

“A spectacular array of sources, capturing the many facets of Jewish cultural creativity during a tumultuous era.”

—*Glenn Dynner, author of Yankel’s Tavern: Jews, Liquor, & Life in the Kingdom of Poland*

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The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization Volume 6: Confronting Modernity, 1750–1880

The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization is a landmark project that collects and translates Jewish writings, memoirs, literature, movies, artwork, and cultural material from biblical times to the present. To make the material accessible to everyone, the project includes the interactive Posen Digital Library as well as 10 beautifully produced print volumes to be published by Yale University Press.

On November 26, 2019, Yale University Press will publish *The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization, Volume 6: Confronting Modernity, 1750-1880*, edited by Elisheva Carlebach. This volume covers a momentous period, described by Carlebach as a time “in which every aspect of Jewish life underwent the most profound changes to have occurred since antiquity.”

Organized by genre, *Confronting Modernity* surveys Jewish cultural production and innovation in literature, the visual and performing arts, and intellectual culture. It includes a diverse selection of works created by Jews around the world. Representing a tumultuous time of changing borders, demographic shifts, and significant Jewish migration, this volume explores a range of responses, from welcoming to resistant, to the intertwining ideals of enlightenment and emancipation. Readers will find traditional Jewish writings as well as some surprising entries that reflect the changing culture of the time period and the increasing role of women in society.

Gorgeously illustrated and featuring contributions by both well-known and under-appreciated writers, artists, and thinkers, *The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization, Volume 6: Confronting Modernity, 1750-1880* will be relished by anyone interested in the global story of Jewish culture and civilization.

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About The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization

The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization is comprised of The Posen Digital Library (PDL), available at posenlibrary.com, and a 10-volume print anthology of Jewish culture published by Yale University Press. The collection includes translations of original sources exemplifying Jewish cultural creativity from around the world. Originally written in more than a dozen languages, these selections introduce readers to the diversity and scope of Jewish civilization from the second millennium B.C.E. to 2005. The collection also contains reproductions of paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures, and objects used in homes and synagogues, presenting a stunning portrait of the rich complexity of Jewish life across the ages. The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization gathers materials from both the sacred and secular, from high culture and pop culture, and from all media.

The Posen Digital Library (PDL) currently includes more than 1200 original selections. As each print volume is released, the collection will grow to more than 6500 selections. Approximately 90% of the material in the print volumes will be available to a worldwide audience through the PDL.