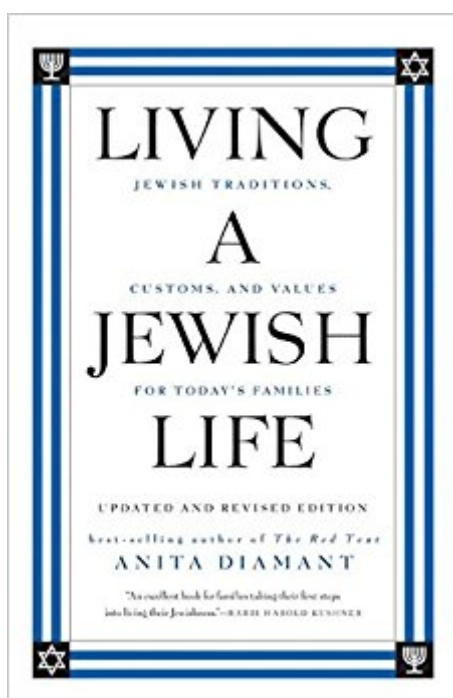


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Living A Jewish Life, Updated And Revised Edition: Jewish Traditions, Customs, And Values For Today's Families



Synopsis

Living a Jewish Life describes Judaism as not just a contemplative or abstract system of thought but as a blueprint for living fully and honorably. This new edition builds on the classic guide, which has been a favorite among Jewish educators and students for years. Enriched with additional resources, including online resources, this updated guide also references recent changes in the modern Jewish community, and has served as a resource and guide for non-Jews as well as Jews. Addressing the choices posed by the modern world, Living a Jewish Life explains the traditions and beliefs of Judaism in the context of real life. It explores the spectrum of liberal Jewish thought, from Conservative to Reconstructionist to Reform, as well as unaffiliated, new age, and secular. Celebrating the diversity of Jewish beliefs, this guide provides information in ways that readers can choose how to incorporate Judaism into their lives. Readers will learn how to choose the right synagogue, and discover the meaning and significance of lighting Sabbath candles. "Shabbat," "Torah," "kosher," "mitzvah" and other key words are all defined in all of their complex and potent meanings. On the most basic level, this book explains the essential Jewish vocabulary, but more importantly, LIVING A JEWISH LIFE is a sensitive and comprehensive introduction that reveals the timeless nature of Jewish tradition, rich with history and relevant in the modern world.

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Customer Reviews

Anita Diamant is a prize-winning journalist whose previous books include The New Jewish Wedding and The New Jewish Baby Book.

Diamant's "Living a Jewish Life" is a readable, welcoming, inclusive introduction to liberal Jewish

living. This book is aimed at adult readers seeking to move their lives in a Jewish direction - as Diamont puts it, to make more "Jewish choices." Covering topics such as the Jewish home, the Jewish community, holidays, and life-cycle events, Diamont de-mystifies basic concepts and practices. It is an excellent primer and should be an early addition to any beginner's Jewish library. It reads mostly as a "how-to," making Jewish practice do-able for the novice, though it also includes well-researched basic background information, complete with end-notes and suggestions for further reading. It will be most useful to secular Jews and Reform, Reconstructionist, Renewal, and liberal-leaning Conservative Jews who never went to Hebrew school, or for whom Hebrew school is a distant memory. While Diamont encourages a diversity of Jewish opinions and levels of worship, this book is not aimed at those seeking a very traditional Orthodox lifestyle. Beliefs, prayers and home liturgy are mentioned within the context of discussion of a particular event or occasion, but Diamont's focus is not on introducing or explaining Jewish belief or synagogue liturgy in depth.

A very good book for those contemplating converting to Judaism, or for those seeking to become more observant. Helpful, and straightforward information. Easy to read. Practical advice and solutions to daily living and lifestyle questions. I would highly recommend this book.

I love anything of Anita Diamant's. Just for other prospective buyers, she's Reform Jewish, so you may not agree with her writing if you're of another denomination.

Great book to read if you are interested in the whole Jewish Custom. Very interesting. Gets you out of your own culture and enlightened by another one- Jewish Culture- which is very modern in these ever changing days.

This was a gift to my 89 year old Mother-in-law who just in the last few years found out her parents were Russian Jews. She had been raised in the Russian Orthodox church. She loved the book.

The topics contained are good with decent information and the book is generally an easy read. I find it to be a good and simple introduction and I will say that the holiday chapters are quite informative in a simple way. I find the book a very light offering, yet very strong in it's delivery, therefore, a strong yet simple introduction to topics, which in my opinion, makes for a good start!

Very readable, informative and light-hearted when appropriate. Particularly interesting and

informative to non-Jews as it is well organised according to Jewish laws and traditions applied to holidays and the life-cycle. A good reference book.

Everything I wanted, as someone who is discovering their jewish heritage, this is an invaluable resource. Think of it as a primer to the jewish religion.

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