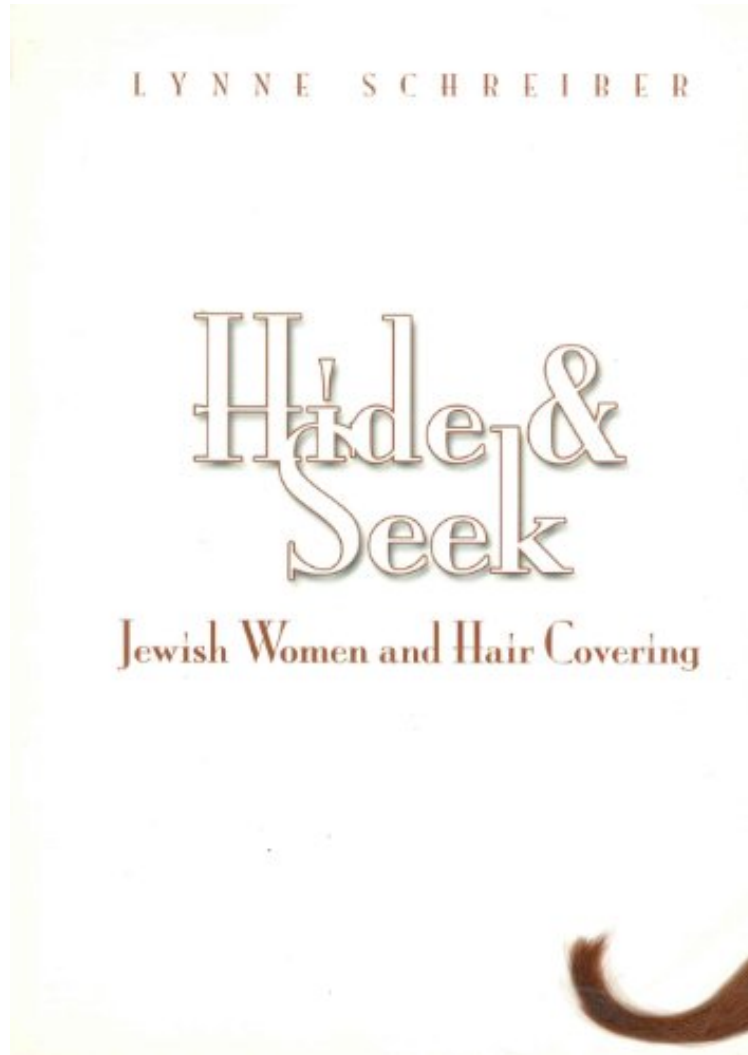


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Lynne Schreiber : Hide and Seek: Jewish Women and Hair Covering before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hide and Seek: Jewish Women and Hair Covering:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By fman This book offered some interesting insights and perspectives on hair-covering. I found the essays enjoyable. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Wasn't a halacha book like I expected, but it was amazing! By Kochava I ordered this, thinking it was a halacha book. Since there aren't any halacha books that talk about hair covering except from the perspective of how it would affect her husband (minus a couple of totally machmir women's halacha books), I had hoped this would be a more reasonable presentation of the halacha of haircovering. It was all that and more. It is a collection of essays about haircovering, ranging from personal stories to scholarly halachic discussions, and several with a mix of the two. It ranged from

women who decided to cover after decades of not, women who chose to stop haircovering, a women who chose to cover despite otherwise appearing like a secular Israeli, all the way to two women who shave. It made me much more open-minded about women's choices in haircovering as well as helping me to appreciate that any woman can feel conflicted about it. (I read it a few weeks before getting married.) So far, it's been the most reasonable - and useful - hair covering discussion I've seen, and I feel like I've made better informed halachic choices because of it.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. An important read

By Anyechka

This book, on such an underrepresented subject, is long overdue. With all of the books in recent years on women in Orthodox Judaism, it's surprising that there hasn't been a prior book devoted to just this subject, hair-covering after marriage. As the thought-provoking essays in the book show, this is a custom that varies from woman to woman and community to community. It's not something as specific and set in stone as, say, Kashrut or observing Shabbos. Each woman represented has found halachic justification for her own personal reasons for and method of covering her hair, and none of them are wrong or inferior, just different. Some of the women struggled for a long time with the custom of hair-covering, others never had any qualms about it, some only started doing it after having been married for a long time, and one woman even stopped covering her hair after she'd been married for awhile. There's even a chapter on frum women who choose not to cover their hair. I personally enjoyed most the essays by the women who struggled or who continue to struggle with this admittedly difficult mitzvah. It's just more interesting to read a story from someone like Khaya, who goes against her community norms by wearing a snood, or Esther, who didn't cover her hair until decades into her marriage, got cancer, and chose to continue wearing a wig after she recovered, than a story from someone like Leah, the Satmar who accepts having to shave her head the day after her marriage because that's just what her community and rabbis dictate, or Devorah, the giyoret who, in spite of struggling with the exact method of covering, happily and excitedly shaved her head after marriage. Though many of the women wear shaitels (wigs), a number of the women primarily cover their hair with tichels, scarves, snoods, or hats. Some of them do it just because it's halacha, but others have found different or additional reasons for it. Though I'm not even Orthodox, I've always really liked the idea of a married woman covering her hair, like keeping her beautiful hair as a special thing for her husband's eyes only. Only her husband has the joy, honor, and privilege of uncovering her hair, not to be enjoyed by any other man. And whatever one's denominational persuasion, the essays in this book are bound to make anyone think.

One of the few books to consider the very personal, yet also public, matter of married Jewish women covering their hair, *Hide and Seek* explains the law, considers the customs surrounding the practice, and includes the voices of women from around the world who are moved by the nature of this challenging observance. The book includes legal and sociological perspectives of the practice, citing relevant texts and rabbinic discourse, as well as the history, tradition, and customs of Jewish communities from around the world. Twenty-four personal essays from women on this sensitive issue lend a very personal face to the debate.