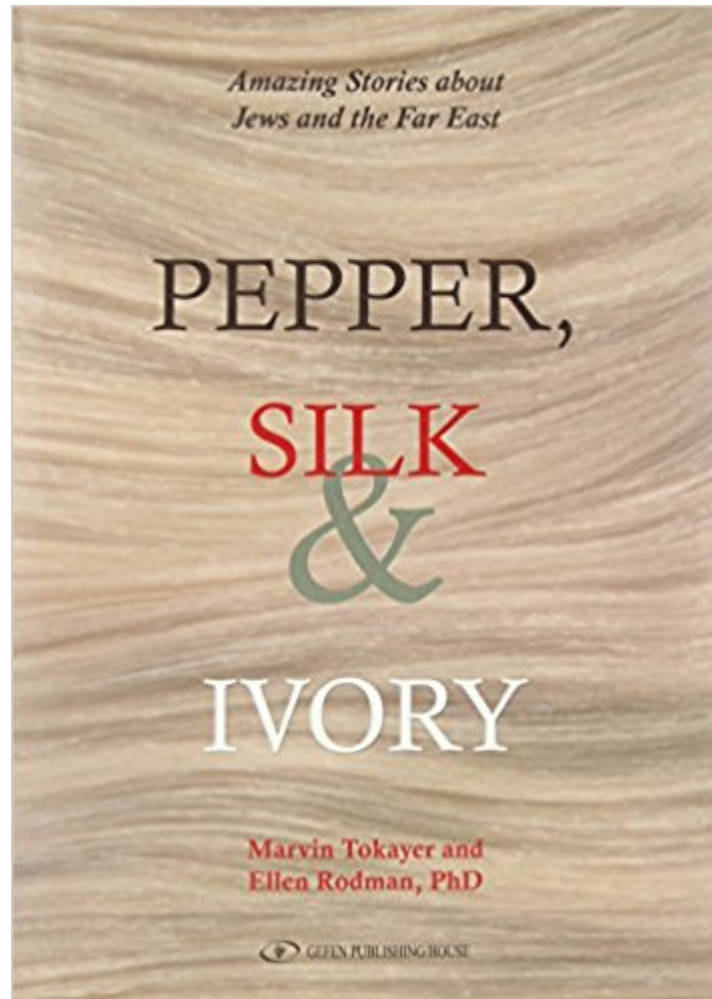


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Synopsis

Pepper, Silk & Ivory reveals a missing page in Jewish history, the amazing stories of Jews who both benefited from and contributed to the Far East. Here you will read about the juvenile delinquent who later became known as the uncrowned Jewish king of China; the woman who refused to give up until the Japanese Constitution included rights for women and children; the secret behind one of the world's most famous logos; and the American baseball player who spied for the United States in Japan. You will also learn the stories of the Jew who served as Singapore's first chief minister; the eccentric writer who introduced China to the West with her pet gibbon always at her side; the Marrano physician in India whose famous volume on botany and pharmacology in the sixteenth-century caused as much excitement as the discovery of penicillin did in the twentieth-century; the Jewish musicians who enhanced both Eastern music and the quality of life for everyone in Asia; the ashram in India created by the Jewish guru who became known as The Mother; and the sexual therapist, poker buddy, doctors and other Jewish members of Mao Zedong's inner circle. Consummate storyteller Rabbi Marvin Tokayer draws on a half century of personal experiences in Asia and a wealth of knowledge about Jews and the Far East, and prolific writer and television producer Ellen Rodman, Ph.D., weave together colorful characters and their captivating stories into this fascinating book.

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Most people, Jews and Orientals included, know little or nothing about the enormous contributions that Jews made in the Near East, including China and Japan. Tokayer and Rodman fill this lacuna

wonderfully. Their more than two dozen stories of what Jews did are fascinating. Also fascinating, perhaps even remarkable, is the fact that the eastern world did not have a history of anti-Semitism or persecution; it was blessed with the concepts of tolerance and cultural pluralism. Among many other people portrayed in this book, there is two-gun Cohen, a Jewish general in the Chinese army. Cohen was born in 1887 in Poland. He was very influential in China and was responsible for persuading China not to vote against the partition of Israel in 1947, contrary to China's original intent, resulting in the creation of Israel. In 1966, when Palestinians were using Chinese land mines against Israel, Ben-Gurion asked Cohen to speak to the Chinese, and the Palestinians ceased using these bombs. Cohen's contributions to China were so many that his funeral was the only time that representatives of the two Chinas appeared together. Shell Oil Company has its roots in Japan in 1900, and Marcus Samuel, Jr., creator and founder of Shell Oil was the creator of the first oil tanker later used by other companies. He named his oil company after his hobby, collecting sea shells. He was born in 1863 in London. In 1913, after becoming successful and after making a significant contribution to world finance and culture, the "Times of London" attacked and mocked Marcus solely because he was a Jew. When he died in 1927, less than twenty-four hours after his beloved wife died, Shell Oil was the largest oil enterprise in the world.

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