post* likens to a dazzling intellectual amusement park is a journey through centuries, countries, sitcoms, and ideas that will leave no thinking, feeling person unaffected.

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Ze'ev Maghen is a professor of Arabic Literature and Islamic History and Chairman of the Department of Middle East Studies at Bar-Ilan University. He also serves as a senior fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem. Born and raised in Boston and Philadelphia, he moved to Israel, and completed his military service in the Tank Corps of the Israel Defense Forces. He now lives in Jerusalem with his wife and four children