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## BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

### Jewish Scholar Publishes Book on Power, Politics and the State of Israel

Local author and educator Dr. Steven Windmueller explores the political culture of Judaism in his new book ***The Quest for Power: A Study in Jewish Political Behavior and Practice***. Drawn from historical sources and contemporary practice, this work unpacks 2,000 years of Jewish political behavior to define and assess the state of Jewish power today.

Twenty-first century Jewry are in a new position for the first time in their history, holding political power both through their own nation-state system and as a result of their access and influence in the American context. Most of Jewish history, however, reflects a different story. For 2,000 years Jews would operate without power, absent a political state, and denied access within the societies in which they would reside. Even just 75 years ago, Jews were on the verge of extermination, having lost more than one third of their population in the Holocaust. In confronting the Nazi onslaught, Jews would be powerless; in reestablishing the State of Israel, Jews would reclaim their sovereign status and rewrite the ending of their 20th century political saga. Following two millennia of Diaspora encounters and political experiences, the Jewish people are today the architects of both a Jewish state and a state of Jews.

As ***The Quest for Power*** reveals, Judaism is more than a religion, it is also a political ideology and a way of life. The uniqueness of the American story and the inherent tension between the nationalistic focus on Zion and the universal emphasis on social justice provide the basis for understanding the contemporary political environment, as well as to demonstrate how "Jewish Power" has manifested itself both within the Jewish community and within the world.

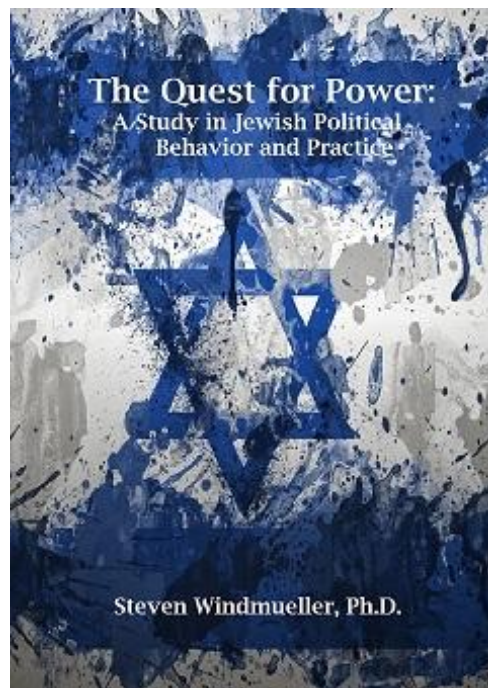
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Dr. Steven Windmueller is a Jewish communal professional and educator. He launched his career more than forty years ago on the staff of the American Jewish Committee, where he served for twelve years as the executive director of the Jewish Federation in Albany, New York (1973-1985), and for ten years as the executive director of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee (1985-1995). Since then, Dr. Windmueller has spent nearly twenty years at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, first directing its School of Jewish Communal Service (now the School of Jewish Nonprofit Management), then serving as the dean of the LA campus (2006-10).

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## BOOK INFORMATION



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