LOVE, MARRIAGE, and JEWISH FAMILIES

Paradoxes of a Social Revolution



SYLVIA BARACK FISHMAN, EDITOR

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY PRESS Waltham, Massachusetts Brandeis University Press An imprint of University Press of New England www.upne.com © 2015 Brandeis University All rights reserved Manufactured in the United States of America Designed by Vicki Kuskowski Typeset in Granjon LT Std by Westchester Publishing Service

For permission to reproduce any of the material in this book, contact Permissions, University Press of New England, One Court Street, Suite 250, Lebanon NH 03766; or visit www.upne.com

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data Love, marriage, and Jewish families : paradoxes of a social revolution / Sylvia Barack Fishman, editor. pages cm. — (HBI series on Jewish women) Includes bibliographical references and index. ISBN 978-I-61168-859-7 (cloth : alk. paper) — ISBN 978-I-61168-860-3 (pbk. : alk. paper) — ISBN 978-I-61168-861-0 (ebook) I. Jewish families. 2. Marriage—Religious aspects. 3. Families— Religious aspects. 4. Jewish way of life. 5. Jews—Social conditions— 21st century. 6. Jews—Social life and customs—21st century. I. Fishman, Sylvia Barack, 1942– editor. HQ525.J4L68 2015 306.85'089924—dc23

54321

CONTENTS

Foreword, Shulamit Reinharz	xi
Acknowledgments	XV
Introduction: Paradoxes of a Social Revolution <i>Sylvia Barack Fishman</i>	I
PART I Love, Sexuality, and Personal Choice	
1 What's Love Got to Do with It? Marriage and Non-Marriage among Younger American Jews <i>Daniel Parmer</i>	33
2 Caught in the Middle: Gender, Dating, and Singlehood among Religious Zionist Jews Ari Engelberg	55
3 "We All Still Have to Potty Train": Same-Sex Couple Families and the American Jewish Community <i>Jonathan Krasner</i>	73
4 Gays and Lesbians in Israel: An Overview <i>Irit Koren</i>	108
PART II Family Transformations	
5 View from a Different Planet: Fertility Attitudes, Performances, and Policies among Jewish Israelis Sergio DellaPergola	123
6 Dreams and Realities: American Jewish Young Adults' Decisions about Fertility <i>Michelle Shain</i>	151
7 Jewish Single Mothers by Choice <i>Tehilla Blumenthal</i>	168

Contents – x	
8 Judaism as the "Third Shift": Jewish Families Negotiating Work, Family, and Religious Lives Rachel S. Bernstein and Sylvia Barack Fishman	196
PART III Marriage and the Law	
 Behold You Are [Fill in the Blank] to Me: Contemporary Legal and Ritual Approaches to <i>Qiddushin</i> <i>Gail Labovitz</i> 	221
10 Negotiating Divorce at the Intersection of Jewish and Civil Law in North America <i>Lisa Fishbayn Joffe</i>	240
11 Women, Divorce, and <i>Mamzer</i> Status in the State of Israel <i>Susan Weiss</i>	256
PART IV Backlash and Reaction	
12 The Secret of Jewish Masculinity: Contemporary Haredi Gender Ideology <i>Yoel Finkelman</i>	287
13 Between Modesty and Beauty: Reinterpreting Female Piety in the Israeli Haredi Community <i>Lea Taragin-Zeller</i>	308
Notes about the Art	327
Contributors	329
Index	333