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ethnic groups, and different generations into the story of Zionism and offers new assertions from a secular-foodie perspective on the relationship between Jewish religion and Jewish nationalism. A study of the changes in food practices and in attitudes toward food and cooking, *Falafel Nation* explains how the change in the relationship between Israelis and their food mirrors the search for a definition of modern Jewish nationalism. "--

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