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Letter To The Editor

UNBALANCED BOOK REVIEW

Mr. Jeff Green has found it appropriate to advertise in your columns the review by Anita Shapira (in Ha'aretz) of my biography of Jabotinsky and to praise her review as "balanced" (Reading from Left to Right, June 18). Leaving aside Professor Shapira's political opinions, the fact is that her review is loaded with a heap of misquotation and misleading paraphrases. Her disregard of the civilities of discussion is jarring.

If [Mr Green] has not read my book, how can he judge whether the Shapira review is "balanced"? If he has read it, why does he not give us his reasoned opinion instead of hiding behind the lady's skirts? And, the suggestion in 1993 that I am "identified" with the Likud, while not derogatory, is a sign either of political illiteracy or deliberate tendentious obfuscation.

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