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David Oppenheim (1664–1736), chief rabbi of Prague in the early eighteenth century, assembled a remarkable collection of Jewish books that today testifies to the myriad connections Jews maintained with each other across political borders. His impressive library functioned as a unique source of personal authority that gained him fame throughout Jewish society and beyond. Based on the careful reconstruction of a collection that is still visited by scholars today, *Prince of the Press* brings together Jewish culture, material commerce, and European politics—all filtered through this extraordinary library.

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