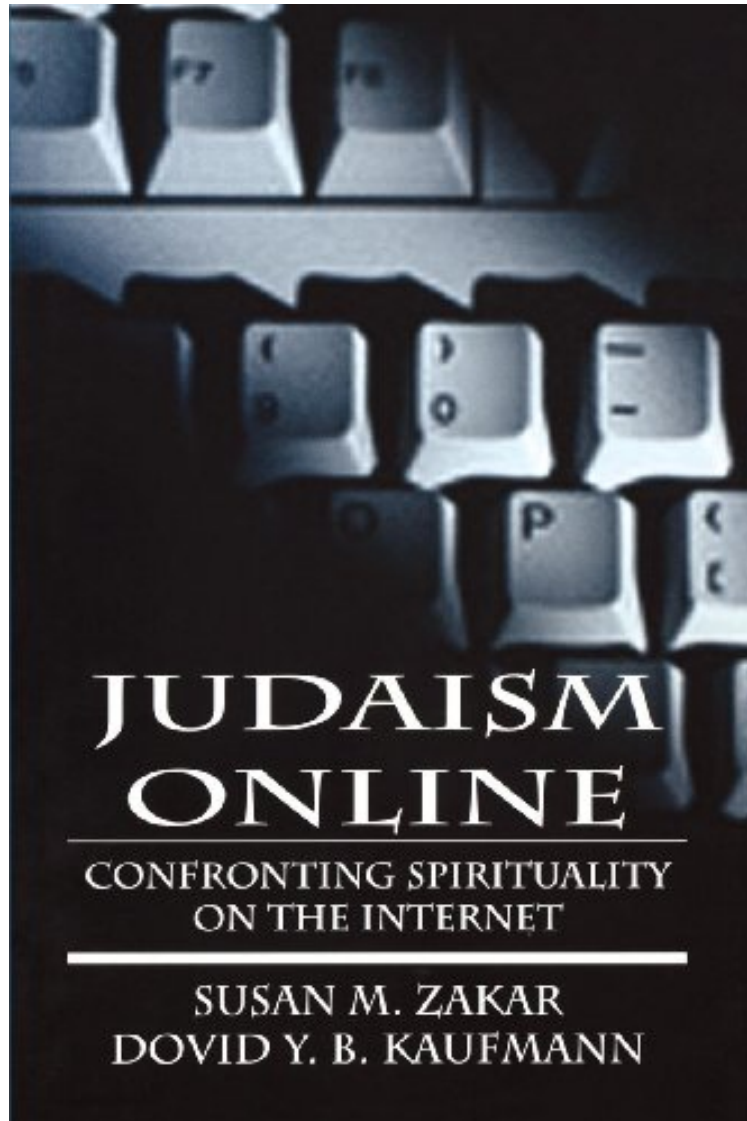


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Von Susan M. Zakar, Dovid Y. B. Kaufmann : Judaism Online: Confronting Spirituality on the Internet before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Judaism Online: Confronting Spirituality on the Internet:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An absolute essential for any thinking Jewish person. Von Ein Kunde This wonderful book is a must-read for any person thinking about conversion, or in fact, any Jewish person who wants to delve more deeply into their Jewish life and motives. So many "born Jews" take their faith and what is asked of them by G-d so lightly. Mrs. Zakar is a role model

for all of us. The learning, the doing, the quest that fills this book should be an inspiration to any Jewish person. It motivated me to think about what has been given to us by G-d and how He has asked us to connect to him. It is arrogant to say, "Well, here's how I feel comfortable connecting and thinking about G-d. As long as I'm good that's all that matters." Mrs. Zakar delves into why this kind of thinking isn't enough for the Jewish people. She points to the fact that the Torah has already set up the "how" of being "good people" and the specific ways in which G-d wants us to become closer to Him. Dr. David Kaufmann helped her with the "why's." What a revelation this man is. To so selflessly assist this soon-to-be Jewish person in all her thinking processes. To so patiently answer her questions and always redirect her thoughts to give her the most confidence. What an act of Ahavat Yisroel (loving your fellow Jew) to be such a support to someone. A source of knowledge and comfort. Dr. Kaufmann certainly is a shining example of what a Lubavitcher can be. The reading just flowed along, as if we were taken on a journey. With Mrs. Zakar at the lead and Dr. Kaufman driving the team we just knew the trip would all lead to a good place. This book is also an example of all the good and worth that can come from the Internet. After finishing the book I felt so privileged to have been "let in on" this wonderful, inspiring, and life-changing correspondence.

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Von Ein Kunde This was a truly amazing book as it describes a woman's struggle to find a true religion and faith. As she tells her story, her co-author interjects with different insights and stories. It was a truly inspirational book of a difficult but satisfying journey of one soul bringing three others with it. A soul with wings.

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Von yyk@chabad.org This book provides the reader with insight to the turmoil which exists in the mind of the person who is looking to change their life. It provides the reader with basic fundamental insights to Judaism which were never addressed in a public way.

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Autorenkommentar The process, pitfalls and triumph of one woman's conversion

In *Judaism Online* I look back at my journey from fundamentalist Christianity through Reform and Conservative Judaism and my ultimate confrontation with what it really means to be Jewish. The book is a conversation between me and David Kaufmann, who mentored me over the Internet during the last leg of my journey home. Interestingly, at the time I write this, we have yet to meet face to face, yet his insights, shared in dozens, perhaps hundreds, of email messages, helped me find a sure footing on the path. These messages, along with entries from my journal, provide a "real time" glimpse into my life along the way. As Israel struggles with the question of "Who is a Jew?", this book explores what that question meant in my own life. It is at times intensely personal, at times philosophical. I would hope that every convert would find it inspiring, every rabbi who is involved with conversions would find it enlightening, and everyone else would find it to be a great read.