

Making History/Making Blintzes

How Two Red Diaper Babies Found Each Other and Discovered America

MICKEY FLACKS AND DICK FLACKS, two of the founders of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), present this chronicle of their political and personal lives. As active members of the Civil Rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War movement in the 1960s, and leaders in today's social movements, their stories are a first-hand account of progressive American activism from the 1960s to the present.

Throughout this memoir, the couple demonstrates that their lifelong commitment to making history through social activism cannot be understood without returning to the

deeply personal context of their family history – of growing up “red diaper babies” in 1950s New York City, using folk music as self-expression as adolescents in the 1960s, and of making blintzes for their own family through the 1970s and 1980s. As the children of immigrants and first-generation Jews, Dick and Mickey crafted their own religious identity as secular Jews, created a critical space for American progressive activism through SDS, and ultimately, found themselves raising an “American” family.

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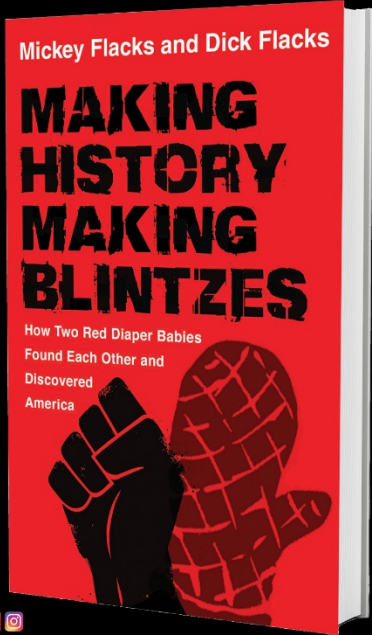
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“A moving and intelligent memoir of radical political engagement from the 1960’s to the present by two extraordinary people. The deeply personal, intimate nature of the account makes it an especially compelling read.”
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“This is a book of two people who are living to build movement for a better world and build a life together. It is a delicious read. And we are all better for the lives they led.”
—Heather Booth, political strategist, feminist, and civil rights activist



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