Record Nr. UNINA9910459051503321 Autore Raphael Melissa Titolo Judaism and the visual image: a Jewish theology of art // Melissa Raphael London;; New York:,: Continuum,, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-4725-4859-0 **ISBN** 1-282-87674-0 9786612876745 1-4411-9056-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (242 p.) Disciplina 296.3/77 Soggetti Aesthetics - Religious aspects - Judaism Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945), in art Jewish art and symbolism Jews in art Judaism and art Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references (pages [212]-224) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction -- 1. Approaches to Images in Jewish Art and Thought --2. Genesis 1 and the Creation of the Image -- 3. What does a Jewish Woman Look Like? Gender and Images of Jews in Art -- 4. Sublimity and Representation of the Holocaust in Art -- 5. Towards a Theology of the Holocaust Image -- 6. The Dancing Figure of Jewish History --Bibliography -- Index. "The widespread assumption that Jewish religious tradition is mediated Sommario/riassunto through words, not pictures, has left Jewish art with no significant role to play in Jewish theology and ethics. Judaism and the Visual Image argues for a Jewish theology of image that, among other things, helps us re-read the creation story in Genesis 1 and to question why images of Jewish women as religious subjects appear to be doubly suppressed

by the Second Commandment, when images of observant male Jews have become legitimate, even iconic, representations of Jewish

holiness. Raphael further suggests that 'devout beholding' of images of the Holocaust is a corrective to post-Holocaust theologies of divine absence from suffering that are infused by a sub-theological aesthetic of the sublime. Raphael concludes by proposing that the relationship between God and Israel composes itself into a unitary dance or moving image by which each generation participates in a processive revelation that is itself the ultimate work of Jewish art."--Bloomsbury Publishing.