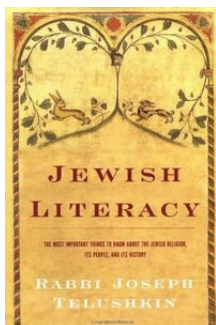


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Spinoza was a pantheist: He believed that God was within nature, not a separate Being with an independent will. In Spinoza's system, Jewish philosopher Louis Jacobs has written, God and Nature are treated as different names for the same thing. God is not outside or apart from Nature. He did not create Nature but is Nature. This doctrine set Spinoza at loggerheads with both Judaism and Christianity. It was absurd in his...

One year, on Yom Kippur eve, Salanter did not show up in synagogue for services. The congregation was extremely worried; they could only imagine that their rabbi had suddenly taken sick or been in an accident. In any case, they would not start the service without him. During the wait, a young woman in the congregation became agitated. She had left her infant child at home asleep in its crib; she was certain she would...

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