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Leonard, Miriam. *Socrates and the Jews: Hellenism and Hebraism from Moses Mendelssohn to Sigmund Freud*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012. 264 pp. \$45.00. (9780226472478).

This is quite an interesting intellectual history, a study of a narrow, somewhat esoteric subject. It explores how Europeans compared Jews and ancient Greeks during the Enlightenment and afterwards. The thinkers discussed here include Jews and Gentiles, and the comparison between Jews and Greeks is variously interpreted and used. For example, some European thinkers saw continuity between Athens and Christianity and thus, to a greater or lesser extent sought to de-Judaize the latter. However, Nietzsche saw Christianity as a continuation of Judaism (as well as prefigured by certain strains in ancient Greece) and condemned both. Dr. Leonard (University College, London) relates the various comparisons to relevant political questions of the day such as the nature of the liberal state. She makes use of secondary literature as well as the primary texts. For larger academic collections.

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