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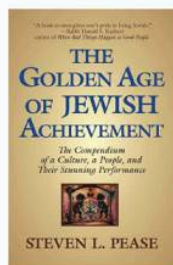
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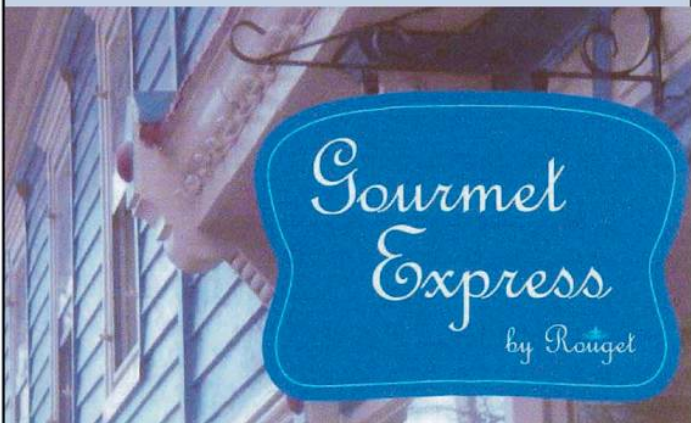
Safety In Numbers

Anyone who wants to put a number to the contributions of the Jewish people in virtually any field will find thousands of them in *The Golden Age of Jewish Achievement: The Compendium of a Culture, a People, and Their Stunning Performance* by Steven L. Pease (Deucalion). With chapters on pioneers, legends and game-changers in science, technology, aviation, politics, entertainment, finance, real estate, retailing and more, there are nearly 600 pages of accomplishments to revel in. From a writer's standpoint, this was a monumental undertaking. So what prompted a non-Jew to create such a testament? "*The Golden Age* arose from my long held sense that Jews are disproportionately high achievers (and contributors). A family illness, which precluded my taking a full time assignment, coupled with the amazing research capability of today's Internet, gave me the time and the tool to explore the phenomenon," explains Steve. "Rabbi Harold Kushner added his encouragement by suggesting I give thought to why it has happened. So while working on other projects, such as my long involvement in Russia, I spent my free time over a period of six or seven years researching and writing the book." Digging deeper into specifics that propelled him, Steve adds, "First is the fact that I believe human achievement is a vital topic. It is what got us out of the caves. When I was a kid we stayed out of public swimming pools because we were terrified of getting polio and spending the rest of our lives in an iron lung. Salk and Sabin, both Jews, solved that problem. Neither received a Nobel. Nonetheless these were great human achievements. Were this performance a drug, we would look for the 'method of action.' If it were a factory process, we would 'benchmark' it. Hence, looking at a culture that has brought about such disproportionate achievement is important and it provides lessons for us all. That is what Chapter 25, 'Why?,' is all about. And, finally, the book is a tribute to my Jewish friends and to their tribe." For more and to order, visit <http://www.goldenageofjewishachievement.com/>



Steven L. Pease

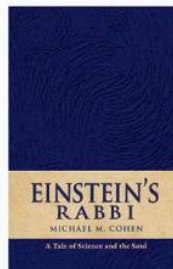
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