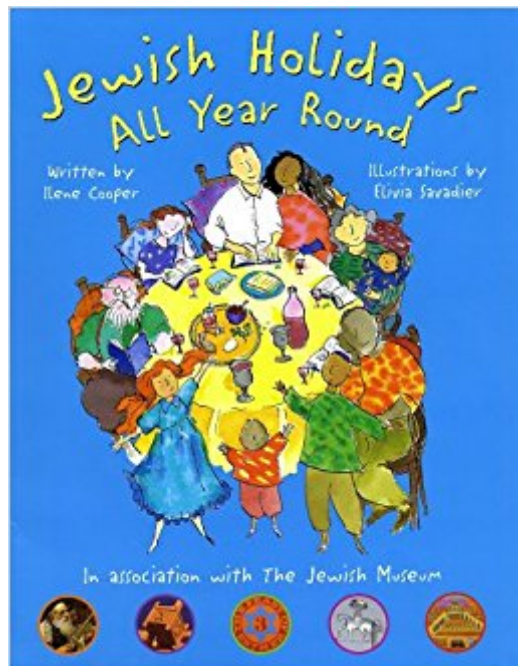




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Jewish Holidays All Year Round: A Family Treasury



Synopsis

For Jewish people every year is punctuated by special days when families rejoice in a rich heritage, recall history, renew the spirit and remember what it means to be Jewish. This illustrated book introduces the richness of the Jewish tradition and the holy days that accompany all of the major Jewish festivals. It allows young readers to explore the true meaning of these special days.

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Customer Reviews

Written by Booklist's children's book editor, abundantly illustrated with Savadier's (The Uninvited Guest: and Other Jewish Holiday Tales) playful watercolors as well as color photographs of art and artifacts from New York City's Jewish Museum, this book strikes a tone both child-friendly and respectful. As the author thoughtfully explores the history and significance of the holidays and festivals of the Jewish year, she succinctly links these to traditions and rituals. For example, after explaining Sukkot and identifying it as an inspiration for the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving, she writes, "Today, each sukkah fragile... open to the sky and the rain reminds us that we eternally owe our thanks to God. The sukkah symbolizes our need for God's shelter." Instructions for holiday activities (crafts, recipes, etc.) are also included. Almost every page features at least one illustration, from a view of an 18th-century Galician Torah crown to a contemporary photo of a Harlem congregation blowing long, twisty shofars to a 1910 Rosh Hashanah "card" carved on a walrus tusk in Nome, Alaska. Savadier's vignettes, mostly of busy, happy people, underscore the liveliness of Jewish

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Grade 3-5-This celebration of and introduction to the Jewish holidays describes observances both at home and in the synagogue. The preface explains the Jewish calendar. Each chapter is devoted to a single holiday and has an activity and a recipe. Most of the projects could be accomplished at home or in a classroom setting; many of the recipes are complicated. (Readers are instructed to ask for adult help.) For example, the Sabbath chicken noodle soup requires a whole quartered chicken and more than two hours to simmer, but the Tu B'Shevat spring cleanup would be a nice reason for a class to pick up litter in the schoolyard. Illustrated with lively pen-and-ink and color sketches of diverse families celebrating, and with full-color and black-and-white photographs of artifacts from the Jewish Museum in New York, this book does an excellent job of bringing the holidays to life. The text, illustrations, and photographs work together to create an informative and enjoyable survey for Jewish collections and to round out multicultural collections. Martha Link, Louisville Free Public Library, KY Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Because of the cover, I thought this book would be enjoyable for the whole family. I wanted to follow it like an instructional book. It's a little to drawn out. I would have preferred something short and to the main principles and step by step practices.

WONDERFUL BOOK THAT GIVES A GOOD CLEAR EXPLANATION OF THE JEWISH HISTORY, AND THE HOLIDAYS THEY CELEBRATE AND HOW AND WHY THEY ARE CELEBRATED

The Book Jewish Holidays All Year Round is a great young family book which can be a read-to book or one which allows children to learn new words themselves, it's a book which gives familiarity and background to all celebrations

Simple yet meaningful tellings of all the Jewish holidays! Easy to pull and refresh your memory. Plus the book emphasizes the different skin tones that can make up a Jewish community (worldwide). Nice artistry.

Great thx!

Fine

Jewish Holidays All Year Round: A Family Treasury is a great basic resource for Jewish families with young children who want to celebrate the holidays throughout the year. For each holiday there is a 2-6 page description of the holiday including the religious and historical context, as well as usual celebratory practices. Author Ilene Cooper covers the entire range of holidays from Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot and Tisha B'Av. After the explanatory text are some suggested family activities. These range from cooking Hamantaschen (almost every holiday has some type of recipe) for Purim to making a model Sukkah to New Year's cards for Rosh Hashanah. Elivia Savadier's illustrations complement the text, and both are further enhanced by photographs of ceremonial objects and historical pictures. Jewish Holidays All Year Round is a great guide. You can use it to explain the importance and purpose of each holiday to your children. The activities then help them get engaged in the celebration.

I bought this with a college age person in mind - but this is geared more to children

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