

## Material Religion

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The Working Group on [Jews, Media, and Religion](#) at [NYU's Center for Religion and Media](#) is contributing to a special issue of *Material Religion* dedicated to Jews edited by Jeffrey Shandler and Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett. The articles in this issue examine the role that material culture plays in the intersection of Jews, media, and religion. Our goal in this endeavor is to explore the range of material culture--the designing, production, dissemination, collecting, inventorying, and use of things--as media in Jewish religious life, past and present, broadly defined. A core concern is the materiality of phenomena as key to understanding their value in Jewish life. Contributors include Judah Cohen (materiality of music), Jeffrey Shandler and Aviva Weintraub (December Dilemma greeting cards), Jeremy Stolow ("Holy Pleather," on the materiality of books produced by the Orthodox publishing house ArtScroll), Chava Weissler (material culture and gift shops of the Jewish renewal movement), and the volume will also include a virtual roundtable discussion of the new [Jewish Children's Museum](#), a project of Lubavitcher Hasidim, in Crown Heights, New York.

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