

Bar, Doron. *1904-1967 אידאולוגיה ונוף סמלי: קבורתם בשנית של אנשי שם יהודיים באדמת ארץ ישראל* (*Ideology and Landscape: Reinternment of Renowned Jews in the Land of Israel 1904-1967*). Jerusalem, Israel: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2015. 252 pp. \$24.45. (9789654938280). In Hebrew.

Ideology and Landscape is a unique reference book which charts the relocation and reburial of the remains of Jewish and Zionist leaders in the land of Israel during the 20th century. According to Jewish law, the possibility of moving a grave is greatly restricted. In general, it is forbidden to reintern a body. Such an event is considered disrespectful to the deceased whose soul can experience pain during the process. Though there are very few exceptions to this rule, one exception to emerge in modern times is reinternment in order to be buried in the Land of Israel. The ideology of such a process has created a kind of “civil religious” law in addition to Jewish *halakhah* (law).

The book comprises eight fully researched chapters, supported by extensive and illuminating footnotes, tracing the diverse procedures, over the course of the 20th century, of welcoming home recognized Jewish figures after their death. Such historical figures included Theodore Herzl, Zeev Jabotinsky, Haim Nahman Bialik, Baron Binyamin Edmund Rothschild, NILI underground members, ETSEL and LEHI martyrs, to name just a few on an almost endless list.

The book concludes with an explanation of the ideological and symbolic manifestations of Jewish reinternments in various locations of the land of Israel. A meticulous bibliography and index are most helpful in this dense historical volume, and archival photographs bring life to the text.

Ideology and Landscape answers many questions regarding the history of the Zionist movement and the creation of the state of Israel. It should be included in any academic library with works on Jewish history. Hopefully it will be translated into English and other languages.

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