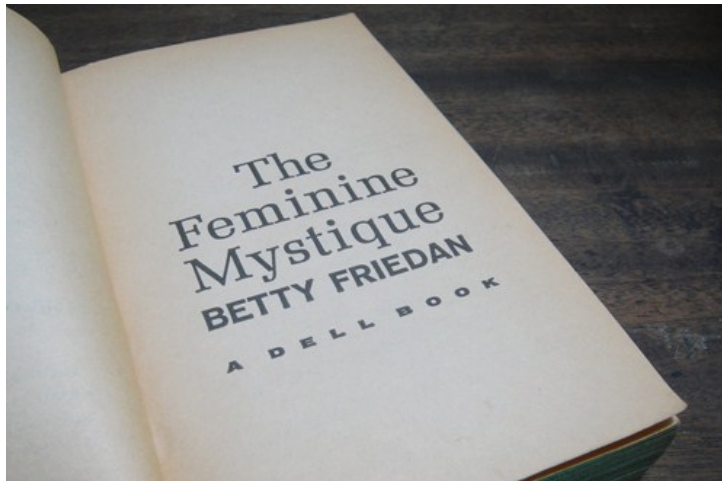


“*The Comfortable Concentration Camp*”:

Why It Matters that Betty Friedan Was a Jewish Woman

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In 1963, Betty Friedan published what many regard to be second-wave feminism’s seminal text. Fifty years after *The Feminine Mystique* articulated a new form of feminist thought, Kirsten Fermaglich speaks on her work examining how Friedan’s experiences as a Jewish woman shaped her feminist manifesto. Fermaglich’s work offers an important insight into the impact of Jewish identity on second-wave feminism.



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