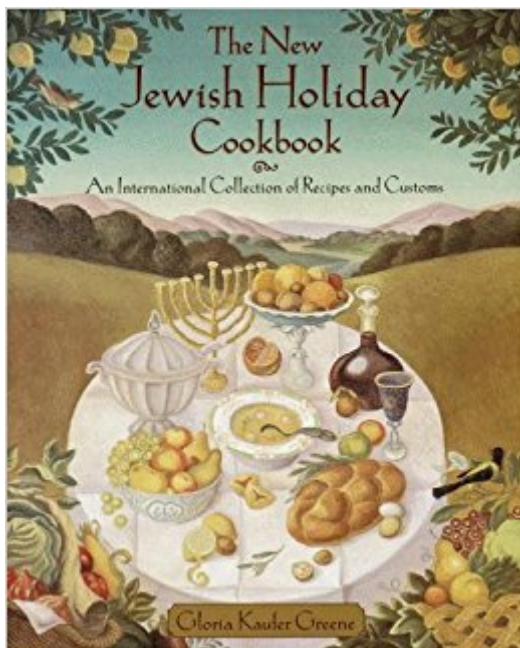


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The New Jewish Holiday Cookbook



Synopsis

In this second edition of her popular classic, celebrated food editor Gloria Kaufer Greene masterfully combines the delicious foods, the rich traditions, and the interesting histories that are essential components of every Jewish holiday in one cookbook. Readers will learn not only how to make a delicious Passover Seder, but why each dish is prepared for this annual celebration, and where these recipes originated. The 260-plus recipes vary from classic Jewish favorites to brand new discoveries with international flair. The New Jewish Holiday Cookbook is a wonderful resource for chefs, whether they are preparing their very first Hanukkah feast or putting the finishing touches on the weekly Sabbath dinner.

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Customer Reviews

Jewish cookbooks have become a rapidly burgeoning category. Appearing at the beginning of the annual cycle that starts with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, three of these four new titles focus on Jewish holidays and holy days, while Friedland's concentrates just on the Sabbath. Greene's book, a revision of her 1985 title, is by far the most ambitious of the group, with more than 250 recipes (80 or so entirely new, the others thoroughly revised) for all the major holidays and some minor ones, and including Israel's Independence Day as well as religious celebrations. A cooking teacher and the longtime food editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times, Greene also offers extensive background on each holiday, and her diverse recipes are from all around the globe. Highly recommended. Recently, a growing number of Jews have found themselves returning to their

religious roots and observances they have let lapse, making Friedland's book on celebrating the Sabbath particularly timely. A cookbook editor and author of *The Passover Cookbook*, Friedland presents 175 recipes for the three meals of Shabbat (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, and the "third meal," marking the end of the Sabbath later on Saturday). Like Greene's, her recipes are international in scope, reflecting both the Ashkenazic and Sephardic heritages, and her text is readable and informative. Recommended for most collections. Brownstein, the former art director of *Good Housekeeping* and *House Beautiful*, offers a lavishly illustrated crafts book with recipes and ideas for the holidays. For each holiday, there is a menu, several crafts projects, and decorating suggestions. Brownstein's approach will not be to everyone's taste (the three sukkahs for Sukkot, for example, include a "fantasy" Penthouse Sukkah, "high-tech and sleek," but the minimatzo vases for the Passover seder are pretty cute). For larger collections. Rubin seems like a nice woman, but would her cookbooks have been published if she weren't actor/singer Mandy Patinkin's mother? Her second book, which opens with "testimonials" from grandchildren and other family members, includes recipes for Thanksgiving, a bridal luncheon, and a barbecue as well as for four major Jewish holidays. The recipes are simple, and many of them rely on convenience foods; some have little to do with traditional Jewish holiday cooking (the buffet menu includes Mexicali Layered Dip and two shellfish dishes). Only for collections where Rubin's *Grandma Doralee Patinkin's Jewish Family Cookbook* is popular. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Holidays are the anchor points for Jewish life. They illustrate the ancient Hebrew stories, offering specific lessons about Jewish history, new learning for the young, and recollection for the old. Greene has expanded her earlier cookbook for Jewish holidays, adding new recipes that reflect even more holiday traditions. Starting with the chief and weekly holiday, Sabbath, Greene offers tasty recipes that occasionally draw on ingredients outside traditional ones. Her cornbread uses both cornmeal and canned creamed corn, thus employing two forms of a grain not usually associated with historic Jewish cuisine. Other recipes, such as an Israeli potato-and-ground-beef casserole, seem ordinary and unthreatening even to non-Jewish cooks. Greene labels each recipe as "meat," "dairy," or "pareve" so that readers may determine instantly how the recipe correlates with dietary laws. Recommended for public libraries serving Jewish populations. Mark Knoblauch

I don't buy a lot of recipe books -- but when I saw a friend at the grocery store pull out her copy of this book, I had to ask why she brought a cookbook shopping with her. She said she loved this book, made a lot of its recipes around every holiday, and it was just easier than making a list. AND

that she loved this book so much that when she accidentally left her first copy in the produce section, never to be seen again, she almost immediately bought another copy. Such an endorsement... and I need every kitchen inspiration I can get (as a not-enthusiastic cook). Every recipe is useful and a keeper -- and most are good anytime of the year. Cous-cous aux sept legumes is a family favorite (without the lamb -- we've even made a vegetarian version). Finally, it is a recipe book for everyone, despite the "Jewish" part of the title.

This is an excellent cookbook but hardly any picture. Is out of print.

excellent explanations of the jewish holidays and jewish culture through food. this book has some great recipes. they are affordable, innovative and useful for everyday cooking too.

Very happy with my purchase

great cookbook, I really enjoy it!

It has the recipe for Mitzapawny soup.

Gloria Kaufer Greene has really outdone herself with her New Jewish Holiday Cookbook. Not only do I love the kosher recipes, but I love the way Ms. Greene explains the significance of the particular food to each holiday. Not being a gourmet cook myself, I have found the recipes to be easy to follow and wonderful to eat! This book has allowed me the joy of creating epicurian holiday traditions with my family and friends. It is the only Jewish cookbook that I need (and want) in my kitchen!

I know from my name you wouldn't know that I was Jewish, but that is because my husband is not. I had to tell, that my mother-in-law picked up your book and started skimming while we were Kitchen Kibbutzin' and decided it helped her understand the holidays and customs better than anything else. She HAD to have a copy, so we got her one as (of all things)a Christmas gift! She absolutely loves it. She says that it is so easy to read and the recipees are easy to follow! She can't wait to treat me and the gang to some of the goodies she discovered from your book. She said that it isn't just a cookbook. It is her special reference book that helps us celebrate and rejoice in the Jewish customs/traditions together.As for me.... well let's just say that I never put it away! It is a staple in my

kitchen as important to me as salt and pepper! That is why it happened to be out on the table for my MIL to discover! LOVE IT!

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