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From Yossi Klein Halevi—the critically acclaimed author of *Like Dreamers*, winner of the Jewish Book Council's Everett Family Foundation Jewish Book of the Year Award—comes a memoir, published in paperback for the first time with a new introduction, about his journey from Jewish extremism to interfaith reconciliation.

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Speaking to a new generation struggling to understand what it means to be Jewish in America, *Memoirs of a Jewish Extremist* explains how such a transformation can happen—giving hope that peaceful coexistence among faiths is possible.

About the Author

Yossi Klein Halevi is an American-born journalist who has lived in Jerusalem since 1982. He is a senior fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and the author of *At the Entrance to the Garden of Eden: A Jew's Search for God with Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land* and *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.

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