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Levinson, a cultural anthropologist long affiliated with the Human Relations Area Files (Yale), has published numerous reference books, e.g., with Gertrud Pfister, *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World Sport* (CH, Feb'14, 51-2999). In this study, he documents the long history of Jews in Germany by focusing primarily on Uehlfeld, a small town in northern Bavaria, and Frankfurt am Main, a major city. Using his skills as an anthropologist, a historian, and a genealogist, Levinson frequently uses examples from his own family tree to illustrate the lives and treatment of Jews as they settled, moved, immigrated, or emigrated and were expelled, readmitted, or emancipated in the area over the centuries. The book is enhanced by numerous black-and-white photographs and facsimiles of historical documents. Libraries seeking a comprehensive history of the subject should still consider *The Jews of Germany: A Historical Portrait*, by Ruth Gay (CH, Jan'93, 30-2837), but Levinson provides valuable insight into the lives of ordinary Jews and Germans over many centuries. **Summing Up: ★★** Recommended. All public and undergraduate libraries.—*J. A. Drobnicki, York College, CUNY*