

Dear Friends,

For a change it would be nice to talk about some of the really beautiful books that we see at Jerusalem Books.

For example, 'Batim b'Yerushalayim / Mabat Penimah,' by Zviah Dovrish-Fried. This is an art book with color images of Jerusalem houses and particularly beautiful interiors. Definitely a coffee table book, but a beautiful one at that. Modan Publishing \$35.50 #55239

Another book whose categories border Israel, (geography, history) and Rabbinics is a wonderful book on Rachel's Tomb - 'Al 'Em Ha-Derekh / Siporo shel Kever Rahel by Nadav Shragai. Published by Sha'arim Le-Heker Yerushalayim. 371 pages, hardcover, \$32.50 #54627

Carta put out a new title on the Temple - "Holy Temple in Jerusalem / Carta's Illustrated Encyclopedia" in English cat.no. 54718 \$49.00 or in Hebrew cat.no. 54634 \$45.50. Both editions are hardcover with 270 pages.

In the area of music, please note that Idan Reichel of the "Idan Reichel Project" has come out with a new album, Mi'ma'amakhim, which I can only describe as haunting and enchanting. The title cut is poetic love song but the album includes songs performed by Shoshana Damari and 'Yesh bi od ko'ah,' sung by Din Din Aviv. This is Idan Reichel's second album and they include a fusion of many cultures including many Ethiopian rifs. \$14.00 #55240

Under Israel & Zionism, an important work of history about the battles to protect and conquer Jerusalem (and here we are talking also about west Jerusalem, Jewish Jerusalem,) entitled, 'Harel' - On the Palmach Brigade. Published by Kibbutz HaMeuchad, hardcover 303pages. Cat.no. 54478, \$23.00

In the same category but current, not historic like the previous title, Yuval Bar-Ner, has written, 'Ha-Madrikh le-Mimsad.' Self published, 478pages, cat.no. 54480 \$97.00

In a change of styles and fields, from law to literature, fiction, noted jurist, former MK Amnon Rubenstein has written, "ha-Smikhah" (The Blanket) on Israel and Zionism from 1948 to the present. Published by Schocken, softcover, 178 pages. Cat.no. 54399 \$19.00

Regarding our tri-annual catalog we are thinking of trimming the Rabbinics - Sifrei Kodesh section to some selected highlights and producing a separate Rabbinics - Sifrei Kodesh -complete- catalog. Please give us feedback on this. First, is there interest in our Rabbinics - Sifrei Kodesh section. Do you like our editorial comments? Would it be good to get this section separately (and lighten the 'general' catalog of Hebrew and English books from Israel.)?

Sincerely,
Jeff Spitzer