

Explaining Life; The Wisdom of Modern Jewish Poetry: 1960-2010

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Some Questions for Reflection

1. What makes a poem Jewish?
2. What allusions are there to biblical history that add depth to the poem?
3. What current problems are reflected in the poems, perhaps current problems in Israel?
4. What do these poems tell us about Jewish families?
5. What slants of topics such as love and loss are particularly Jewish?
6. How does one start all over again (renewal)?
7. What kinds of Jewish humor are reflected in these poems?
8. How does the undercurrent of displacement run through some of these poems?
9. Where does one sense alienation?
10. What metaphors add to the depth of some of the poems?

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