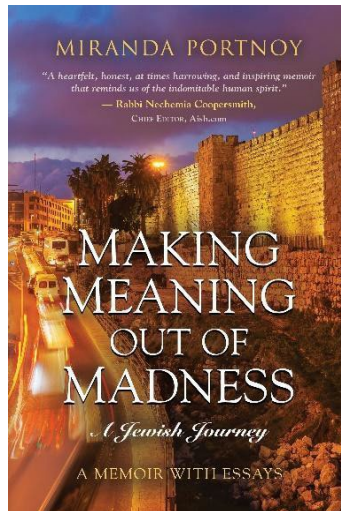


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Debut Jewish Memoir Aims to Reawaken Love for the Bible among Jews



Scapegoated by a murderer, betrayed by her lover, and driven to her knees, Miranda Portnoy witnesses something astonishing when she turns to the God she doesn't yet believe in. *Making Meaning Out of Madness: A Jewish Journey* reveals Portnoy's voyage from traumatic American Jewish childhood to marrying a noble Orthodox Jewish husband in Jerusalem. In a harrowing yet comical spiritual memoir, which brings her by turns into the arms of a Tantric master and face to face with the Divine—double-crossed by Ivy League administrators and encountering less than savory activities at an Orthodox Jewish seminary—Portnoy emerges from it all with faith. In wry, athletic prose wrought by tribulation, Portnoy acquaints her audience with mysticism, healing, and redemption as she experiences these herself in this inspiring survivor's tale.

While targeted Jews around the world are reluctantly taking off their kippahs, *Making Meaning Out of Madness: A Jewish Journey* suggests the antidote to antisemitism may lie in the opposite direction, in embracing Jewish destiny. Reviewer Daniel Keren of *The Jewish Connection* declares, "If you have relatives, friends, neighbors, colleagues at work from secular Jewish backgrounds, this is a book that you should send them. A fascinating memoir."

In the second section of her book, Portnoy challenges agnostic assumptions in three well-researched, provocative essays. Taking aim at the spiritual skepticism fostered by contemporary academia, she offers an utterly novel, commonsense proof of classic Jewish principles. Posing an original thesis for why American and Israeli Jews are increasingly estranged, Portnoy bridges the gap in a passionate case for Jewish unity. This powerful memoir and essay collection is bound to capture the hearts and minds of Jews who have wandered too far from the God who loves them—compelling them, and all of us, to not only reexamine our convictions, but perhaps, rediscover our souls.

Making Meaning Out of Madness: A Jewish Journey will be available in 2023.

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Miranda Portnoy is an Ivy League university graduate who has written her intimate exposé of religious awakening to encourage her beloved fellow Jews to defeat antisemitism with *spiritual* tools. Portnoy also invites non-Jewish readers, friends of the Jewish people, to kindly share her story of the redemptive power of the biblical covenant for Jews. She lives in Israel with her husband and children.

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