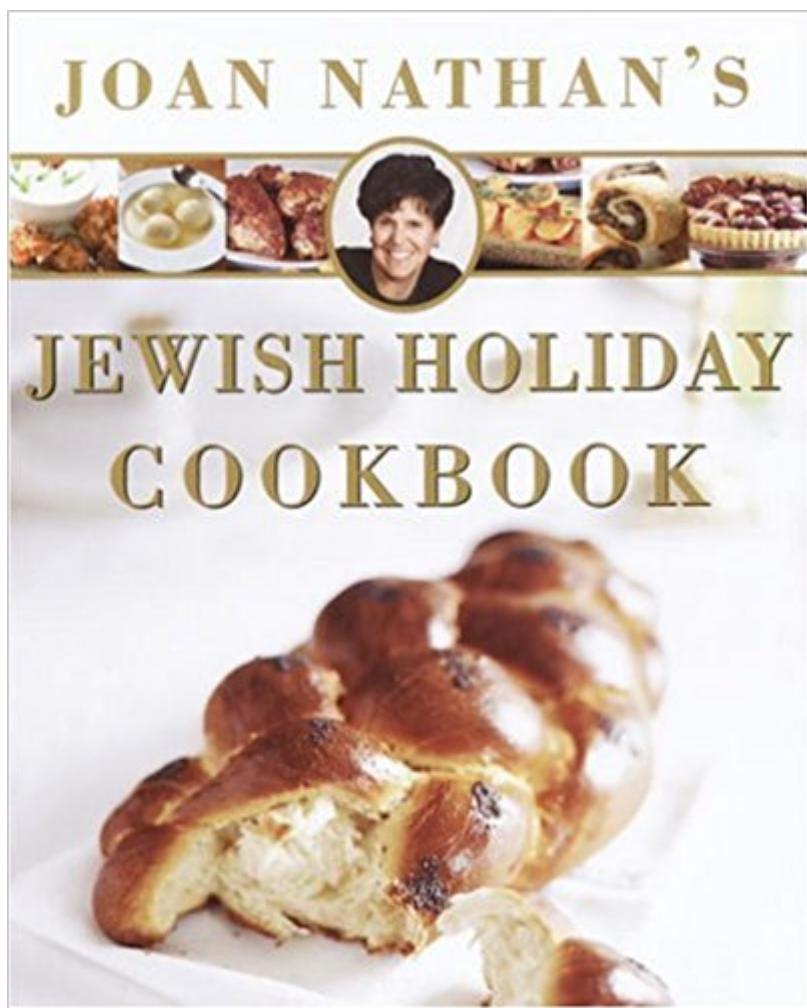


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# Joan Nathan's Jewish Holiday Cookbook



## Synopsis

Jewish holidays are defined by food. Yet Jewish cooking is always changing, encompassing the flavors of the world, embracing local culinary traditions of every place in which Jews have lived and adapting them to Jewish observance. This collection, the culmination of Joan Nathan's decades of gathering Jewish recipes from around the world, is a tour through the Jewish holidays as told in food. For each holiday, Nathan presents menus from different cuisines—Moroccan, Russian, German, and contemporary American are just a few—that show how the traditions of Jewish food have taken on new forms around the world. There are dishes that you will remember from your mother's table and dishes that go back to the Second Temple, family recipes that you thought were lost and other families' recipes that you have yet to discover. Explaining their origins and the holidays that have shaped them, Nathan splices these delicious recipes with delightful stories about the people who have kept these traditions alive. Try something exotic—Algerian Chicken Tagine with Quinces or Seven-Fruit Haroset from Surinam—or rediscover an American favorite like Pineapple Noodle Kugel or Charlestonian Broth with "Soup Bunch" and Matzah Balls. No matter what you select, this essential book, which combines and updates Nathan's classic cookbooks *The Jewish Holiday Baker* and *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen* with a new generation of recipes, will bring the rich variety and heritage of Jewish cooking to your table on the holidays and throughout the year.

