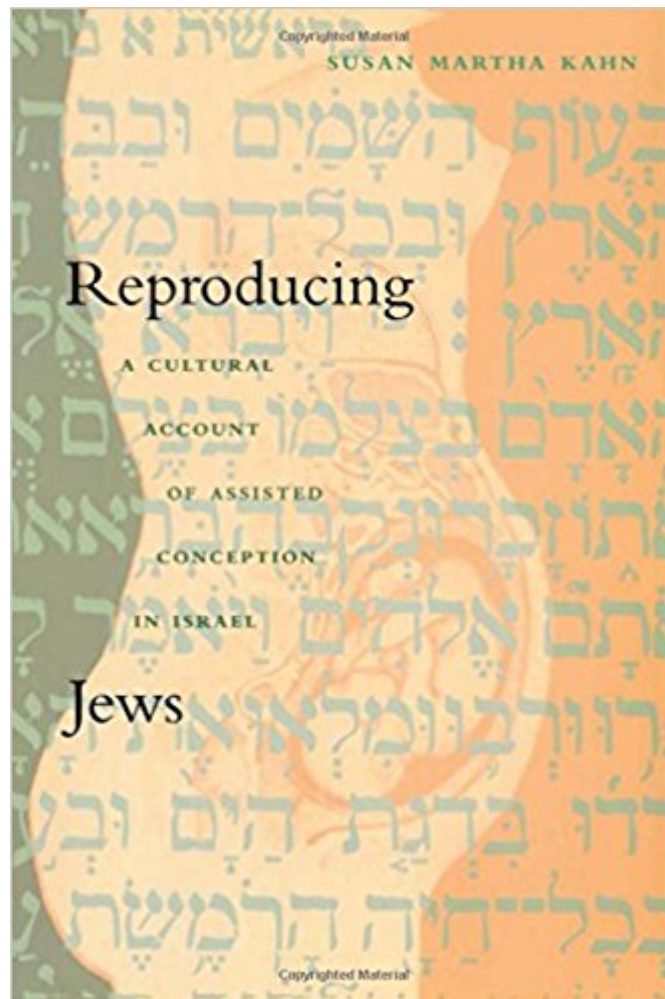


The book was found

Reproducing Jews: A Cultural Account Of Assisted Conception In Israel (Body, Commodity, Text)



Synopsis

There are more fertility clinics per capita in Israel than in any other country in the world and Israel has the world's highest per capita rate of in-vitro fertilization procedures. Fertility treatments are fully subsidized by Israeli national health insurance and are available to all Israelis, regardless of religion or marital status. These phenomena are not the result of unusually high rates of infertility in Israel but reflect the centrality of reproduction in Judaism and Jewish culture. In this ethnographic study of the new reproductive technologies in Israel, Susan Martha Kahn explores the cultural meanings and contemporary rabbinic responses to artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, egg donation, and surrogacy. Kahn draws on fieldwork with unmarried Israeli women who are using state-subsidized artificial insemination to get pregnant and on participant-observation in Israeli fertility clinics. Through close readings of traditional Jewish texts and careful analysis of Israeli public discourse, she explains how the Israeli embrace of new reproductive technologies has made Jewish beliefs about kinship startlingly literal. Kahn also reveals how a wide range of contemporary Israelis are using new reproductive technologies to realize their reproductive futures, from ultraorthodox infertile married couples to secular unmarried women. As the first scholarly account of assisted conception in Israel, this multisited ethnography will contribute to current anthropological debates on kinship studies. It will also interest those involved with Jewish studies.

