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From Publishers Weekly Health Communications' Inc.'s Chicken Soup series has hatched another chick, though this one is so superior to the usual round of "chicken soup for the [insert your occupation or identity here]'s soul" that it deserves special mention. Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul: Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit, edited by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, enhances the series' basic recipe with a few delicious matzo balls. Contributors include Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, Kirk Douglas, Rabbi Harold Kushner, Golda Meir, Anne Frank, George Burns, Ed Koch and a host of unknowns. Portions of the proceeds go to Hadassah and the National Yiddish Book Center. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Dov Peretz Elkins point out in their introduction to this latest volume in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series that the metaphor of chicken soup as a source of healing and nourishment has been a Jewish linguistic and dietary staple from time immemorial. They add that storytelling as an instrument of healing goes back to the book of Genesis. The 86 stories in this delightful book deal with the themes of life, being a Jew, love and kindness, humanity, family, the Holocaust, insights and lessons, and wisdom. Authors include such notable writers as Bel Kaufman, Golda Meir, Harold Kushner, Lawrence Kushner, and Yaffa Eliach. The other tales were submitted by readers of previous Chicken Soup for the Soul books who responded to requests for stories. Appended is a glossary of Hebrew and Yiddish terms (oh, come on, we all know l'chaim) and a number of cartoons related to the stories, adding to the book's charm and humor. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved About the Author Jack Canfield is co-creator of the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, which includes forty New York Times bestsellers, and coauthor of The Success Principles: How to Get from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be. He is a leader in the field of personal transformation and peak performance and is currently CEO of the Canfield Training Group and Founder and Chairman of the Board of The Foundation for Self-Esteem. An internationally renowned corporate trainer and keynote speaker, he lives in Santa Barbara, California. Mark Victor Hansen is a co-founder of Chicken Soup for the Soul.