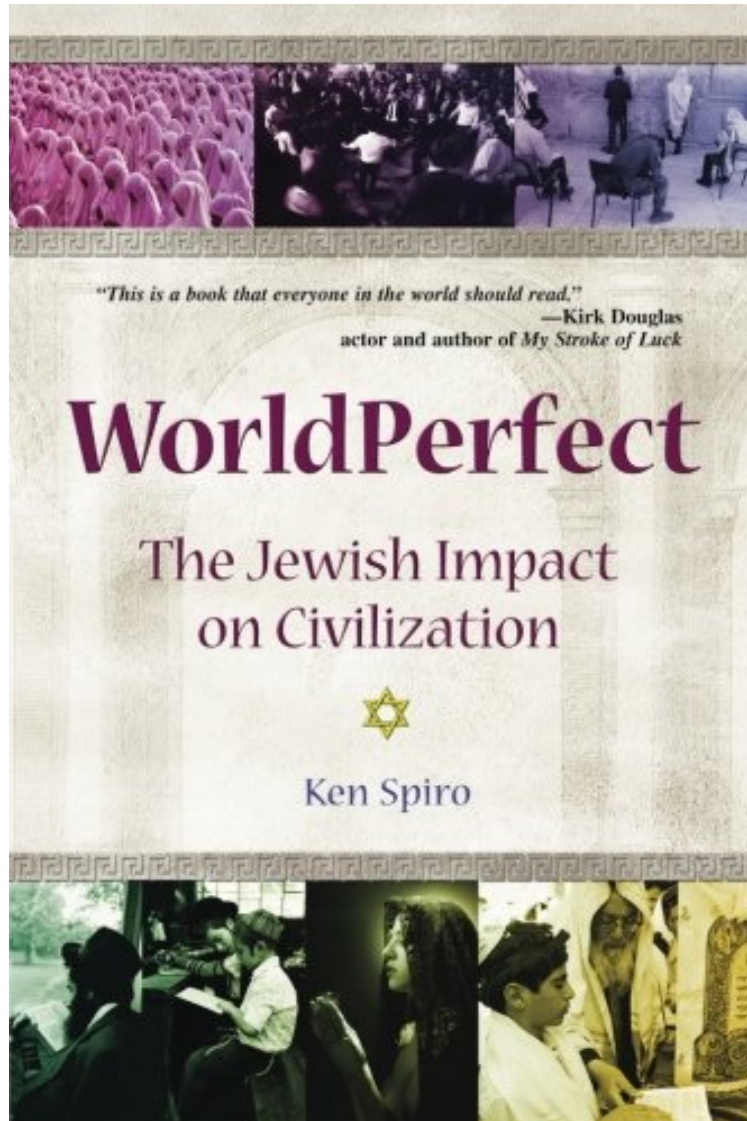


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About the Author Ken Spiro is a rabbi and dynamic lecturer. He holds a Master of Arts degree in history and a bachelor of arts degree in Russian language and literature. He developed the acclaimed seminar "WorldPerfect: The Jewish Impact on Civilization," which brings Jewish history alive for thousands of people each year.