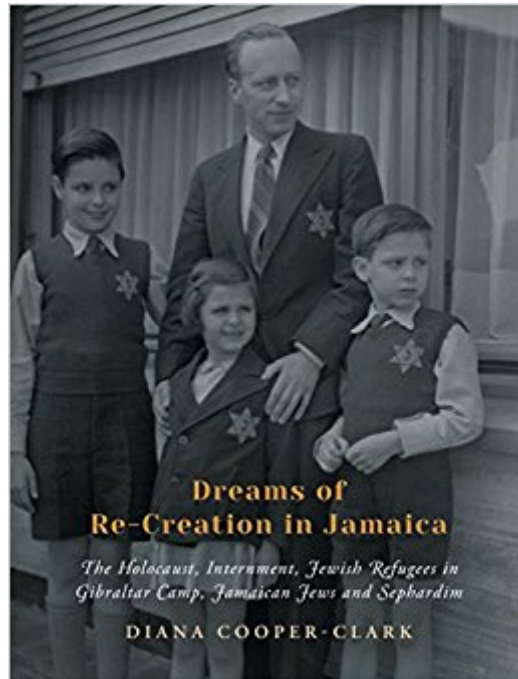




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Dreams Of Re-Creation In Jamaica



Synopsis

Diana Cooper-Clark has written a book that uncovers a 'hidden' history in the Holocaust narrative. The stories of seventeen Holocaust survivors who escaped to Jamaica and who are among the last eyewitnesses to the Shoah are inspiring. As well, she reveals the involvement of Jamaican Jews with the refugees and the Holocaust, and the virtually unknown story of the killing of Caribbean Jews in Nazi concentration camps. In addition, *Dreams of Re-Creation in Jamaica* has dozens of never before published photographs shared by the Jewish refugees. This book also sheds light on the Sephardim and their marginalization in the history of Hitler's extermination policies. These compelling tales bring together World War II, Jewish refugees and Jamaican Jews, stories that have previously slipped through the cracks of history. As a child of six years old in Jamaica, Cooper-Clark read a book about the Nazi, Karl Eichmann, thus changing her life. She swore to spend the rest of her life bearing witness to the Holocaust. For everyone inspired by survival stories, and the triumph of life over death for both individuals and communities, this book is a must-read.

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Diana Cooper-Clark is a professor in the departments of English and Humanities at York University, Toronto, Canada.

Cooper-Clark's *Dreams of Recreation in Jamaica* is a roller coaster reading experience. It is an enlightening unearthing of a small but significant part of the Jewish Holocaust: the Jamaican Jews. They were like a light in the tunnel, a tunnel in one of the darkest epochs of human history. As a

Jamaican who attended the University of the West Indies at Mona, it clarified my awareness of Gibraltar Camp 2, the very location of my studies for three years. It is encouraging to know that this institution of "learning and healing" grew out of the site of Gibraltar Camp. In terms of their 500 year presence and participation in the social, economic and political life of Jamaica, my understanding of Jamaican Jewry has been crystallized. There is a greater appreciation too of the similarity of the holocaust of both Jewry and the majority population of people of African descent. That we drink of the cup of common humanity is undeniable. Cooper-Clark's salute to her heritage is another contribution to humanity's evolving enlightenment of man's common saga. Congratulations, Diana!

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