

Revolution of Jewish Spirit: How to REVIVE ruakh in your spiritual life, TRANSFORM your synagogue and INSPIRE your community by Rabbi Baruch HaLevi and Ellen Frankel.

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As Jews in the United Kingdom embrace agnosticism to an ever greater degree, and feel a growing distance from the 'organised' part of their religious heritage, in America the process of synagogue revitalisation and 're-spiritualization' begun by Synagogue 2000 and continued by Synagogue 3000 continues to advance further.

Revolution of Jewish Spirit is part of the Synagogue 3000 series, its authors determined to raise levels of meaning, understanding, commitment and spiritual awakening. Divided into three main sections Journey Forth, From the Known to the Unknown, And You Shall be a Blessing. Each section is subdivided into chapters such as Choose Life: Choose to Journey, The "When" of Ruakh: Erotic Shabbat, and Revenue Revolution.

For a British reader this is astonishing material, to be read with a combination of wonder and envy, but we have to hope that, as with so many things that started in the States and ended up over here, some at least of this dynamism, courage and hope will transmute to our shores and help us to revive the ruakh in our own communities.

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