



The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society)

By Shaye J. D. Cohen

Download now

Read Online 

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen

In modern times, various Jewish groups have argued whether Jewishness is a function of ethnicity, of nationality, of religion, or of all three. These fundamental conceptions were already in place in antiquity. The peculiar combination of ethnicity, nationality, and religion that would characterize Jewishness through the centuries first took shape in the second century B.C.E. This brilliantly argued, accessible book unravels one of the most complex issues of late antiquity by showing how these elements were understood and applied in the construction of Jewish identity—by Jews, by gentiles, and by the state.

Beginning with the intriguing case of Herod the Great's Jewishness, Cohen moves on to discuss what made or did not make Jewish identity during the period, the question of conversion, the prohibition of intermarriage, matrilineal descent, and the place of the convert in the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds. His superb study is unique in that it draws on a wide range of sources: Jewish literature written in Greek, classical sources, and rabbinic texts, both ancient and medieval. It also features a detailed discussion of many of the central rabbinic texts dealing with conversion to Judaism.

 [Download The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varietie ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Variet ...pdf](#)

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society)

By Shaye J. D. Cohen

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society)

By Shaye J. D. Cohen

In modern times, various Jewish groups have argued whether Jewishness is a function of ethnicity, of nationality, of religion, or of all three. These fundamental conceptions were already in place in antiquity. The peculiar combination of ethnicity, nationality, and religion that would characterize Jewishness through the centuries first took shape in the second century B.C.E. This brilliantly argued, accessible book unravels one of the most complex issues of late antiquity by showing how these elements were understood and applied in the construction of Jewish identity—by Jews, by gentiles, and by the state.

Beginning with the intriguing case of Herod the Great's Jewishness, Cohen moves on to discuss what made or did not make Jewish identity during the period, the question of conversion, the prohibition of intermarriage, matrilineal descent, and the place of the convert in the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds. His superb study is unique in that it draws on a wide range of sources: Jewish literature written in Greek, classical sources, and rabbinic texts, both ancient and medieval. It also features a detailed discussion of many of the central rabbinic texts dealing with conversion to Judaism.

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society)

By Shaye J. D. Cohen **Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #874421 in eBooks
- Published on: 1999-02-01
- Released on: 1999-02-01
- Format: Kindle eBook



[Download The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties \(Hellenistic Culture and Society\).pdf](#)



[Read Online The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties \(Hellenistic Culture and Society\).pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen

Editorial Review

Review

"One of the greatest strengths of Cohen's erudite book is that he is willing to acknowledge that many parts of his argument are open to challenge. While some might be overwhelmed by the sheer volume, this reviewer thinks he has done a great service in collecting an immense amount of relevant data, allowing readers to weigh the evidence for themselves and draw their own conclusions. . . . Cohen's book is the most comprehensive study to date on the question of Jewish identity in antiquity."--J. S. Kaminsky, "Choice"

About the Author

Shaye J. D. Cohen is Ungerleider Professor of Judaic Studies and Professor of Religious Studies at Brown University. His earlier books include *Josephus in Galilee and Rome: His Vita and Development as a Historian* (1979) and *From the Maccabees to the Mishnah: A Profile of Judaism* (1987).

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Melvin Paul:

Nowadays reading books be than want or need but also be a life style. This reading addiction give you lot of advantages. The benefits you got of course the knowledge the particular information inside the book in which improve your knowledge and information. The info you get based on what kind of publication you read, if you want get more knowledge just go with education and learning books but if you want feel happy read one having theme for entertaining for example comic or novel. The particular The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) is kind of guide which is giving the reader unpredictable experience.

Latasha Sutterfield:

This The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) are generally reliable for you who want to certainly be a successful person, why. The main reason of this The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) can be one of several great books you must have will be giving you more than just simple looking at food but feed an individual with information that probably will shock your earlier knowledge. This book is usually handy, you can bring it everywhere and whenever your conditions throughout the e-book and printed ones. Beside that this The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) giving you an enormous of experience such as rich vocabulary, giving you tryout of critical thinking that we all know it useful in your day activity. So , let's have it and luxuriate in reading.

Ida Resler:

Reading a publication tends to be new life style in this particular era globalization. With looking at you can get a lot of information that may give you benefit in your life. Together with book everyone in this world can certainly share their idea. Textbooks can also inspire a lot of people. A great deal of author can inspire all their reader with their story or maybe their experience. Not only the storyline that share in the textbooks. But also they write about advantage about something that you need example of this. How to get the good score toefl, or how to teach your sons or daughters, there are many kinds of book that exist now. The authors on earth always try to improve their talent in writing, they also doing some exploration before they write on their book. One of them is this The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society).

Allison Morales:

The book with title The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) includes a lot of information that you can understand it. You can get a lot of advantage after read this book. This particular book exist new knowledge the information that exist in this reserve represented the condition of the world now. That is important to you to learn how the improvement of the world. This book will bring you in new era of the global growth. You can read the e-book in your smart phone, so you can read it anywhere you want.

Download and Read Online The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen #S0ZFRVDOEK6

Read The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen for online ebook

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen books to read online.

Online The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen ebook PDF download

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen Doc

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen MobiPocket

The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties (Hellenistic Culture and Society) By Shaye J. D. Cohen EPub