Record Nr. UNINA9910967540903321 Santner Eric L. <1955-> Autore Titolo On the psychotheology of everyday life: reflections on Freud and Rosenzweig / / Eric L. Santner Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, c2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786611126056 9781281126054 1281126055 9780226734897 0226734897 Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (164 p.) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 200/.1/9 Soggetti Psychoanalysis and religion Psychoanalysis and philosophy Psychology and religion Psychology and philosophy 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 and index. Nota di contenuto In the midst of life -- From the reign of the undead to the blessings of more life -- Toward an ethics of singularity -- Responsibility beyond the superego. Sommario/riassunto In On the Psychotheology of Everyday Life, Eric Santner puts Sigmund Freud in dialogue with his contemporary Franz Rosenzweig in the service of reimagining ethical and political life. By exploring the theological dimensions of Freud's writings and revealing unexpected psychoanalytic implications in the religious philosophy of Rosenzweig's masterwork, The Star of Redemption, Santner makes an original argument for understanding religions of revelation in therapeutic

> terms, and offers a penetrating look at how this understanding suggests fruitful ways of reconceiving political community. Santner's crucial innovation in this new study is to bring the theological notion of

revelation into a broadly psychoanalytic field, where it can be understood as a force that opens the self to everyday life and encourages accountability within the larger world. Revelation itself becomes redefined as an openness toward what is singular, enigmatic, even uncanny about the Other, whether neighbor or stranger, thereby linking a theory of drives and desire to a critical account of sociality. Santner illuminates what it means to be genuinely open to another human being or culture and to share and take responsibility for one's implication in the dilemmas of difference. By bringing Freud and Rosenzweig together, Santner not only clarifies in new and surprising ways the profound connections between psychoanalysis and the Judeo-Christian tradition, he makes the resources of both available to contemporary efforts to rethink concepts of community and cross-cultural communication.