

## Why Jewish men make the best partners

BY SIMON YAFFE

NAZAREE HINES-STARR was raised in an African-American home.

But, after observing the Jewish religion and culture, she came to the conclusion that Jewish men make the best husbands and partners.

She has written the book *Why Every Black Woman Should Marry A Jewish Man* after finding true love with her Jewish husband, Michael.

Nazaree, who grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, told the *Jewish Telegraph*: "I would talk to my girlfriends and they would complain about not being able to find a good man."

"I told them about my experiences with dating and marrying a Jewish guy, which I decided to write about."

The pharmacist met her future husband on an Internet dating website in 2006 and the couple married in 2009.

Nazaree said: "Jewish men value education and professionalism. They are really family-orientated."

However, she revealed that her views had caused some controversy in the African-American community.



JEWISH SON: Nazaree

Nazaree added: "They have misunderstood where I am coming from with my views, because many of them have not read my book."

"I am not bashing black men. In the 1960s and 1970s, our community was a lot more united – we had much stronger family ties."

"Seventy per cent of our children lived in two parent households. That figure is now 30 per cent."

She admitted that her parents were a little concerned when she told them about her Jewish partner, but they grew to love him.

Nazaree explained that because of her and other African-American's professionalism, she found it hard to find a man within her own community.

"Jewish men do not see highly educated females as a threat," she said. "Many of the men in my community see education as a threat to their masculinity."

Nazaree and Michael have a two-year-old son, Hayden, and are raising him Jewish.

She added that her husband's family have welcomed her with open arms.

## ITALIAN STAR ARNOLDO LEADS OBITUARY LIST

# Foa gave voice to Hollywood's best

ONE of Italy's best known actors and directors died on Saturday.

Arnoldo Foa, 98, was born into a Jewish family in Ferrara, but was forced to leave cinematography school in 1938 when Italy's fascist antisemitic laws were imposed.

Following the Second World War, he became one of Italy's most distinguished actors and directors, starring in theatre productions, acting in more than 100 films and performing on television and radio.

Mr Foa became known for dubbing into Italian actors such as Anthony Quinn, Kirk Douglas and John Wayne.

Though born Jewish, he considered himself an atheist.

The Italian-Jewish monthly *Pagine Ebraiche* wrote: "He had a contradictory Jewish identity, difficult and torn, but never denied, always borne with his head high, with pride, as often is the case among Italian Jews."

Publisher Tom Rosenthal died earlier this month, aged 78.

He represented a number of successful authors, including Melvyn Bragg, JM Coetzee and Umberto Eco.

Mr Rosenthal was born in London, the son of Elisabeth and Erwin Rosenthal, who fled Germany when Hitler came to power.

They lived in Manchester and then Cambridge, where Erwin became a reader in Oriental studies.

After national service in the Royal Artillery, Mr Rosenthal joined book publishers Thames and Hudson and became its managing director.

Mr Rosenthal later worked for Heinemann and Andre Deutsch and was also an art critic for *The New Statesman*.

Meanwhile, German-born violinist Maria Lidka died last month, aged 99.

She was born Marianne Louise Liedtke in Berlin on May 27, 1914, the youngest daughter of a Jewish lawyer in the Berlin appeal court.

In 1955, Maria – who moved to London in 1934 – married Walter May, a fellow Jewish-German exile who managed a brush factory in

Cardiff.

This week also saw the death of Argentine-Jewish poet Juan Gelman.

The 83-year-old wrote more than 20 books and won the prestigious Cervantes Prize in 2007.

He was born in Buenos Aires, the son of Ukrainian-Jewish immigrants.

A long-time political activist, his son Marcelo and pregnant daughter-in-law Maria Claudia died after being abducted by the military government in the 1970s.

They became two of the 30,000 *desaparecidos*, people who vanished without trace during the reign of the military junta in Argentina.

In 1990, Gelman was able to identify his son's remains, discovering that he had been executed and buried in a barrel filled with sand and cement.

Ten years later he was also able to trace his granddaughter, born before Maria's presumed murder.

During his long exile, Gelman lived in Europe until 1988, America and later in Mexico, where he died.

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