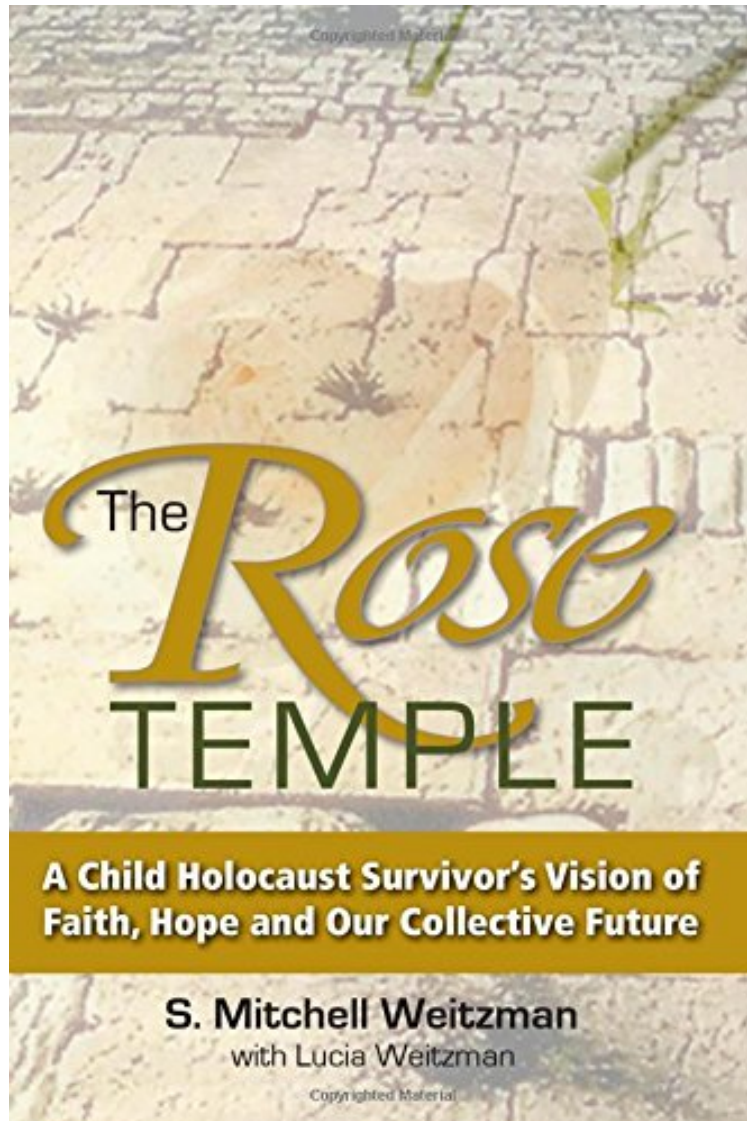


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Review from AlanA Compelling, inspiring and important read. Not to be missed.I started The Rose Temple a few days before Labor Day and somehow on 9/11 found myself on the page dealing with that event. The narrative of Lucia's incredible journey, especially the way in which she tries to solve the mysteries of her Biblically symbolic dreams, drew me in and quickly became a real page turner. I was also fascinated by the duality of her spiritual being - with her Christian past popping up every once in a while within her Jewish present. This is a book that should appeal to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences.The book is written in alternating chapters of past and present that work seamlessly. The story flows well and the writing is superb. At the heart of it all, of course, is Lucias story. She is beautiful, bright and a supreme heroine. Her resilience, grace, hope and optimism, despite the dark days she had to endure, will inspire every reader. And ours would be a better world if the love that leaps from the book found its way into all corners of our universe.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read, wonderful storyBy CustomerI found this book through the 2017 Jewish Book Council list. I was drawn to the nature of the topics which include The Holocaust; an immigrant's journey and the struggle with spirituality. Lucia Weitzman has poured her life into the pages of this book with the help of her son, Mitchell, author. In it, she finds herself rescued at a very young age from certain death in Poland at the hands of the Nazis thanks to a Catholic couple who struggle to keep her identity a secret. She spends a lifetime trying to understand the circumstances of her childhood, her Jewish roots and a larger connection to signs the universe is sending her. She travels the world and experiences a profound series of occurrences. The book bounces between past and present in a playful and enjoyable way, allowing parallels to seep through. Lucia's journey is colored with hope and fulfillment. Great read, wonderful story.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Exquisite and upliftingBy Jackie ShapoA sensitive and intelligent child and devoted Catholic is suddenly labeled a Jew and her world changes. This child works so hard to show the world she is good, but Hate permeates where she least expects it. Rather than surrender to despair, she finds solace in a mothers love and her Faith. This story captures how the primal longing to parent can elevate ordinary and imperfect people to the heroic. While parenting does not negate imperfection, imperfection cannot negate what transcends. This story is an odyssey of spirit, identity, and unity. G-d provides the guideposts. They are revealed to a soul who seeks them. Don't miss this beautifully written and spiritually nourishing memoir.

