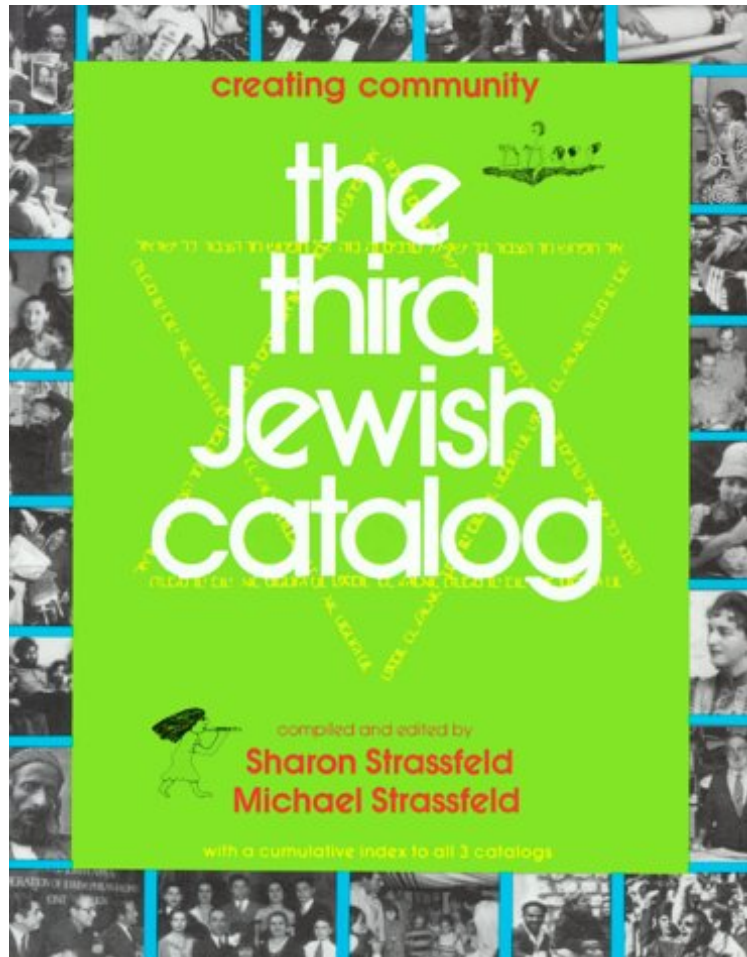


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INFORMATIVE SET By Steven H Propp The Editors state in the foreword to this book, "Before you, friends and readers, lies the end product of a process that began over seven years ago with the publication of *The First Jewish Catalog: A Do-It-Yourself Kit* (1973)... (which) attempted to make accessible to Jews with a variety of backgrounds the richness of Jewish tradition, ritual, and custom... *The Second Jewish Catalog: Sources and Resources* (1975) continued this approach, advancing the discussion of Jewish practices and concepts, seeking always to make them part of modern Jewish life... 'The Third Jewish Catalog,' then, subtitled 'Creating Community,' grapples with the question of ... the people Israel and its responsibility to itself and the world. Thus, there is less ritual and more 'issues,' less 'how-to' and more pointers and signposts indicating the Jewish way for ethical living." The book is subdivided into topics of "Justice," "Community," "Routes," "Dispersion," "Exile," "Surroundings," and "Israel." Here are some quotations from the book: "In recent years Jewish federations have drawn a variety of adverse comments... The cultural criticism has been voiced by rabbis, Jewish educators, and organized Orthodoxy... this group makes two major charges: 1. Far too much of the federation allocations are made to hospitals, Y's, and recreational facilities of low Jewish identification content. 2. Far too little of the federations' monies are allocated to Jewish education, Jewish cultural life, the arts, and scholarship." (Pg. 36-37) "One of the issues that different groups and individuals have struggled with is the priority of Jewish issues over non-Jewish ones... There is a natural pull to Jewish concerns... Yet should we concern ourselves only with ourselves---even in a broad sense? Does a non-Jew who is starving to death have a greater claim on us than a Soviet Jew seeking to leave Russia?" (Pg. 49) "Although historically the Jewish community has gone out of its way to reject intermarried couples ... I believe that the time for this 'luxury' has passed. Practicality alone ... should teach us... It is no longer in our own best interest to ignore the intermarried couple. The erosion has gone too deep." (Pg. 258) "The truth is that Israel's influence on us is much stronger than we realize, but that is only because we want it that way." (PG. 337-338)

The Third Jewish Catalog: Creating Community; with a Cumulative Index to All 3 catalogs, compiled and edited by Sharon Michael Strassfeld, Jewish Publication Society, First Edition, 1980. Hundreds of b/w photos and illustrations populate this innovative reference catalog that presents Jewish religion, rituals, culture and behavior in an easily readable format. A follow-up to the first two Jewish Catalogs, this one features the religious, ritual, and behavioral similarities and differences in a variety of Jewish communities, as well as the social responsibilities of charity, immigration and other support. It also presents a cumulative index to all three catalogs.