

THE PRICE OF A HOMELAND



One Woman's Fight
for the Future of the Jewish Nation
in the Heart of America

ZIVA BENREUVE

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ABOUT THE BOOK

In *The Price of a Homeland*, Benreuve pens her incredible personal journey through her deep-seated connection to the history of her homeland. From hiding under her bed during the 1939 Arab revolt, to a long and prosperous career as a fundraiser during her country's deadliest wars, she weaves together a coming-of-age story for both herself and the state of Israel, while coming to terms with the fragility of its founding principles.

Born in 1932 in British Mandate Palestine, Benreuve witnessed history unfold before her eyes. As a young girl in a kibbutz, she experienced the harsh realities of life in a land torn by conflict. The 1939 Arab revolt left an indelible mark on her childhood, memories of fear, resilience, and the fierce determination to survive that would shape her entire life.

Through the tumultuous years of Israel's birth, Benreuve came of age alongside her nation. She watched as the dream of a Jewish homeland transformed from vision to reality, experiencing firsthand the sacrifices, struggles, and triumphs that defined a generation of pioneers.

Her journey took an unexpected turn when she found herself in America, building bridges between two worlds. As a fundraiser for Jewish communities across the United States, she became a vital link connecting diaspora Jews to their ancestral homeland. The Yom Kippur War of 1973 tested everything she believed in, and ultimately confirmed her life's mission.

With deep ingenuity and authenticity, Benreuve tackles personal and national lessons on the meaning of community and social values. She explores the complex relationship between Israeli identity and American Jewish life, the weight of historical memory, and the ongoing struggle to preserve the founding ideals of a nation under constant threat.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Ziva Ben Reuven was born in Israel-Palestine in 1932 and raised in a kibbutz. She holds a BA in Literature and Biblical Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. After working as an educator at Hebrew schools, she built a distinguished career as a fundraiser for Jewish communities across America. She returned to Israel in 2013, where she lives today surrounded by her family.

KEY SELLING POINTS

A firsthand account spanning nearly a century of Israeli history, from British Mandate Palestine to the present day. Unique perspective of a kibbutz-born woman who became a pivotal figure in American-Jewish philanthropy. Timely themes of homeland, identity, and diaspora relations resonate with contemporary global conversations. Authentic voice capturing the pioneer spirit and moral dilemmas of nation-building.

MARKET POTENTIAL

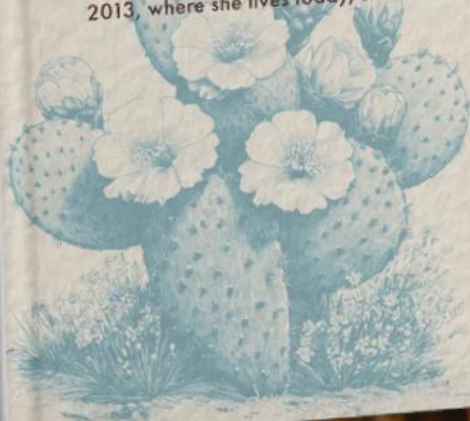
This compelling memoir appeals to diverse audiences: readers of Jewish history and Israeli narratives, fans of women's memoirs and coming-of-age stories, those interested in 20th-century Middle Eastern history, communities engaged with Jewish diaspora and Zionist heritage, and academic institutions focused on Israel studies and modern Jewish history.



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