In modern times, one sect of the Chasidim, the Lubavitch have interpreted this also as bringing Jews back to Orthodox Judaism, their version of Orthodox Judaism. The Chasidim have not only adopted the Sephardi style prayer book, but also, via the Kabbalah, their concept of reincarnation- Gilgul. The rise of Chasidism provoked a backlash amongst the more traditional elements, especially the entrenched establishment, the Kehilot, who feared their loss of power and influence. However they also had real fears that it was a form Shabbetaism and Frankism which sought to supplant traditional Judaism. Jacob Joseph adds, if they study the Torah written in the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Chassidism: a resumé of modern Hebrew mysticism. Author: Wassilevsky, Isaiah, 1875-. Note: Blackburn : Toulmin, [1916]. Link: page images at HathiTrust; US access only. No stable link: This is an uncurated book entry from our extended bookshelves, readable online now but without a stable link here. See what's new with book lending at the Internet Archive. Chassidism: a resumé of modern Hebrew mysticism. Item Preview. remove-circle. Share or Embed This Item. Share to Twitter. Share to Facebook. Share to Reddit. On several occasions when discussing mystical concepts of the Kabbalah and Chassidism with my father and teacher 1937, he would recall an interesting incident. His first master, Rabbi Joseph Leib Bloch-rabbi and rosh yeshivah of my father's native Telz, often referred to Kabbalistic concepts in his ethical discourses. It harbours a profound thought discussed in Chassidism and articulated a century earlier by R. Dov Ber of Lubavitch (the Mitteler Rebbe-55345588; 1773-1827), as seen in the following episode. The famed Chassidic sage Rabbi Hillel of Poritz was delegated by R. Dov Ber to visit numerous towns and villages where he would collect funds to redeem coreligionists who had been incarcerated and for other charitable purposes.