Goldmann found Jewish leadership in the U.S. divided, with no cohesive policy in place at a time when unity of "intention and purpose was vital."[2] Deeply frustrated over this divided leadership, he declared, "In all my years in Jewish politics, I have never felt so impotent, so grimly bitter as I did over this. All of us who speak for the Jewish people in those days—and I emphatically include myself—bear a share of the guilt."[2] Both he and Stephen Wise, working closely together, had been exponents of the 'democratization of Jewish life'; that is, "an info...Â The Autobiography of Nahum Goldmann; Sixty Years of Jewish Life. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. 1969. ISBN 0-03-081337-9.