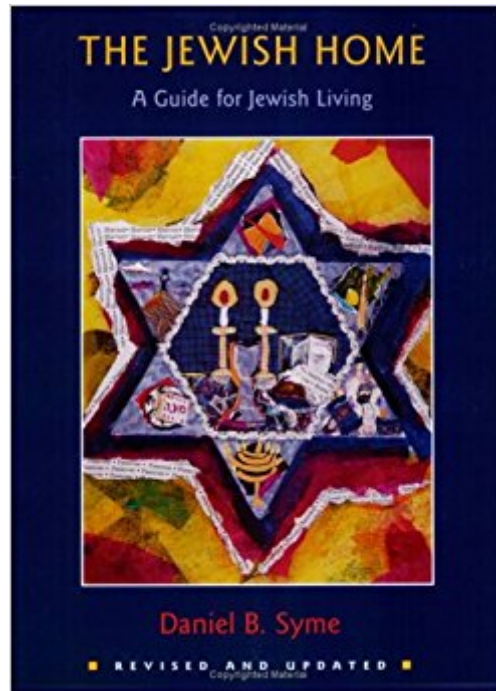




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Synopsis

The Jewish Home explains many of the "whys" of major Jewish holidays and life-cycle events. The birth of a child, the wedding ceremony, b’nei mitzvah, and Shabbat are only a few of the topics discussed in this work. Readers are provided with Jewish rituals and practices, their symbolism, and their historical and cultural roots. Rabbi Daniel Syme has revised this edition to reflect the changes in Reform Judaism and Jewish life that have occurred since its first publication 15 years ago. He presents clear explanations of traditional and contemporary practices in an easy-to-follow question-and-answer format.

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Rabbi Daniel B. Syme holds a doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and was ordained in 1972 from the Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati campus. He served for ten years as director of the UAHC-CCAR Commission on Jewish Education and is now a vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The author or coauthor of nineteen titles on Jewish subjects, Rabbi Syme has also published articles in the fields of Christian-Jewish relations, Jewish social action, and Jewish education. He lives in Stamford, Connecticut, with his wife and son. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I'm currently using this text as an introduction to Judaism for an eventual conversion. It's a phenomenally written book that flows easily, as a conversation would. The book covers many of the

Jewish holidays and provides background information as well as current celebratory practices. The book does a fabulous job of explaining why things are the way they are. After the holidays (which are presented in order as they take place throughout the year) are presented, Rabbi Syme then goes on to cover life cycle events from birth to death, including bar/bat mitzvah, marriage, and divorce. Roughly half of the book covers the holidays and the other half covers the life cycle events. It won't answer every possible question, but it's a valuable book for every Reform Jewish household, or for anyone is curious about Reform Judaism.

Thanks

This book is a great guide to the major festivals. Both historical reasons for traditions and honest questions over historical veracity such as the origin of Purim, give the book intellectual weight. The question and answer format make the knowledge entailed, highly accessible.

Excellent primer on Judaism for adults and teens

This simple, easy to read guide to Jewish holidays and customs was originally written as magazine articles and is the easiest way to learn about any Jewish holiday. Perfect for people considering conversion to Judaism. RAbbi Amy Bernstein

excellent resource

If you are just learning about the jewish way of life this is a good starter book to read and learn from. I often go back and review things with my husband who is new to the jewish way of life.

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