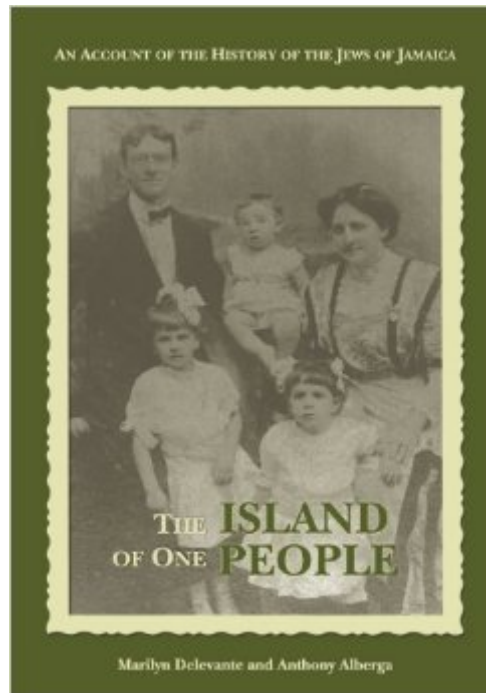


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The Island of One People: An Account of the History of the Jews of Jamaica redresses the Jewish contribution to the development of Jamaican modern society in an engaging exploration of the Jewish-Jamaican community. From the early merchants of Kingston to the development and modernization of the Kingston Harbour, the construction of numerous Housing Developments, and landmark buildings such as the Ward Theatre; from the development of companies such as the Lascelles deMercado conglomerate with interests in sugar, rum, insurance, motor car agencies and airport and shipping services, to the establishment of the renowned Gleaner newspaper, arguably the oldest newspaper in the western hemisphere; from representing Jamaica internationally to the now iconic work of Belisario; the contribution of the Jewish community in nation building in Jamaica is unquestionable. Copiously illustrated, the result is a vibrant, engaging story of not just Jewish, but Jamaican history.

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First, there is little out there regarding Jewish history in the Caribbean, so kudos to any book that explores that history. However, this book should really be called 'Some of the Sephardic Jews of Jamaica'. Though some general history is here, it really treats the story of the inter-related families of the authors. Not much attention is paid to the Ashkenazi families or to those families who no longer practice Judaism. I also would like to have seen more treatment of the relations between the great Jewish families and their mixed race relatives, of which there are many. In short, this is a good over-view but that is all.

This is an excellent book to have in a home library for anyone doing research on Jews in Jamaica. It gave accurate details of some of the prominent Jews genealogy of Jamaica and history of the Portuguese/Spanish Jews. The only negative is not much is written about the Ashkenazi Jews, it is possible they were the minorities and most of their records were destroyed in earthquakes and hurricanes over the years.

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