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## **Reflections on Jewish Life, Ritual, and Spirituality**

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**Martin Cohen, Travels on the Private Zodiac: Reflections on Jewish Life, Ritual, and Spirituality. Moonstone Press, 167 Delaware St., London Ontario, Canada N5Z 2N6**

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