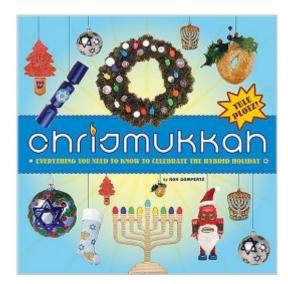
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Chrismukkah: Everything You Need To Know To Celebrate The Hybrid Holiday





Synopsis

Christmas meets Hanukkah for millions of mixed-faith families—who deck their trees with Stars of David and spin the dreidel under mistletoe. Here is a one-of-a-kind, amusingly illustrated and endlessly entertaining guide to the joys—and oys—of celebrating Chrismukkah, the hybrid holiday. A veritable cornucopia of seasonal delights, this handy (and often hilarious) lifestyle guide walks us through all the Chrismukkah events, history, and lore. You'll learn about hybrid holiday traditions in decorating (ornaments, wreaths, menorahs, dreidels); innovative tchotchkes (Chrismukkah cards, stockings, lights); and a plethora of menorah options (Godzilla or snowman, anyone?). Plus, the book includes rollicking games to play and songs to sing, along with easy-to-follow recipes for Latkes with Sugar Plum Fairy Sauce, General Saul's Chicken, Mama Mia Matzah Pizza!, Blitzen's Blintzes, and other Noel Noshes. Your yuletide happy hours will never be the same once you start mixing a Yule Plotz, Meshugga Nog, or Manishewitz Mulled Wine. Rounding out the mix are chapters on snazzy holiday hats and caps, interfaith dog and cat gift suggestions, and office-party dos and don'ts. It's beginning to look a lot like Chrismukkah, and now we'll all be ready to celebrate with style!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This book fits my life...I decorate our Chrismukkah tree with menorahs as well as colorful glass balls. The wreath on our door has dreidels on it instead of pine cones and holly. Our daughter looks forward to both lighting the tree AND the Hanukkah candles. There are lots of funny tips and trivia about those who also celebrate both holidays in December. The author also has a self-published I've only said that a couple times in my life. Gompertz treats the subject with insanely clever humor and heart and is a top-notch writer. This isn't just a gimmick; it's clear this guy really cares about Jews and Gentiles embracing and carrying on their own traditions...together.I'm getting this book for all my interfaith couple friends (and the list is growing). What a terrific gift for the holiday season!

I love this book! At first I thought it was just a humor book, but although it is quite funny, it also has a serious purpose. It really has a lot of information about how to create a holiday to celebrate during December that both members of a Jewish-Christian interfaith couple can be happy with. It has recipes and lot of other ideas and information. It actually has instructions for making a dreidel out of clay and playing dreidel, as well as recipes for Shirley Temple Emanuel and Meshuggeh Nog Latte, as well as a good list of famous half-Jews. It also has a great glossary with definitions like "Kibbitz: To chat, gab, engage in frivolous conversation. What WASPs like to do during cocktail hours before the holiday dinner. Not to be confused with kibbutz, a farm in Israel." A great gift for interfaith couples or people with interfaith couples in their family who have an interest in and sense of humor about religion.

This book combines both Christmas and Hanukkah for both Jews and Christians. It's a lovely book with pictures, recipes, arts and crafts, and illustrations. The author was raised Jewish by his mother (who herself was a daughter of a German Lutheran father and German Jewish mother before Hitler came to power in Germany) The author married a Christian woman and they live with their daughter in beautiful Bozeman, Montana. The author knows firsthand about the December dilemma from his own mother's experiences before Hitler's power in Germany and with his marriage. I like the fact that the author makes a point that neither he nor his wife converted to the other religion. Sometimes, religious differences can cause problems in marriages. Rather, they share each other's religious customs in a positive light rather than focusing on the negative of whose religion is better than the other. Ironically according to Jewish law, the mother must be Jewish so the child can be Jewish. In this case, the author and his wife have decided to raise their daughter with both religions. Why all the fuss and stress over fighting for religion? That's silly. After all, it's still the same God.Anyway, the author's approach is rather enlightening, fun, positive, and light. In the end, who care's who is Jewish or Christian or both? Anyway, this book is okay for the interfaith Jewish and Christian couple who wonder about the December dilemma about celebrating holidays. This book might offend the

religious population in both religions of Christianity and Judaism so they should avoid this book at all costs which is a shame because this book is an easy read and delightful.

My partner and I are 'mixing' the holidays for the first time this year. This book not only gave us insight on how it could be done, but provided us with a great background on why certain traditions were observed. I recommend it for anyone amalgamating the holidays.

Friends of mine are a mixed-religion household. He's Jewish, She's Christian. I search every year for a "Christmas Ornament" of "Jewish Persuasion"... I've done fairly well but this was by FAR the BEST "Mixed Holiday" gift I have ever found. They loved it so much they purchased several for other family members and anyone who has seen it has done the same! This is AWESOME...

This book is great for ways to help "blended" families celebrate both Chanukah and Christmas in a way that does not short change either celebration. Lots of crafts and recipes that the children can use to help them understand that it is possible to respect and enjoy both of their parents religion. I am glad I bought it. They will be glad to receive it.

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