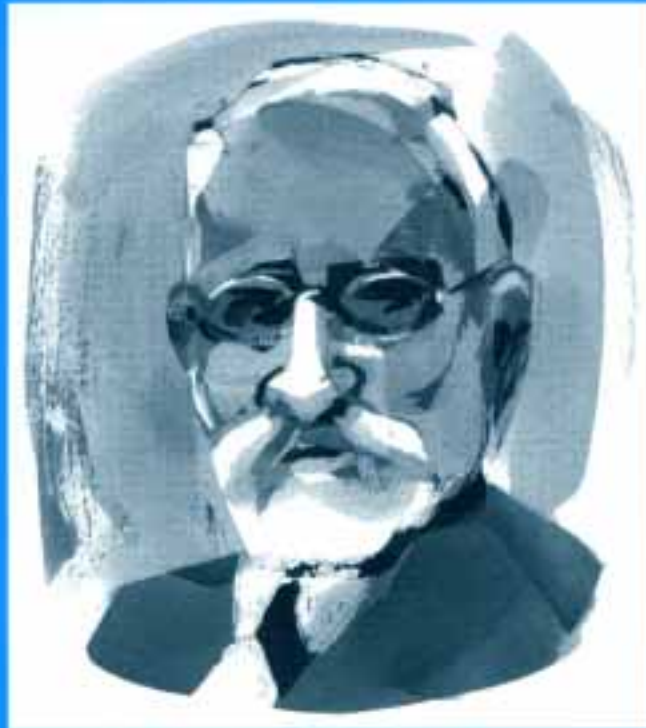


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A Missionary for History: Essays in Honor of Simon Dubnov examines the life and work of one of the most influential scholars of Jewish history and culture. An offspring of the Jewish Diaspora in Russia and a self-styled “missionary for history,” Simon Dubnov (1860–1941) strove passionately to establish the tradition of preserving, recording, and transmitting Jewish culture through the centuries.

Fifteen distinguished scholars look at and elucidate aspects of this unusual and controversial individual: his ethnic identity, his vision of the Jews in the modern world, and, above all, his scholarship. Several of these contributions are based on hitherto unavailable archival material. The scope of Dubnov’s activities reviewed here makes this volume indispensable reading for students of Jewish, East European, and especially Russian intellectual history.

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