

BRIEFLY NOTED

Judaism: Profile of A Faith by BEN ZION BOKSER (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1963)

Rabbi Bokser, in this very popular study of Judaism, presents a positive Jewish attitude to many of the questions which confront the student of the Jewish religion. He ably discusses customs and ceremonies, religion and science, the concept of God, as well as the concept and role of the State of Israel.

Louis M. Tuchman

Tracate Berakoth and Tracate Baba Mezia — Hebrew-English Edition (London: Soncino Press, 1962)

These two volumes, published by the Soncino Press, are part of the series of the Hebrew-English editions of the Talmud which will give both the student and layman a greater appreciation of the world of the Talmud. The editions are reproductions of the Vilna Talmud, with the English translation of the Soncino Talmud on the facing page. The introductions by the editor, as well as the forward by the late Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, serve as excellent introductions to the story of

the Talmud and as summaries of the contents of the books.

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The Practical Cogitator; The Thinker's Anthology, edited by CURTIS and GREENSLET (New York: Houghton-Mifflin, 1963)

While this newly re-issued volume is of no specific interest to Jewish readers, *qua* Jews, it is already a minor classic and deserves mention. It contains a vast and varied collection from all the world's best literature, ancient and modern, on the great themes of man and life.

Its excellence lies in the fact that it is much more than a mere anthology: it is a vivid cross section of the intellect at its best. On every page there is abundant food for the mind. Of particular interest to TRADITION readers is the section on religion, "And Something More."

This is a book to be read and re-read, and it fills one with hope for the future of mankind. Man, it seems, is not really an idiot after all.

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