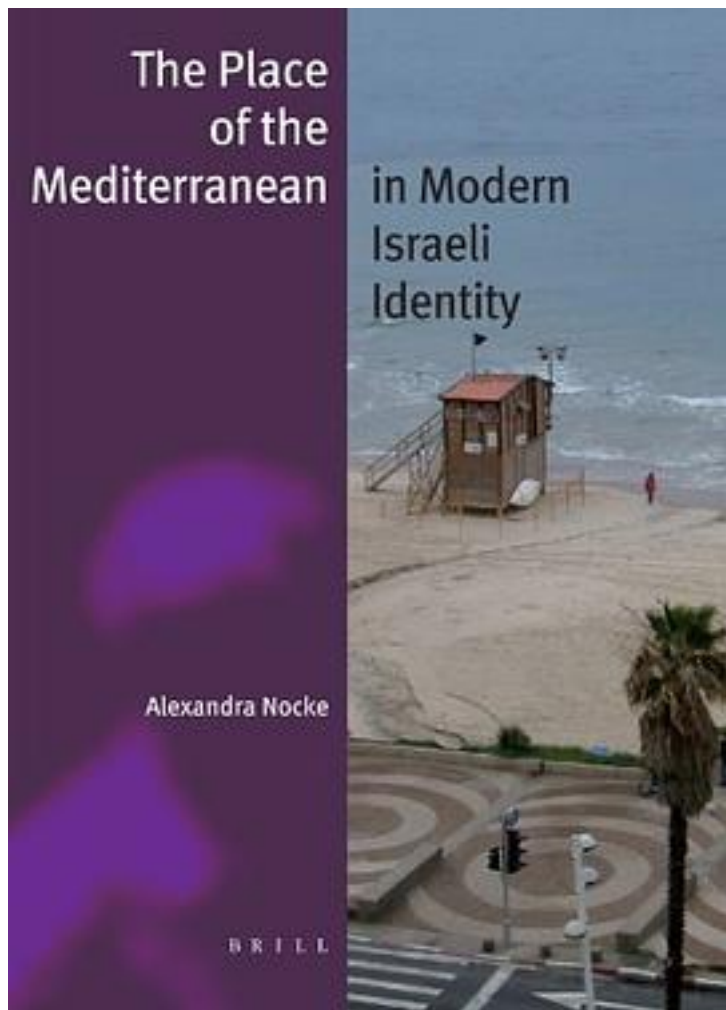


# The Place of the Mediterranean in Modern Israeli Identity



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While early Zionists envisioned the Jewish state as an outpost of Europe in the Middle East, modern Israel is - geographically speaking - located in Asia and incorporates elements from both 'Orient and Occident'. This book sheds light on how the Mediterranean region, its history, traditions, climate, and attitudes have shaped Israeli lived experience and consciousness. It offers new perspectives on the evolving phenomenon of Yam Tikhoniut (hebr. Mediterraneanism), which centers around the longing to find a 'natural' place in order that Israel be accommodated in the region, both culturally and politically. This book explores Mediterraneanism as reflected in popular music, literature, architecture, and daily life and analyzes the ways in which the notion comprises cultural identity, societal concepts, and political realities.

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