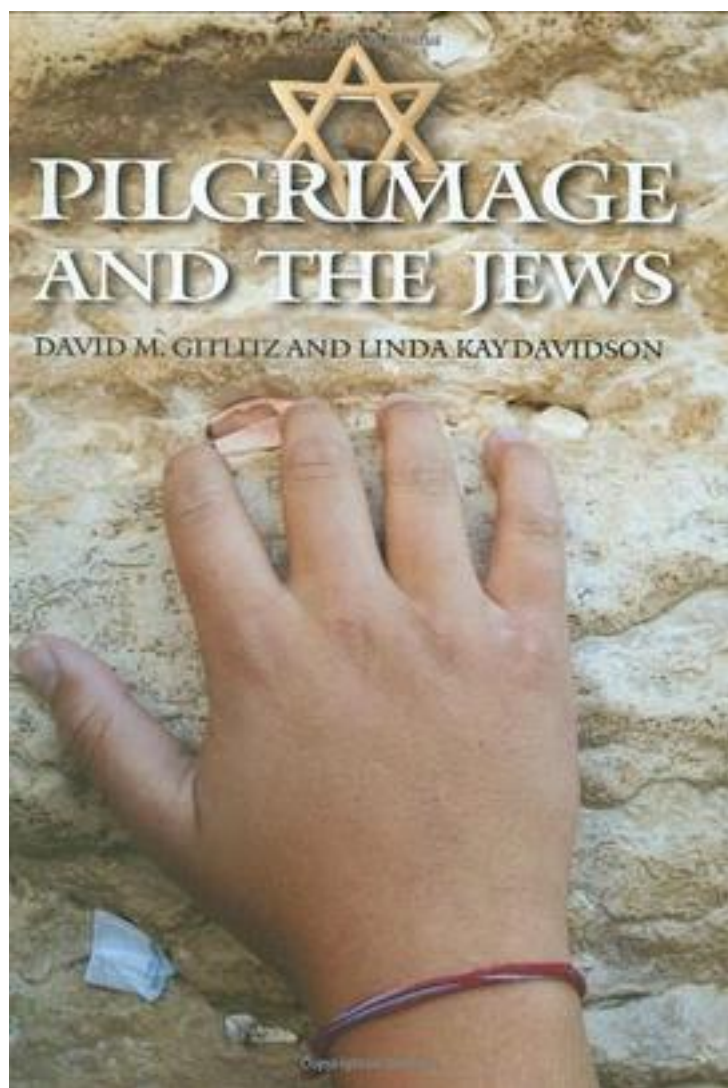


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The first book to cover the fascinating story of Jewish pilgrimage from its mythic beginnings to current times. The history and breadth of Jewish pilgrimage traditions is rich and varied. Here the authors tell the fascinating, and sometimes harrowing, story of Jewish pilgrimage from the beginnings of Judaism to the present time. They trace the history of Jewish pilgrimage and show how the repeated cycles of exile and return to Israel serve the Jews as a kind of pilgrimage in reverse. This lively account is sure to appeal to anyone interested in religious pilgrimage, tourism, and travel. From Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives, to the tombs of King David, Rachel, and Joseph, from Galilee to Curacao, Jewish pilgrims seek out spiritual transcendence, a return to their roots, communion with those who have gone before, and connection to their common heritage as they visit holy shrines, important synagogues around the world, Nazi death camps, and the graves of leaders, among other places. But what makes these places holy? And what purpose do the pilgrimages serve? How has recent unrest in the Middle East contributed to, or detracted from, modern Jewish pilgrimage and its future? These questions and others are answered in these pages. This book provides a comprehensive historical overview of Jewish pilgrimage. It includes photographs of sites discussed in the book. It is the first book that looks exclusively at Jewish pilgrimage in its entirety. It also considers the current situation in the Middle East and the current state of Jewish pilgrimage.

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