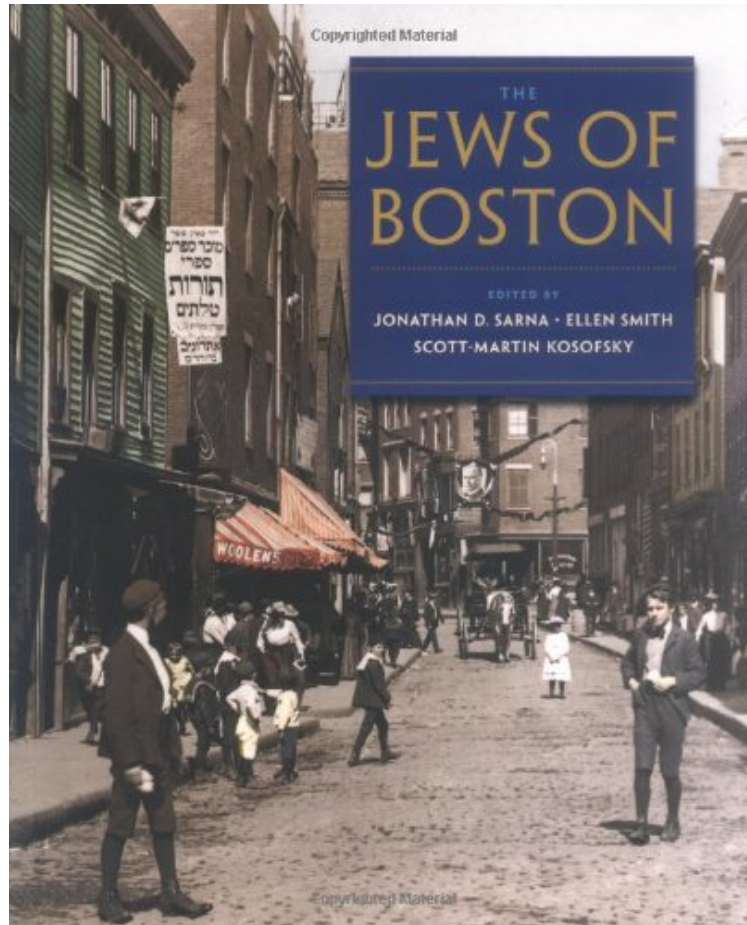


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "The Jews of Boston" is superb!By SandraThis review is from: The Jews of Boston (Paperback)Being a second-generation West Ender and having to leave the West End by eminent domain, "The Jews of Boston" evoked a floodgate of emotions in me from which to reflect, learn, and view from photos. Granted, there is only a small section devoted to the West End, but it was also important and interesting to learn of the other Jewish neighborhoods in the Boston area. This book gives an excellent historical account of the struggles our people had to confront during the turn of the last century as they settled into Boston.This book is very well written. Very informative. I like it very much! If you are a Jew from Boston, then you will feel very comfortable in immersing yourself in the history, geography and knowledge which can be found within these pages. You will get a sense of what type of life your parents/grandparents endured.L'Chaim to nostalgia as we walk down memory lane.....!S.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy FsfMore information than I needed, but

where else? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Jews of Boston By Teddy Bear's Nanny This is an excellent book for those interested in the history of Boston's Jewish community. It is well researched, has lots of interesting photos, and was perfect for my husband who needed some specific information regarding a person who had lived early in the 20th century.

Published on the 350th anniversary of the first Jews to arrive in America, this comprehensive history of the Jews of Boston is now available in a revised and updated paperback edition. The stunning work combines illuminating essays by distinguished Jewish historians with 110 rare photographs to trace the community from its tentative beginnings in colonial Boston through its emergence in the twentieth century as one of the most influential and successful Jewish communities in America. The volume also presents fascinating information about Boston's synagogues and Jewish neighborhoods as well as the evolution of Jewish culture in Boston and the United States.

From Publishers Weekly This book of essays and photographs, released in hardcover in 1995 to critical acclaim, is now available in an updated, revised paperback edition at less than half the hardcover asking price. The content is outstanding. The essays (by Brandeis University's Sarna, museum curator Smith, and a host of other scholars) are at once weighty and accessible to general readers who are interested in the history of Boston's Jews. From the first recorded Jew in the city (Solomon Franco, in 1649) to the 21st century, this volume organizes the Jewish experience into chronological and thematic order, with various essays addressing assimilation, synagogues, philanthropy, Zionism, education and culture. More than 100 illustrations and photographs bring history to life: we see images of community centers and synagogues, yes, but we also see Jewish life in action: customers waiting outside a kosher butchery in Brookline; a multiracial klezmer musical troupe at the New England conservatory; a ladies' auxiliary of Beth Israel hospital in 1915. The book contains some new material not in the 1995 edition, including an essay by a Boston College historian on Jewish-Christian relations, and a piece by Sarna and Kosofsky on developments since 1995. More than just a community history, this excellent book uses Boston's experience as a window into understanding American Judaism more generally. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Twelve essays by Jewish historians trace Boston's Jewish community from its colonial beginnings to the present, a span of nearly 350 years. Sarna begins with his essay on the historical perspective of the Jews, followed by two essays by Smith. The first, on the Jews of colonial Boston, goes back to 1649, when the first Sephardic scholar and trader arrived from Holland. Her second essay focuses on Jewish immigration to the city between 1840 and 1880 and how the Jews began to prosper in the late 1870s. Other essays discuss the emergence of a unified community, 1880 to 1917; the period from 1917 to 1967, when the Jewish population grew from an estimated 75,000 to 176,000; and the period between 1967 and 1994, a time of social change. Others focus on Boston's Jewish neighborhoods, Zionism, and the city's synagogues. And there are essays assessing Boston Jewish philanthropy, education, and culture. More than 250 historic photographs, engravings, and documents complement the text. George Cohen The writing is engaging and lucid, and the superb, profuse illustrations enhance the text. While numerous community histories have been published, this volume is in a class by itself and will set the standard for all future works of this kind. Library Journal