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Alexander, Edward. *Jews Against Themselves*. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2015. 178 pp. \$59.95. (97814128 56034). Also available as an eBook. This latest book by Edward Alexander (Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Washington) is a collection of eighteen essays, at least ten of which have been previously published. The focus is on contemporary Jewish anti-Zionists, though there is one essay on Karl Marx and Benjamin Disraeli. The subject is depressing, but Alexander's no-nonsense tone is a tonic. For example, regarding the claim by some Jewish anti-Zionists to be heirs to the prophetic tradition he writes, "The biblical prophets excoriated Jerusalem not because they hated and wished to destroy it, but because they loved it and wished to preserve it..." Elsewhere, he says of Europeans who object to circumcision and kashrut, that they "show no concern whatever about tonsillectomy or the way in which lobsters are killed." Alexander claims that "self-doubt and insecurity" lie at the root of today's Jewish anti-Zionists and their predecessors. Nevertheless, the book devotes little time to exploring motives, preferring instead to concentrate on exposing the "moral coarseness" and defamation of Israel that results from this antiZionist rhetoric.

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