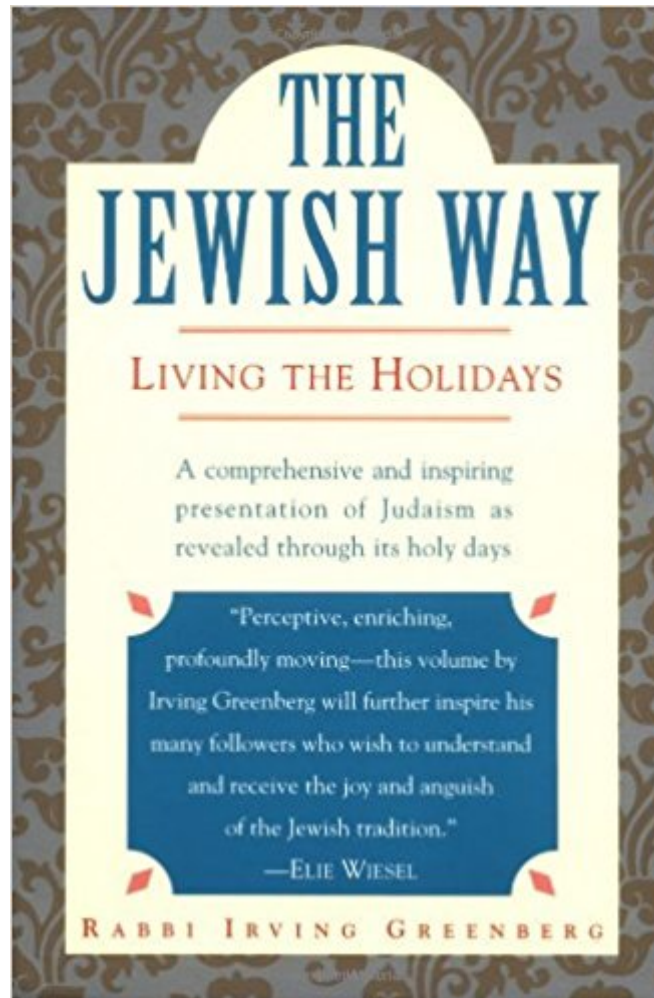




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The Jewish Way: Living The Holidays



Synopsis

Called "enriching" and "profoundly moving" by Elie Wiesel, this is a comprehensive and inspiring presentation of Judaism as revealed through its holy days. In thoughtful and engaging prose, Rabbi Irving Greenberg explains and interprets the origin, background, interconnections, ceremonial rituals, and religious significance of all the Jewish holidays, including Passover, Yom Kippur, Purim, Hanukkah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and Israeli Independence Day. Giving detailed instructions for observance of the rituals, prayers, foods, and songs, he shows how celebrating the holy days of the Jewish calendar not only relives Jewish history but puts one in touch with the basic ideals of Judaism and the fundamental experience of life. Insightful, original, and engrossing, this is an essential volume that should be in every Jewish home, library, and synagogue.

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Customer Reviews

The diverse, nondelineated material in this book precludes its easy use as a handbook, distinguishing it from such works as Leo Trepp's traditional Complete Book of Jewish Observance (LJ 10/15/86) or Arthur Waskow's innovative Seasons of Our Joy (Summit Bks., 1986). The chapters on each major and minor holiday are crammed with facts, anecdotes, and personal reflections; the Hassidic and Kabbalistic tales contain moral messages that reinforce Greenberg's perspective. Indeed, Greenberg appears to use the holidays as a vehicle for expressing his own philosophy of Judaism. There are meaningful interpretations, but they can best be appreciated by

readers with a basic understanding of Jewish principles. Carol R. Glatt, Northeastern Hosp . of Philadelphia Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"The Jewish Way confirms and makes even more widely accessible what Rabbi Greenberg's enchanted following already knows: That he is one of the great teachers of our generation." (Cynthia Ozick, author of *The Pagan Rabbi and Other Stories*) "Perceptive, enriching, profoundly moving -- this volume by Irving Greenberg will further inspire his many followers who wish to understand and receive the joy and anguish of the Jewish tradition." (Elie Wiesel) --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

The print quality is terrible! It looks like someone photocopied the whole book and reprinted it. Look closely and you'll see lots of dots make up each word, and there's even a border of normal-looking paper around the dot background. The info is all there, which is probably what I should be reviewing. But ugh! So cheaply made.

We have bought several copies of *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays* and given them to our friends, it is one of the best resources for non-Jews to learn the 'heart' of the biblical feasts. We believe that the Body of Messiah is moving toward a reformation, more far reaching and thorough, than the one that was experienced during the time of Luther ("changing the understanding and expression of Christianity in one generation"). Jesus was not a 'Christian'.....He was/is a Jewish Man, and He is coming back for a Bride that is Jew and Gentile; One New Man.....and he is not coming back on a random day; He didn't come on just 'any day' the first time, but came during the former rain season (Passover; First Fruits; Shavuot [Pentecost])....He again is coming on His biblical appointment calendar; the latter rain (Trumpets; Yom Kippur; Feast of Tabernacles). Don't miss the 'time of His visitation', prepare your heart and begin to learn what the Savior feels about your Jewish Roots.....you have been grafted in! Another book that will thrill your heart is "The Sabbath" by Abraham Joshua Heschel; not just about the sabbath, but really a biblical, priestly view of life; a deeper understanding of time itself. God can't be encountered in things; thus 'build no idols before Me'; He can only be encountered in time, since time is eternal.....

I am not Jewish, but I started reading this book because I wanted to have a deeper understanding of the holidays my friends celebrate. It is so much more than a "how to" or history book. Each

chapter is a profound and beautiful meditation on the deeper significance of each holiday to both the individual and the culture. I am nowhere near finished; this is definitely a book that you can't rush. After reading the chapter on Shabbat, I have started celebrating my own (single person's) Sabbath, and it has freed me up in a way that I can't explain. Such a thoughtful and lovely book.

This is a lovely, beautifully written introduction to Judaism that this Catholic found absolutely fascinating. I grew up in an overwhelmingly Jewish neighborhood and was well aware of the vastly different culture that was expressed around me. Rabbi Greenberg's explication of his faith is insightful, passionate, and, in places, just plain fun. He grounds the book in the weekly and yearly liturgical cycle. The book reads like a series of sermons on the meaning of the Sabbath, and the meaning of the greater and lesser feasts of the Jewish liturgical year. I was repeatedly struck by how similar to my own Catholic faith is the stance of the believer before God, even as to the changing nuances of the various feasts throughout the year. Highly recommended.

I need to echo Abraham D. Klein's review of the printing from over a year ago. This book was clearly scanned in on an incorrect setting. Probably a screen setting? the text is not crisp as it blends in with the background. The subject matter is very very good 4 and a half stars there. This should be an easy fix ! Lets do it!!

Made me understand Judaism in a way in which I've never thought of it before. This book inspires me to be a better person. Makes the reader think about the future while also learning about the past.

Yitz Greenberg manages to get across how each holiday (and Shabbat) feels, not just the hard facts about them.

Great, very informative.

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