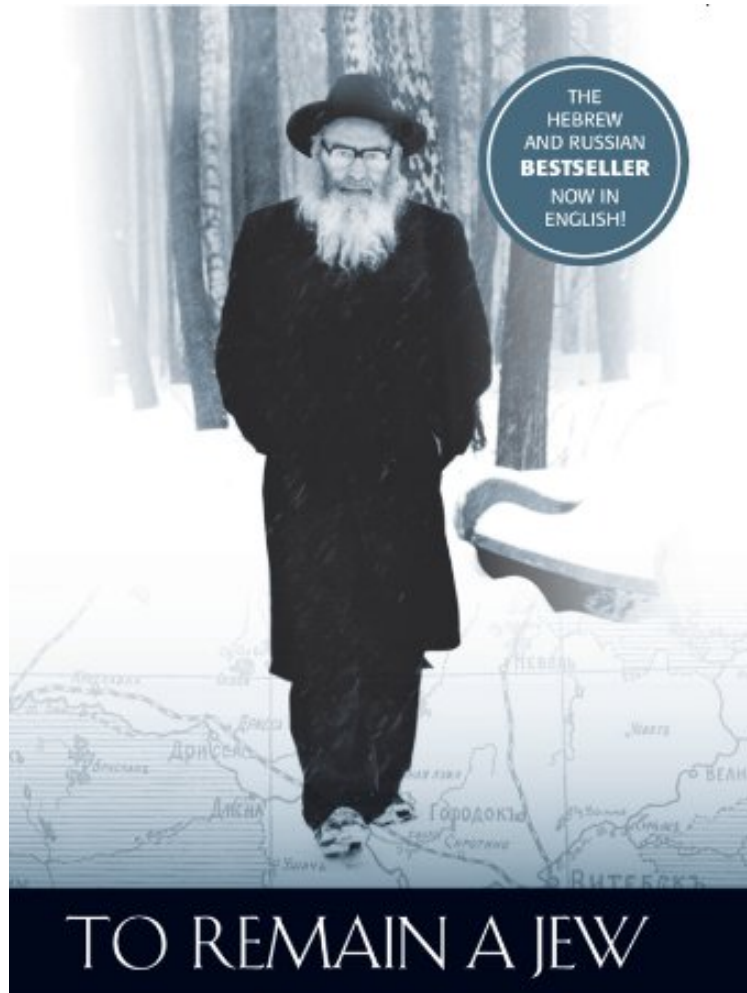


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Before reading this book I assumed that the author, who grew up in Russia after the Revolution, must have come from a background of little Jewish learning or observance. I was unprepared for the reality that he had grown up in a religious home and was fully Torah observant all of his life, including under Stalin. His parents were able to avoid sending him to any school, providing him with an excellent religious and scientific education at home. Rabbi Zilber's unswerving integrity, love for Judaism, and scholarship in Jewish law enabled him to remain a practicing Jew under the most harrowing conditions. I highly recommend this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
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Its a great book

To Remain A Jew ups the ante on what it means when we claim truth is stranger than fiction. Yitzchak Zilber was born in 1917, several months before the Russian revolution, and all he experienced most of his life was the daily inhumanity, tyranny, suppression, and cruelty of Soviet Communism. In those years it was virtually impossible to live as a Jew, and if you were caught in the act, the consequences were horrifying. Against this terrible backdrop, Yitzchak Zilber lived a life of courage, perseverance, and self-sacrifice to maintain his identity and Jewish practices. Along the way he attended university, became a famed mathematician, and spent ample time in Stalin's gulag for living out his beliefs. In 1972, he was allowed to emigrate to Israel where he spent the rest of his years teaching and influencing fellow Russian Jews. If there was ever a story of how one man can stand up against a totalitarian state, this is it. If there was ever a story of David vs. Goliath, on a grand scale, where the individual emerges free, then this is it. In this remarkable testimony to the daily struggle for survival, meaning, and identity, you will read incredible stories, meet extraordinary people, encounter heroic circumstances, and be uplifted by a memoir that is as unforgettable as it is inspiring, from beginning to end.