Record Nr. UNINA9910955327303321 Autore Raphael Melissa Titolo Judaism and the visual image: a Jewish theology of art // Melissa Raphael London;; New York:,: Continuum,, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786612876745 9781472548597 1472548590 9781282876743 1282876740 9781441190567 1441190562 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (242 p.) 296.3/77 Disciplina Soggetti Aesthetics - Religious aspects - Judaism Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945), in art Jewish art and symbolism Jews in art Judaism and art Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages [212]-224) and index. 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.