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## Customer Reviews

Twenty-five years ago, Nathan published *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*, a landmark work that juxtaposed recipes with oral histories. Although she acknowledges that the past quarter century has brought some changes to Jewish cooking&#x97;e.g., Kosher caterers are lightening their foods; "young American superstar chefs" have come onto the scene; California wineries now produce award-winning kosher wines&#x97;Nathan still relies on traditional recipes, such as My Mother&#x92;s Brisket, Cabbage Strudel, Romanian Beet Borscht, Vegetable Kugels and Babka in her new volume. Revising and updating recipes from *Holiday Kitchen* and another previous work, *The Jewish Holiday Baker*, Nathan shares instructions for making nearly 400 dishes, dividing them by holiday: the Sabbath, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, Passover, Shavuot and the minor holidays. Lengthy introductions accompany each recipe, and Nathan&#x92;s ability to balance interesting tidbits with useful instructions make this a supremely worthwhile resource. She covers every cuisine of the Jewish tradition, from Central and Eastern European to Middle Eastern to American. Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

It has been 25 years since Nathan's *Jewish Holiday Kitchen* was first published. This volume gathers recipes from that book and from the food writer's *Jewish Holiday Baker* (1997) for a celebratory revision. And what a collection it is: 400 recipes accompanied by personal commentary and culinary history passed down through generations of Jewish cooks. That's part of the charm here as readers learn that "eating fish symbolizes the hope of redemption for Israel" and other snippets of fact and folklore. Keyed mostly to eight major Jewish holidays-- from Shabbat to Shavuot--the recipes represent both eastern European and Sephardic traditions, and are nicely adapted for modern cooks: processors speed preparation, and ingredients such as packaged onion soup are occasionally used. There's even a recipe for "low-cholesterol challah." It's a tasty assortment for Jewish cooks but also for anyone interested in ethnic cuisine. Stephanie ZvirinCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

Best collection of fabulous Jewish cooking, organized by holiday. I had an earlier version which fell apart so I got this one which has even more recipes and is better laid out to annotate as you develop your own twists on ancient recipes.

If you have other Joan Nathan holiday cookbooks, e.g., the *Jewish Holiday Kitchen*, or the *Jewish Holiday Baker*, don't buy this book. The previous books have all the same recipes and are more

attractive and have illustrations, which this book does not. Even if you don't have the earlier books, consider getting one of them instead of this one.

This is a wonderful book to have in my arsenal. If you enjoy cooking, trying different recipes, and like some adventure when it comes to kosher cooking there are recipes in here for you! The Challah is amazing.

After nearly 3 decades of using the ripped up (and rebound) copy of this book, I was so delighted to stumble across an update. As usual, Joan Nathan has couched her descriptions of food in terms of the culture from which it came and include insightful information about the holiday's history and observance in different cultures. Haven't tried any of the recipes yet but I'm assuming they're as good as the ones in previous issues.

Joan Nathan does not disappoint! In her "Jewish Holiday Cookbook" a wide range of recipes for each of the Jewish holidays is included. While her "The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen" cookbook includes basic recipes, this "Jewish Holiday Cookbook" is more adventuresome, appealing to adult epicurean tastes. As a bonus, histories and explanations of the various holidays are included along the way.

I first purchased this cookbook 28 years ago in the New Orleans museum book store. Learned how to make the best Jewish chicken soup ever. I have bought numerous copies to give as a gift for wedding showers. This copy was a gift to a friend whose daughter-in-law is Jewish. If you purchase a copy for the chicken soup recipe, my hint is cook over two days, remove the fat between cooking and don't add more water. The soup has been a great comfort food for friends and family members who have been ill. Try it and the many other recipes offered. Happy cooking.

I have used and loved this cookbook since I bought my copy in the early eighties. I bought this second copy in a kindle format, so that I would have it with me whenever I travel. When visiting family, I have all the great recipes with me. By the way, the stories accompanying the recipes are wonderful.

I purchased this cookbook for a gift. I have purchased many of them as gifts over the years. I bought my copy about 25 years ago & love it. Joan tells the story behind the recipes & the holiday's they

are used for, which is half the reason I love this cookbook. The other half is of course, the recipes!

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