



Cuban-Jewish Journeys: Searching for Identity, Home, and History in Miami

By Caroline Bettinger-Lopez

University of Tennessee Press, 2000. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 230 x 153 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Between ten and fifteen thousand persons of Cuban-Jewish heritage currently live in Miami. Until now, however, this vibrant community and its unique traditions have, to a large extent, escaped the notice of ethnographers, historians, and other scholars. In Cuban-Jewish Journeys, Caroline Bettinger-Lopez remedies that neglect with an engaging, in-depth look at a people whose rich mix of cultures confounds typical ethnic images. The author begins by investigating the history and development of the Cuban-Jewish community, tracing its origins back to Jewish enclaves in Eastern Europe, Russia, and the Mediterranean. She explores how these people came to Cuba in the first half of the twentieth century and how they eventually resettled in the United States as part of the larger Cuban migration that followed Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution. In recounting this history, Bettinger-Lopez draws heavily on numerous stories told to her by Cuban Jews in Miami and elsewhere. Those oral histories also form the basis of Bettinger-Lopez's subsequent exploration of the identity and assimilation issues facing Jewbans (as many in Miami began calling themselves in the 1970s). She found that...



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