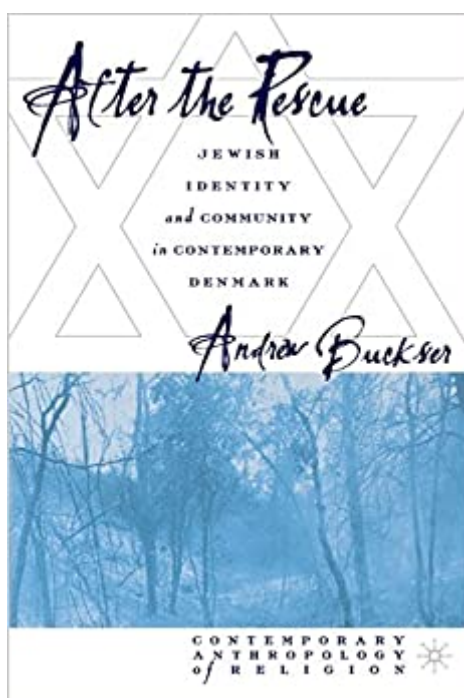


The book was found

# After The Rescue: Jewish Identity And Community In Contemporary Denmark



## Synopsis

In October of 1943, the Danish resistance rescued almost all of the Jews in Copenhagen from roundups by the occupying Nazis. In the years since, Jews have become deeply engaged in a Danish culture that presents very few barriers of antisemitism or prejudice. This book explores the questions that such inclusion raises for the Danish Jews, and what their answers can tell us about the meaning of religion, ethnicity and community in modern society. Social scientists have long argued that modernity poses challenges for traditional ethnic communities, by breaking down the networks of locality, kinship, religion and occupation that have held such communities together. For the Danish Jews, inclusion into the larger society has led to increasing fragmentation, as the community has split into a bewildering array of religious, social, and political factions. Yet it remains one of Scandinavia's most vital religious organizations, and Jewishness remains central to self-understanding for thousands of its members. How this has happened - how the Jewish world has maintained its significance while losing any sense of coherence or unity - suggests a new understanding of the meaning of ethnic community in contemporary society.

## Book Information

Series: Contemporary Anthropology of Religion

Paperback: 271 pages

Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan; 2003 edition (May 29, 2003)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1403962707

ISBN-13: 978-1403962706

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.6 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.7 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #1,579,976 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #59 in Books > History > Europe > Scandinavia > Denmark #1040 in Books > Textbooks > Humanities > Religious Studies > Judaism #1933 in Books > History > World > Religious > Judaism

## Customer Reviews

'[C]omprehensive, nuanced, and beautifully written. Buckser skillfully weaves data from historical sources with rich ethnography and succeeds in depicting [the Jewish community of Denmark] sensitively and as objectively as is humanly possible. In doing so he provides valuable guidance for how to conduct research when challenged by enormous scale and social complexity, conditions

common to late modern urban society'. - Leonard Plotnicov, Professor of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, and Editor of Ethnology

ANDREW BUCKSER is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Purdue University. He is the author of a number of works on religion and culture in northern Europe, including *Communities of Faith: Sectarianism, Identity, and Social Change on a Danish Island* (1996). Dr. Buckser received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1993, and he has conducted extensive fieldwork in Western Jutland and Copenhagen.

This description of contemporary Jewish life and identity in Denmark is extremely well written, thoughtful, and powerful. The author explores various aspects of Jewish life (religious, communal, social, international, etc.) and charts the various sub-groups within Copenhagen's fractured Jewish community. These discussions are deftly embedded in historical context -- the author describes the various waves of Jewish immigration to Denmark over the past few centuries, and of course also places his analysis within the shadow of the 1943 rescue of Danish Jewry from the Nazis. The entire book is nuanced and sensitive. The author allows his informants to speak for themselves and tell their own stories, but also shares plenty of his own observations and insights. The book is peppered with many interesting anecdotes and stories, some poignant, some disturbing, others humorous. The author seems hopeful that Jewish life in Denmark will persist well into the future -- I am not so sure. I'm not sure I buy the whole "symbolic ethnicity" stuff. Anyone interested in contemporary Jewish identity, contemporary Denmark, or good ethnographic analyses of communities, will find this book incredibly enriching and rewarding.

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

Denmark: Copenhagen & The Best Of Denmark - By Locals: The Best Local Travel Tips About Where to Go and What to See in Copenhagen and Denmark (Copenhagen, ... Travel, Denmark Travel Guide, Denmark) After the Rescue: Jewish Identity and Community in Contemporary Denmark Denmark: The Complete Guide to the Countryside, the Islands and the Best of Copenhagen (Fodor's Denmark) Tapestries for the Queen of Denmark: Björn Nørgaard's history of Denmark at Christiansborg Palace woven at Manufactures nationales des Gobelins et de Beauvais- Handbook DENMARK Country Studies: A brief, comprehensive study of Denmark Don't Bang Denmark: How To Sleep With Danish Women In Denmark (If You Must) JEWISH IDENTITY AMONG THE IGBO OF NIGERIA: Israel's Lost Tribe and The Question of Belonging in the Jewish State The Making of the Jewish Middle Class: Women, Family, and Identity in Imperial Germany

(Studies in Jewish History) Darkness Over Denmark: The Danish Resistance and the Rescue of the Jews Rescue in Denmark. The Community Table: Recipes & Stories from the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan & Beyond The Lord's Song in a Strange Land: Music and Identity in Contemporary Jewish Worship (American Musicspheres) 50 Jewish Messiahs: The Untold Life Stories of 50 Jewish Messiahs Since Jesus and How They Changed the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Worlds Jewish Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: Essays and Lectures in Modern Jewish Thought (Suny Series, Jewish Writings of Strauss) Zakhor: Jewish History and Jewish Memory (The Samuel and Althea Stroum Lectures in Jewish Studies) The Ultimate Guide to Jewish Holidays Recipes: The Ultimate Jewish Holidays Cookbook and Guide to Jewish Cooking Jewish People, Jewish Thought : The Jewish Experience in History After Weegee: Essays On Contemporary Jewish American Photographers (Judaic Traditions in Literature, Music, and Art) Pararescue: The Skill and Courage of the Elite 106th Rescue Wing--The True Story of an Incredible Rescue at Sea and the Heroes Who Pulled It Off That Others May Live: USAF Air Rescue In Korea - Dumbos, Stinson L-5B Sentinel, H-5 and H-19 Helicopters, SA-16 Albatross Amphibians, Daring Rescues, Air Rescue Helicopter Combat Operations

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)