Book Information

Series: Body, Commodity, Text

Paperback: 240 pages

Publisher: Duke University Press Books; 2nd Revised edition edition (October 19, 2000)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0822325985

ISBN-13: 978-0822325987

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 6 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #710,071 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #85 in [Books > Religion &](#)

[Spirituality > Judaism > Women & Judaism](#) #387 in [Books > Textbooks > Humanities > Religious](#)

[Studies > Judaism](#) #578 in [Books > Law > Legal Theory & Systems > Non-US Legal Systems](#)

Customer Reviews

Great topic, well researched and well written. Sometimes funny. I learned a great deal about the

details of the topic. Moreover, the book informs the political issues and climate of statehood for a fledgling nation at the most personal and intimate levels. I've read the other reader's review and can't imagine that the vituperative commentary is in any way suggested by the topic or the book itself. Perhaps a little New Haven vs. Cambridge rivalry. Hey, grow up! If you are a reader with an interest in how Jewish motherhood and Jewish statehood relate, read the book. If you are a kvetch, have some chicken soup and you'll feel better in the morning.

This is an outstanding, fascinating book. It's no wonder it has won several awards. Anyone with an interest in fertility and infertility, Jewish culture and/or tradition, anthropology, and/or reproductive technologies should absolutely read it. Very well done, informative, provocative.

It's no wonder that this book won the National Jewish Book Award this year. Kahn zeroes in on a much neglected area -- the lives of women in Israel-- and a subject -- infertility policy -- of interest not only to medical anthropologists and other scholarly researchers but to interested would-be parents and their friends and families around the world. In exploring Israel's public policy on reproduction and the way Israeli women go about utilizing it, Kahn has written a fascinating, provocative, and rewarding book.

Perfect! Thanks so much :)

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Reproducing Jews: A Cultural Account of Assisted Conception in Israel (Body, Commodity, Text)

Beyond the Body Proper: Reading the Anthropology of Material Life (Body, Commodity, Text)

Commodity Activism: Cultural Resistance in Neoliberal Times (Critical Cultural Communication)

Israel Betrayed: How the Democrats, J Street, and the Jewish Left have Undermined Israel and why

a President Hillary Clinton would be Disastrous for Israel Lifebuoy Men, Lux Women:

Commodification, Consumption, and Cleanliness in Modern Zimbabwe (Body, Commodity, Text)

BODY BUTTER: Homemade Body Butter Recipes - 30 DIY Body Butter Recipes For Softer,

Healthier, And More Radiant Skin (Body Butter, Body Butter Recipes, natural remedies) Body

Language: Body Language Training - Attract Women & Command Respect, by Mastering Your High

Status Body Language (Body Language Attraction, Body Language ... Language Secrets,

Nonverbal Communication) The Foods of Israel Today: More than 300 Recipes--and

Memories--Reflecting Israel's Past and Present Through Its Many Cuisines Sh'ma: A Journal of

Jewish Responsibility -- Iran, Israel, and U.S. Foreign Policy (Iran, Israel and U.S. Foreign Policy

Book 39) The Ransom of the Jews: The Story of Extraordinary Secret Bargain Between Romania and Israel Holy Serpent of the Jews: The Rabbis' Secret Plan for Satan to Crush Their Enemies and Vault the Jews to Global Dominion BODY LANGUAGE : Decoding Alpha Male Body Language, Instantly Attract Any Woman Without Saying a Single word. (Body Language 101, Alpha male, Attract woman, ... Seduce Women, Eye Contact, Body Language) The Island of One People: An Account of the History of the Jews of Jamaica Liberalism's Troubled Search for Equality: Religion and Cultural Bias in the Oregon Physician-Assisted Suicide Debates Spectral Shakespeares: Media Adaptations in the Twenty-First Century (Reproducing Shakespeare) The Afterlife of Ophelia (Reproducing Shakespeare) Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico An Introduction to the Theory of Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces (Cambridge Studies in Advanced Mathematics) Texting Women: 7 Simple Steps From Text to Sex (Flirty Texts, Texting Girls, How To Text Girls, Art Seduction, How to Seduce a Woman, Funny Text, Pick Up Women, Funny Pick Up Lines, Picking Up Women) Commodity Trade and Finance (The Grammenos Library)

[Dmca](#)