

Contents

PREFACE TO THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE EDITION	ix
INTRODUCTION: BURDENS OF MEMORY	1
<i>Identity in Movement</i>	1
<i>Constructed Memories</i>	14
1. MAKING NATIONS: SOVEREIGNTY AND EQUALITY	23
<i>Lexicon: "People" and Ethnos</i>	24
<i>The Nation: Boundaries and Definitions</i>	31
<i>From Ideology to Identity</i>	39
<i>From Ethnic Myth to Civil Imaginary</i>	45
<i>The Intellectual as the Nation's "Prince"</i>	54
2. MYTHISTORY: IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE PEOPLE	64
<i>The Early Shaping of Jewish History</i>	65
<i>The Old Testament as Mythistory</i>	71
<i>Race and Nation</i>	78
<i>A Historians' Dispute</i>	81
<i>A Protonationalist View from the East</i>	87
<i>An Ethnicist Stage in the West</i>	95
<i>The First Steps of Historiography in Zion</i>	100
<i>Politics and Archaeology</i>	107
<i>The Earth Rebels against Mythistory</i>	115
<i>The Bible as Metaphor</i>	123
3. THE INVENTION OF THE EXILE: PROSELYTISM AND CONVERSION	129
<i>The "People" Exiled in 70 CE</i>	130
<i>Exile without Expulsion—History in the Twilight Zone</i>	136
<i>Against Its Will, the People Emigrate from the Homeland</i>	143
<i>"All Nations Shall Flow Unto It"</i>	150
<i>The Hasmoneans Impose Judaism on Their Neighbors</i>	154

<i>From The Hellenistic Sphere to Mesopotamian Territory</i>	161
<i>Judaizing in the Shadow of Rome</i>	166
<i>How Rabbinical Judaism Viewed Proselytizing</i>	173
<i>The Sad Fate of the Judeans</i>	178
<i>Remembering and Forgetting the "People of the Land"</i>	182
 4. REALMS OF SILENCE:	
IN SEARCH OF LOST (JEWISH) TIME	190
<i>Arabia Felix: The Proselytized Kingdom of Himyar</i>	192
<i>Phoenicians and Berbers: The Mysterious Queen Kahina</i>	199
<i>Jewish Kagans? A Strange Empire Rises in the East</i>	210
<i>Khazars and Judaism: A Long Love Affair?</i>	218
<i>Modern Research Explores the Khazar Past</i>	230
<i>The Enigma: The Origin of Eastern Europe's Jews</i>	238
 5. THE DISTINCTION: IDENTITY POLITICS IN ISRAEL	250
<i>Zionism and Heredity</i>	256
<i>The Scientific Puppet and the Racist Hunchback</i>	272
<i>Founding an Ethnos State</i>	280
<i>"Jewish and Democratic"—An Oxymoron?</i>	292
<i>Ethnocracy in the Age of Globalization</i>	307
 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	314
INDEX	315