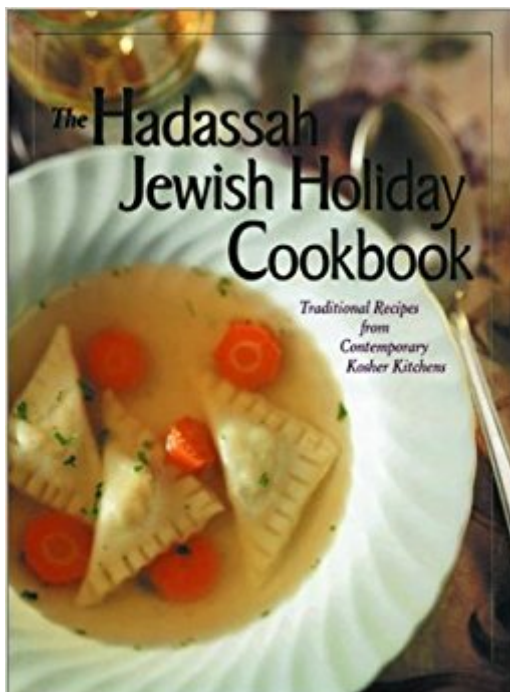


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Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook



Synopsis

Should matzo balls be firm or fluffy? Plain or filled? Made with chicken fat, oil, or marrow? These questions and others are addressed in this recipe collection from the celebrated cooks of Hadassah, the Jewish women's volunteer organization. Over 250 Jewish holiday recipes are offered and include varieties of nostalgic must-haves - from chicken soup to borscht, kreplach to kishka, Grandma's honey cake to Israel's sufganiyot - and twists on the basics - challahs (seeds or honey), latkes (carrot or potato), and harosets (from Surinam to Africa). Reminiscences by top Jewish chefs and 76 enticing color photographs by acclaimed food photographer Louis Wallach accompany the recipes.

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Customer Reviews

Hadassah is a Jewish organization similar to the Junior League and like the latter has periodically published local Hadassah cookbooks. Now for the first time they have produced a national Hadassah cookbook, filling it with time-honored and well-tested favorites, many with a modern twist. Based on the Jewish festival calendar, the book is divided seasonally, starting with the Sabbath and working through the festivals from the New Year to the Shavuot spring festival. Each section includes wonderful topical commentaries by such well-known Jewish food writers as Joan Nathan, Claudia Roden and Steven Raichlen. The recipes are provided by Hadassah members from throughout the U.S. and Israel who impart family heirlooms, traditional favorites and modern variations ranging from the classic Traditional Chicken Soup and Blintzes to the contemporary

Pistachio Chicken with Honey-Mustard Sauce. Taking from the full range of Jewish tradition, whether East European Ashkenazi or Middle Eastern Sephardi, all the festival family favorites are provided, whether it's Hamantaschen for Purim, Latkes for Hanukah or the Sephardic Farina Cake used to break the Yom Kippur Fast. With wonderful full-color photos throughout the volume, this beautifully designed book provides the full range of recipes to carry the Jewish cook through the year. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Bought this book for a friend since I own it. It has all the classic Jewish Recipes and much more. Favorite recipe is chicken with meatballs called Sweet and Sour Chicken Fricassee. I get asked to bring this recipe for many dinners. It is well liked by children and adults. For Mahjong Tournaments at our Temple, I make the Pineapple Ricotta Kugel. It is always the first to be eaten and everyone loves it! This book is full of great information about all the major Jewish holidays and the recipes that have been made for each for generations. Highly recommend this book as the photos are nice and the recipes are very legible. This book makes a wonderful gift.

Nothing left out. Recipes made by my Grandmother.

Exactly what I wanted.

I ordered this book with a few other kosher cookbooks and found that this book was the best out of all of them. The recipes are delicious and very straight forward. I found them more stimulating to actually make, as I enjoy complex recipes. Not all the recipes are complex. In fact, most of them are simple. This was definitely a good buy!

Love this cookbook

A NOTE: As a serious cook and baker for several decades, I know my way around the kosher (and gourmet) kitchen. It's possible for me to read a recipe and see if doesn't look right and what it needs to be corrected. I'll soon explain, but first...This cook book contains recipes from various Hadassah members in the U.S. and Israel. They represent both Ashkenazic (Eastern European) and Sephardic (Middle Eastern) recipes. While there were several women who tested recipes, none listed appear to be professional chefs--just very dedicated kitchen 'mavens'. This book is a beautiful full-color edition--even the dust jacket is stunning. It starts with Sabbath 'Shabbat' recipes--how

apropos, as the Sabbath is the holiest of days--and then proceeds with the High Holidays of Rosh Ha Shanah and Yom Kippur. With the exception of a mix-up of ordinal placement of Purim/Passover/Shavuot, they are in the correct order. Each holiday's recipes are prefaced with explanations and outstanding photographs. For example, Claudia Roden wrote "High Holidays by the Nile" as the introduction to the Fall recipes. (An Egyptian Jew, she wrote a fabulous, chatty cook book of Middle Eastern recipes that I have used since the 1970s.) My family's favorite recipe for cholent (traditionally a Sabbath dish) is 'Crockpot Cholent'--the modern version of this potted one that was left in the village baker's warm oven and served as the mid-day Sabbath meal. It's found on page 35. For Passover, in addition to the traditional haroset of apples/walnuts/cinnamon/sugar/sweet wine, we made and served 'Yemenite Haroset' (page 137). With just six ingredients, it was incredibly easy to make and a resounding success. Like all experienced cooks, I 'tweak' recipes. This one, however, needed a major revision. 'The Czar's Mandel Bread' (page 104) wouldn't set-up properly. I had to add additional cups of flour and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. The baking time had to be adjusted, too. But, once the changes were made, it got compliments from my guests. Whether you want this for yourself, to give to a new bride, or a favorite friend, this is a fabulous addition to your ethnic cook book collection.

This is an excellent book for the preparation of fine Kosher dishes. For instance, the authors explain how to prepare Yosi's Israeli Salad, Esroq cookies and Biblical Kugel- to mention just a few of the fine preparations. Biblical Kugel is prepared with sugar cinnamon, cloves, oil, ginger, raisins, figs, almonds and brandy (optional). The book depicts the layout of the dish so that readers have a visual model in order to prepare the food for family and guests. Lastly, there is an extensive presentation of Kosher offerings appropriate for almost every dining experience imaginable.

The matzo kugel is to die for! I have been making it for our Passover seder every year. My friends always insist on it. I don't cook much, so I can't write about many of the recipes, but this one is worth the price of the cookbook.

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