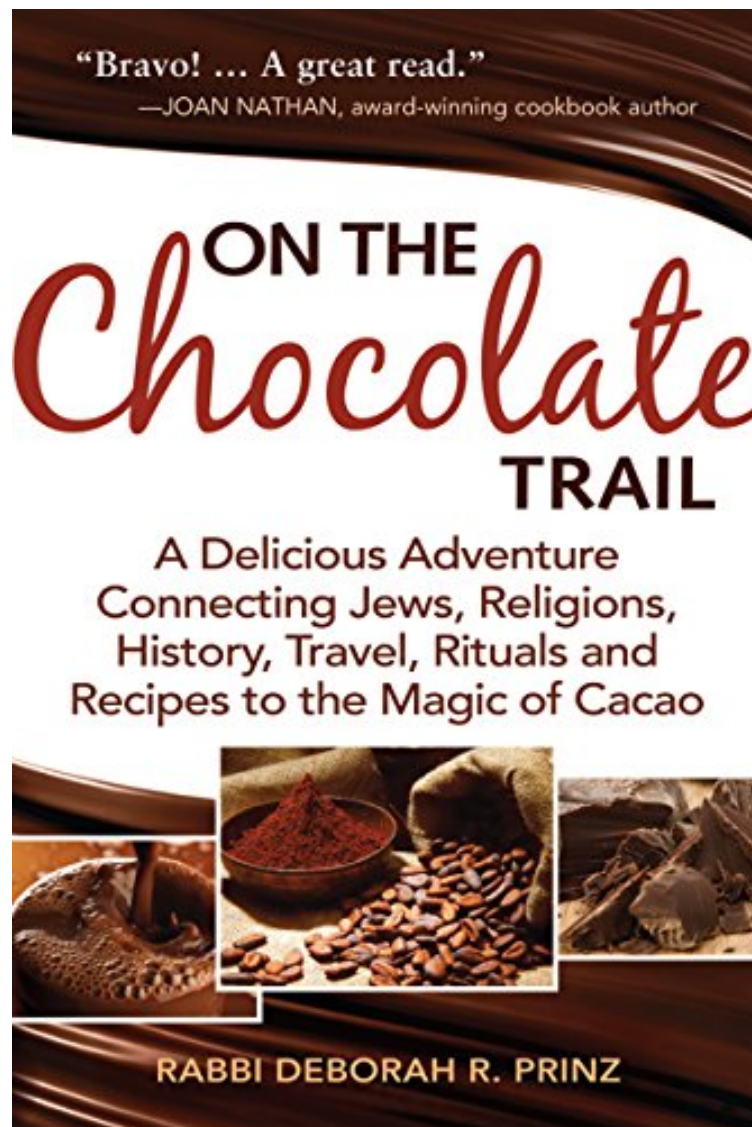


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Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Startling new information, somewhat incoherently organized
By Amy R. The connection between Jews and chocolate wasn't one I knew about until my rabbi, inspired partly by this book, gave a summer course about it. It's fascinating to read about how Jewish merchants from the middle ages on, often prevented by law from owning property, engaged in the trading of chocolate. Other clergy, especially Catholic, seemed to have strong opinions about chocolate, either for or against it. I enjoyed the author's descriptions of the odyssey she and her husband enjoyed, researching information and tasting chocolate. However, there are whole sections where she lists facts about historic in a kind of disjointed way. Then she'll go on with more historic events or description of where she traveled and make more statements about historic figures, sometimes new information about the same people. It's kind of disjointed. The information she uncovered is new and startling. This book needs a huge amount of editing to be a pleasure to read.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Yummy
By Cat 1 on The Chocolate trail was a deliciously interesting book. As a chocolate lover is was very interesting to read about the history of chocolate. I had to restrain myself from running to a local cafe for hot chocolate as I indulged in the book. Ironically enough I was gifted with a molinollo right after I completed the book it was total coincidence. I had had one years ago and was thinking about it when a colleague returned from a quick visit to her home town in Mexico and brought one back to me. Amazing:).
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting addition to my cookery and food shelf.
By englishrose This book does what it says on the cover, and provides a well written, well researched history of how Europe discovered chocolate, thanks largely to enterprising Jewish merchants. It made my mouth water, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. It's not essential reading for anyone, but it deserves a place on your shelf if you're interested in the history of food.

