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Seasons Of Our Joy: A Modern Guide To The Jewish Holidays



Synopsis

Circling the Jewish calendar from Rosh Hashanah to Tisha B'Av, this lively, accessible guide provides rituals, recipes, songs, prayers, and suggestions for new approaches to holiday observance. Rabbi Arthur O. Waskow explores the meaning of each holiday in relation to the history of the Jewish people and individual spirituality, examines how the place of each holiday in the cycle of the moon and the changing seasons affects the mood of the day, and suggests ritual and spiritual ways to prepare for each festival. In his extensive afterword to this new edition of *Seasons of Our Joy*, Rabbi Waskow addresses the many changes Judaism has undergone in the last thirty years, as feminist Judaism, neo-Chassidic mysticism, eco-Judaism, and Jewish meditation have newly colored our understanding of the festivals.

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“Arthur Waskow’s unique voice, at once eloquent, musical, creative, and passionate, rings throughout *Seasons of Our Joy*, weaving together strands of Jewish life: the meaning of our ceremonies and celebrations; the

spirituality of the individual; the essential fragility and wonder of the world entrusted to us; the mystical chains that bind together the generations; and, permeating all of that, Waskow's powerful Jewish vision of peace and justice. • Rabbi David Saperstein, director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (Rabbi David Saperstein 2011-01-01) "Seasons of Our Joy brings reverent renewal to ancient practices. And it presents new understanding and approaches that we are invited to sanctify. This book will heighten your awareness of the eternal religious power of the Jewish calendar. • Rabbi Gordon Tucker, former dean, Jewish Theological Seminary (Rabbi Gordon Tucker 2011-01-01)

Rabbi Arthur O. Waskow is an author and political activist associated with the Jewish Renewal movement. He is the founder and director of the Shalom Center and the author of numerous books, including *Godwrestling* and *Down-to-Earth Judaism: Food, Money, Sex, and the Rest of Life*.

My rabbi had me get this to use in my bat mitzvah studies. I really like it. It is Omer right now so I read that chapter. Very easy to read. Makes sense. Very glad I purchased this book.

Extremely informative and fun to read!

Very clear, very deep. A wonderful resource.

A wonderfully accessible text that puts things in context. We are using it as a supplemental text in a Rabbinical School course.

Excellent

So useful for the entire yearly cycle.

Very informative.

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