

Divided Lives by Cynthia Crane.
Palgrave Macmillan 2003.

Jewish Frontiers – Essays on Bodies, Histories, and Identities by Sander L. Gilman.
Palgrave Macmillan 2003.

Anti-Semitism – Myth and Hate from Antiquity to the Present
by Marvin Perry and Frederick M. Schweitzer.
Palgrave Macmillan 2003.

Palgrave Macmillan might not be everyone's first thought as a publisher of books of Jewish interest, but this trio should force any holder of such a view to put it to one side. These three books, among a number on Jewish related subjects published by Palgrave in 2003 contain interest and information for everyone.

Divided Lives takes a side ways approach to a Shoah issue that has not received as much prominence in the post-war decades as others – the fate of women of Jewish descent who fell foul of the Nazis' twisted race laws. Each chapter, all of them moving, tells the story of a woman who survived against the odds but whose life continues to be dominated by the experiences so cruelly forced upon them.

Jewish Frontiers, by the Professor of the Liberal Arts and Medicine at the University of Chicago, places, as the author states 'the experience of Diaspora Jewry into a post-Zionist reading of Jewish and non-Jewish history'. The essays consider such topics as the film *Life is Beautiful*, Jewish physiognomy and Jews and smoking. If this tiny selection indicates frivolity that would be an erroneous assumption, for Gilman takes a serious approach to his subject, attempting nothing less than a redefinition of Jewishness and Jewish life for the 21st century.

Anti-Semitism is an historical analysis of the oldest hatred from its earliest existence to our own time. Meticulously researched and well-written, it joins a number of other books on the same subject published over the last few years. Inevitably, it covers the same ground as other texts, but what marks it out as a worthy addition to the corpus of literature on this grim subject are excellent chapters on Holocaust Denial and Black anti-Semitism in the United States.

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