Record Nr. UNINA9910823074003321 Autore Heilman Samuel C Titolo The Rebbe: the life and afterlife of Menachem Mendel Schneerson / / Samuel C. Heilman and Menachem M. Friedman Princeton, NJ,: Princeton University Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-66581-2 9786612665813 1-4008-3427-9 Edizione [Course Book] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (382 p.) Classificazione 11.26 Altri autori (Persone) FriedmanMenachem Disciplina 296.8/3322092 Rabbis - New York (State) - New York Soggetti Hasidim - New York (State) - New York Habad Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 283-329) and index. Nota di contenuto Farbrengen: the gathering of the emissaries -- Death and resurrection -- Coming of age in a time of transition -- Entering the court of Lubavitch -- From survival to Uforatzto -- On a mission from the Rebbe in life -- From resurrection to death : we want moshiach now --On a mission from the Rebbe in his afterlife. Sommario/riassunto From the 1950's until his death in 1994, Menachem Mendel Schneerson--revered by his followers worldwide simply as the Rebbe-built the Lubavitcher movement from a relatively small sect within Hasidic Judaism into the powerful force in Jewish life that it is today. Swept away by his expectation that the Messiah was coming, he came to believe that he could deny death and change history. Samuel Heilman and Menachem Friedman paint an unforgettable portrait of Schneerson, showing how he reinvented himself from an aspiring French-trained electrical engineer into a charismatic leader who believed that he and his Lubavitcher Hasidic emissaries could transform the world. They reveal how his messianic convictions ripened and how he attempted to bring the ancient idea of a day of redemption onto the

modern world's agenda. Heilman and Friedman also trace what

happened after the Rebbe's death, by which time many of his followers

had come to think of him as the Messiah himself. The Rebbe tracks Schneerson's remarkable life from his birth in Russia, to his student days in Berlin and Paris, to his rise to global renown in New York, where he developed and preached his powerful spiritual message from the group's gothic mansion in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. This compelling book demonstrates how Schneerson's embrace of traditionalism and American-style modernity made him uniquely suited to his messianic mission. Some images inside the book are unavailable due to digital copyright restrictions.