Take a delectable journey through the religious history of chocolate a real treat! Explore the surprising Jewish and other religious connections to chocolate in this gastronomic and historical adventure through cultures, countries, centuries and convictions. Rabbi Deborah Prinz draws from her world travels on the trail of chocolate to enchant chocolate lovers of all backgrounds as she unravels religious connections in the early chocolate trade and shows how Jewish and other religious values infuse chocolate today. With mouth-watering recipes, a glossary of chocolaty terms, tips for buying luscious, ethically produced chocolate, a list of sweet chocolate museums around the world and more, this book unwraps tasty facts such as: Some people including French (Bayonne) chocolate makers believe that Jews brought chocolate making to France. The bishop of Chiapas, Mexico, was poisoned because he prohibited local women from drinking chocolate during Mass. Although Quakers do not observe Easter, it was a Quaker-owned chocolate company Fry's that claimed to have created the first chocolate Easter egg in the United Kingdom. A born-again Christian businessman in the Midwest marketed his caramel chocolate bar as a "Noshie," after the Yiddish word for "snack." Chocolate Chanukah gelt may have developed from St. Nicholas customs. The Mayan Book of Counsel taught that gods created humans from chocolate and maize.

"Bravo! ... Takes us on a roller coaster roll through the history of chocolate, from the beginning when it was only used as a drink to the present day.... A great read."
Joan Nathan, award-winning cookbook author, Jewish Cooking in America; Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous: My Search for Jewish Cooking in France; and other books
"A joy for history and chocolate buffs.... Traces the exciting and curious aspects of the evolution of chocolate. The reader is rewarded with fascinating nuggets of chocolate lore, as well as several yummy chocolate recipes."
Carole Bloom, CCP, author, Intensely Chocolate and Truffles, Candies and Confections
Meticulously researched and whimsically presented. Fascinating facts, amusing anecdotes and mouth-watering recipes.... An instant classic for chocolate devotees of all faiths!
Francine Segan, food historian, chocolate expert and James Beard nominated cookbook author of Dolci: Italy's Sweets
Yes, separate milk from meat. And wool from linen. But do not separate Jews from chocolate. They shall be yoked together for all time. And now we have the definitive book on the topic, an eloquent and astutely researched history.
A.J. Jacobs, editor-at-large, Esquire magazine; author of the New York Times bestseller, The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible, and other books
This engaging journey into the extraordinary past of a much-loved product is packed with fascinating stories and thrilling bits of information.
Claudia Roden, food writer and author of almost twenty classic works on Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cookery; most recently, the award-winning The Book of Jewish Food
Calling all chocoholics.... I devoured this book. Readers beware! Stash fine chocolate in your pack before setting off on this delicious journey across time and space.
Pamela S. Nadell, Patrick Clendenen Chair in Womens and Gender History, American University; author, Women Who Would be Rabbis: A History of Womens Ordination, 1889-1985
A treat! Part history, part travelogue, part cookbook, [it] ... will tantalize all readers and delight chocoholic ones.
Jonathan D. Sarna, Joseph H. Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, Brandeis University
A knowledgeable, surprising and, of course, delicious book. Chocolate lovers (and that includes just about everyone) and Jewish historians alike will be delighted.
Leah Koenig, author, The Hadassah Everyday Cookbook
Fascinating and entertaining ... if youre interested

in Jews or chocolate, you're gonna like this book. If you're interested in both, you're gonna love it :-). Like chocolate itself wonderful as a gift, or you could just get one for you yourself.

Nigel Savage, founder, Hazon: Jewish Inspiration, Sustainable Communities A fascinating ramble through the history of chocolate and the role sometimes central, sometimes peripheral that Jews have played in bringing it from the forests of Africa and Spanish America to your table. The recipes are a tasty bonus.

David M. Gitlitz and Linda Kay Davidson, authors, A Drizzle of Honey: The Lives and Recipes of Spain's Secret Jews A delightful, fascinating read full of history, religion, ethics, anecdotes and recipes that will make you hungry.

Paula Shoyer, author, The Kosher Baker: 160 Dairy-Free Desserts from Traditional to Trendy

About the Author Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz is a popular speaker on the subject of chocolate, Judaism and other religions. A writer and educator, she has published essays about chocolate in popular and professional journals. She is the creator of Jews on the Chocolate Trail, a blog about the connections between Jews and chocolate (visit www.onthechocolatetrail.org).

Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz is available to speak on the following topics: Jews on the Chocolate Trail Did Jews Introduce Chocolate to France? Chanukah and Christmas Chocolate Melt into Gelt Our Dark Addiction to Chocolate Making Ethical Decisions in Our Chocolate Eating