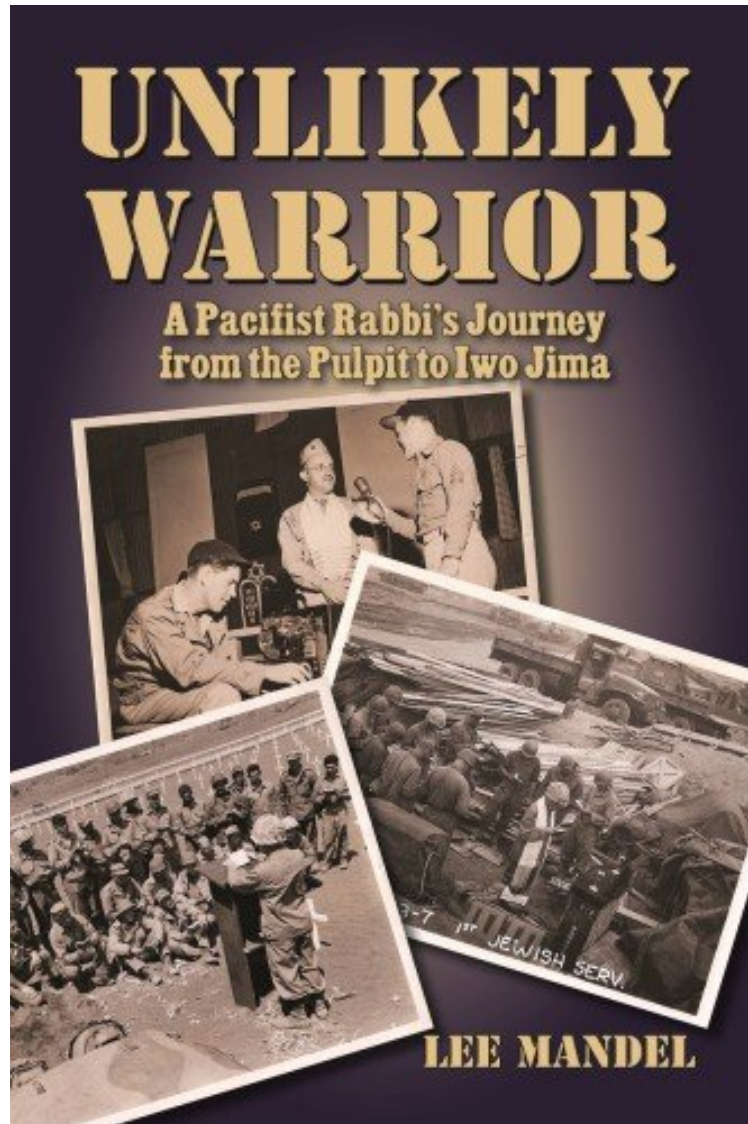


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From the Inside Flap A brilliant student, orator, and debater, Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn was an outspoken social activist and frequent political lecturer during the 1930s. In spite of his vehement support of pacifism, Gittelsohn sought a commission in the US Navy when the United States entered World War II, becoming the first Jewish chaplain assigned to the United States Marine Corps. Gittelsohn's remarkable story, told here from his personal notes, chronicles the evolution of his crisis of conscience and gives an insider's view into the Battle of Iwo Jima. Author Lee Mandel's research provides an unprecedented look at how the US Navy took clergymen of all religions and molded them into a highly effective support system for America's servicemen. Providing more than just a military biography, Mandel examines the political and cultural forces that shaped Gittelsohn's father and grandfather and influenced the path that the young man would take. Mandel traces Gittelsohn's excursions into the political and Zionist movements of the 1930s, documents the conflicting philosophies that culminated in his pivotal decision to join the armed forces as a chaplain, and uses historical documents to reveal the behind-the-scenes anti-Semitic power struggles that almost prevented what has become one of the most famous oratories in military history. In this dramatic narrative, Mandel draws from many primary sources including Gittelsohn's 1988 autobiography, extensive personal papers, and the rabbi's unpublished war memoir to present a complete picture of this unusual man. After serving as a physician in the United States Navy for more than twenty years, Capt. Lee Mandel retired to pursue his passion: military history. Throughout his distinguished career, he served as the official historian and lecturer on military ships and published numerous articles in medical journals. He is a highly sought-after public speaker who has presented at universities across the country on military topics. His first novel, *Moryak: A Novel of the Russian Revolution*, won the Santa Fe Creative Arts Council Grand Prize for Fiction in 2010. Mandel is a board member for the Society for the History of Navy Medicine and was president of the Society of US Naval Flight Surgeons. An authority on John F. Kennedy, he was featured on *Ten Things You Don't Know About John F. Kennedy*, an episode of the History Channel's *Ten Things You Don't Know About* series. Mandel is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Omega, and the Aerospace Medicine Association. When he is not writing or researching, he enjoys the quiet life with his wife in Suffolk, Virginia.

From the Back Cover Among these men there is no discrimination. No prejudices. No hatred. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy. from *The Purest Democracy*, Rabbi Gittelsohn's sermon at the dedication of the Fifth Marine Division Cemetery on Iwo Jima Despite his passionate support of pacifism, Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn voluntarily joined the US Navy when the United States entered World War II, becoming the first Jewish chaplain assigned to the United States Marine Corps. Crafted from Gittelsohn's personal notes and compiled through author Lee Mandel's meticulous research, this remarkable story chronicles the evolution of Gittelsohn's crisis of conscience. It presents an unparalleled glimpse behind the front lines into the Battle of Iwo Jima and the man behind one of the most famous military speeches ever made. As a doctor in the United States Navy, Lee Mandel earned numerous honors for his twenty-plus years of service and leadership before his retirement. Valued for his thorough research, he was featured in an episode of the History Channel's *Ten Things You Don't Know About* series, and his first novel, *Moryak: A Novel of the Russian Revolution*, won the 2010 Grand Prize for Fiction from the Santa Fe Creative Arts Council.

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