The Rose Temple is the compelling story of a woman, a Jewish child Holocaust survivor, raised Catholic, who unexpectedly receives Biblical messages in the course of an astonishing spiritual journey. She finds answers to questions about Gods presence in our world during times of evil and suffering. Reading her story will ignite the power that lies within you to heal and transform yourself and the world you live in.The extraordinary life of Lucia Weitzman begins in a small town in Poland, where as a toddler she is trapped with her parents in a Nazi-imposed ghetto. In a desperate attempt to save their daughter, Lucias parents place her in the care of a Polish couple who risk their own lives by taking her in. After the war ends, at age five she discovers her Jewish origins but remains with her adoptive parents. Growing up a practicing Catholic, yet often taunted or threatened for being born Jewish, Lucia struggles with questions of identity and faith while drawing on a deep well of inner strength that would take her years to acknowledge and explain. Forced to flee Poland to avoid arrest, she leaves everyone and everything she knows behind. She marries a Jewish man and raises a traditional family in suburban Detroit. But at age fifty-three, orphaned again by the death of her husband, her life takes on another dramatic turn as she embarks on a worldwide spiritual quest. Vivid dreams and inspired writings lead to mystical experiences containing profound messages about how to overcome adversity, empower personal growth, and find your souls purpose. Lucia Weitzmans conviction that we all walk in Gods light and that we can choose a path that connects us to each other and to God will inspire readers of all faiths and backgrounds.

More than a Holocaust history or memoir: a heady read that ultimately asks readers to examine their own lives fueled with the passion of an individuals journey, accessible to a wide audience: a standout read in the literature of Holocaust survivors and Jewish spiritual exploration. (Midwest Book)A debut memoir about adversity, identity, and a mystical quest for spiritual succor. The poignancy of her revelations and her lifelong quest to rediscover her lost self will enthrall even readers who are skeptical of all things mystical. A beautiful, meditative account, of literary and historical merit. (Kirkus)The spiritual lessons of The Rose Temple open to a future where the spiritual paths of many traditions may flow together within a deep and common stream of human spirituality. (Rabbi Gerald Serotta, Executive Director, Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington)Lucia Weitzman lives within the awareness of [her dreams] each day, somehow having this inner knowing they will ultimately lead her to the heart of her authentic self. And most beautifully, she understands that this journey never really ends it is just the beginning of a soul finding its wings and living from the center of that truth. (Barbara Techel, author, Through Frankies Eyes: One Womans Journey to her Authentic Self, and the Dog on Wheels Who Led the Way)About the AuthorMitchell Weitzman is an attorney and author living in the Washington-Baltimore area. A former columnist for the Washington Jewish Week, his work has also appeared in Coping magazine and Biomedical Ethics s.Lucia Weitzman was born in Bochnia, Poland in 1940 as Rose Berl. Her identity was taken from her in 1942, when her parents courageously chose to give away their little girl

to a Polish couple in a desperate attempt to save her from the Nazis. Shortly thereafter, Poland's Bochnia ghetto, where they lived, was liquidated and most of its Jews were murdered. Rose's parents did not survive. Now known as Alicja Swiatek, at age five she discovered she was Jewish when a relative searching for her after the war revealed Rose's true identity. She remained with her adoptive parents, but the revelation reverberated throughout her hometown, where anti-Semitism still thrived. In her early twenties, distraught about her future in Poland, Alicja discovered American relatives who supported her. This drew the attention of Communist authorities and she was arrested. Released temporarily to the guardianship of her high school headmaster, she fled Poland, tearfully leaving her adoptive parents behind. She arrived in America in 1962, married a Jewish man, and assumed yet another name, Lucia. She locked away much of her past inside, and focused on family and community. But beneath the veneer of life as a traditional Jewish wife and mother, Lucia harbored a secret and lingering spiritual angst. Years later, deep in mourning following the loss of her husband, long-suppressed emotions rose to the surface and Lucia confronted God at Jerusalem's Western Wall. Why had God allowed her to be orphaned yet again? Why had she been spared as a child? And what did her experiences reveal about her life's purpose? Unexpectedly, she sensed a comforting response. Lucia considered brushing the incident aside, but more unexplained experiences followed that seemed to call on her to decipher their messages. She had a choice: Ignore or suppress this uncertain new path her life was taking; or choose to gain greater understanding of its meaning. Lucia embraced the challenge. At first frightened, she learned to trust her spiritual sensibilities that gave deeper meaning to her experiences while answering larger questions about God's presence during times of evil and suffering. She slowly began to share with her son, Mitchell, her mysterious writings and dreams that were peppered with Biblically inspired symbols and images. At one point, Mitchell found himself asking: Who is my mother? Who is Lucia Weitzman? He was at first wary, concerned about the reaction he thought his mother would encounter by sharing her experiences with the wider world. But as her resolve strengthened, so did his. Together, they set out to tell her story. Lucia currently resides in Florida and New York and is working on a book that explores the mystical meanings of some of Judaism's most sacred artifacts.