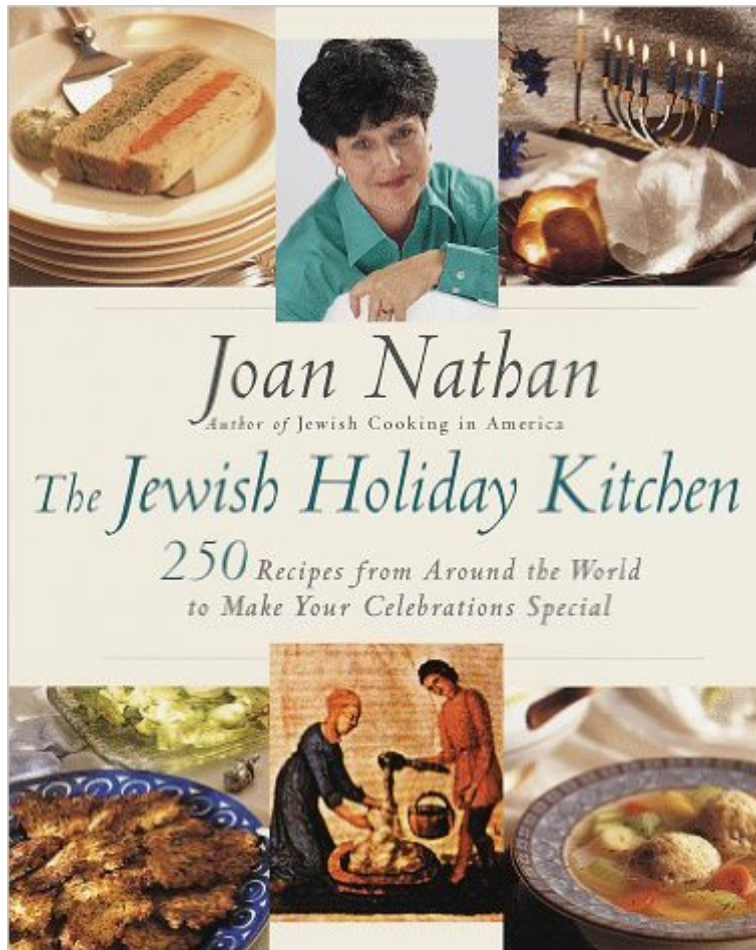


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# The Jewish Holiday Kitchen: 250 Recipes From Around The World To Make Your Celebrations Special



## Synopsis

"Joan Nathan is the authority on Jewish cooking, from the folkloric-cultural-historical perspective, and the food angle as well." --Mollie Katzen, author of *The Moosewood Cookbook* "This is how holiday cooking should be--warm, welcoming, and straight from the heart." --Anne Willan, author of *Cook It Right* Only the best cookbooks stand the test of time, and this rich assemblage of holiday recipes by Joan Nathan, award-winning food writer and host of the PBS series *Jewish Cooking in America*, has brought the joy and festivity of holiday cooking to Jewish households for more than two decades. Here are 250 recipes for main courses, soups, appetizers, breads, and desserts culled from around the world to help you enhance your family's celebrations of the sixteen major holidays. In addition to the foods you remember from your mother's table, there are dishes that date as far back as the Second Temple, as well as contemporary American Jewish creations. Explaining their origins and the holidays that have shaped them, Nathan peppers these delicious recipes with delightful stories about the people who make them today. Try exotic dishes like the Yemenite High Holiday Soup Stew or the Persian Pomegranate-Walnut Chicken. Or, closer to home, choose the Charlestonian Broth and Matzah Balls. No matter what you select, this essential book will bring the rich variety and heritage of Jewish cooking to your holiday table year round.

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In this book, Joan Nathan manages to combine history, culture, and very good recipes. More than cooking book, Ms. Nathan offers menus for the same holidays from different Jewish backgrounds.

Each recipe is complete, fully annotated and easy to follow. For cooks and/or readers looking to enlarge their knowledge of various Jewish food traditions, The Jewish Holiday Kitchen is a wonderful place to start.

I've been using this book since I was a bride 47 years ago. My original copy finally wore out. So I ordered a new one. The recipes are great tasting, well written and easy to follow. The book is divided by holidays and provides a variety of recipes made in Jewish kitchens throughout the world. In the preface of each chapter, informative text provides insight into the way traditional foods were cooked in different areas of the world. I still make my grandmother's matzo ball soup, her gefilte fish and her chopped liver. But everything else I serve comes from the favorite recipes I discovered in Joan Nathan's lovely book.

For those readers who have lost their Mother's or Bubba's recipes The Joan Nathen Holiday Kitchen is a Godsend. Mrs. Nathen writes more than recipes. She gives us history and why the items work for the holiday. When you are at your wits end trying to put together a holiday meal this is the cookbook you will reach for over and over again. I liked the book so much I sent copies to all my kids so they would not be caught without the tools to put out a great Passover meal. There are several recipes just for haroset. The recipe for Homentashen is easy as is the one for rugala. You will find recipes for fish when you don't want meat. Try the challah For those readers who have lost there Mother's or Buba's recipes The Joan Nathen Holiday Kitchen is a Godsend. Mrs. Nathen writes more than recipes. She gives us history and why the items work for the Holiday. When you are at your wits end trying to put together a holiday meal this is the cookbook you will reach for over and over again. I liked the book so much I sent copies to all my kids so they would not be caught without the tools to put out a great Passover meal. There are several recipes just for haroset. The recipe for Homentashen is easy as is the one for rugala. You will find recipes for fish when you don't want meat. Try the Challa recipe. I love this book!

I am giving this book as a gift to a non-Jewish friend. My copy was also given to me as a gift. It should be shared just this way. Love the many different options, including Eastern European, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern dishes. Between my mother in law and myself, we have made a majority of these dishes over the course of the High Holidays, and lesser Holidays. Never a disappointment!

Fantastic Jewish cookbook. I own several great Jewish cookbooks and this is one of them. I have found dozens of recipes that have become family favorites. The stories that go along with the recipes are just as memorable. I think it has changes some over the years--hopefully not too much--because my 20+ year old copy finally need to be replaced. We have a bread machine and make fresh challah every Shabbos , but you have to try the 400 year old challah recipe at least once--it is an experience unto itself. And make sure you follow the odd instructions as written. There are so many wonderful old world recipes that you just won't find in other cookbooks. No matter what else I may gift, I have always included a copy of this cookbook to every Jewish friend who has gotten married (male or female) for as long as I can remember.

I now own several of Ms Nathan's cookbooks, and I absolutely recommend them to all my friends and give them to family as gifts.!. All the recipes bring back so many good childhood memories. The recipes are easy to use, easy to read, and I love searching for old recipes and finding them in her book!!! thank you Ms Nathan.

This is a great cookbook, save for one detail. On the front cover is a photograph of a Shabbat table. Several items are readily identifiable, and the book contains recipes for them: a challah, a fish, hamentashen. However, there is one unidentifiable item - a "loaf" of yellow and white matter contained within some sort of green wrapping which looks more like a banana leaf than anything else, topped with three spears of asparagas. This is the mystery loaf - what is it? My friends and I began by looking up recipes with every possible ingredient, and eventually read through THE ENTIRE BOOK in a fruitless search for this unidentified food item. What is it? Please help!!!

Lots of favorites from my childhood. Easy to follow recipes. Lots of choices for everyone - meat eaters and vegetarians.

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