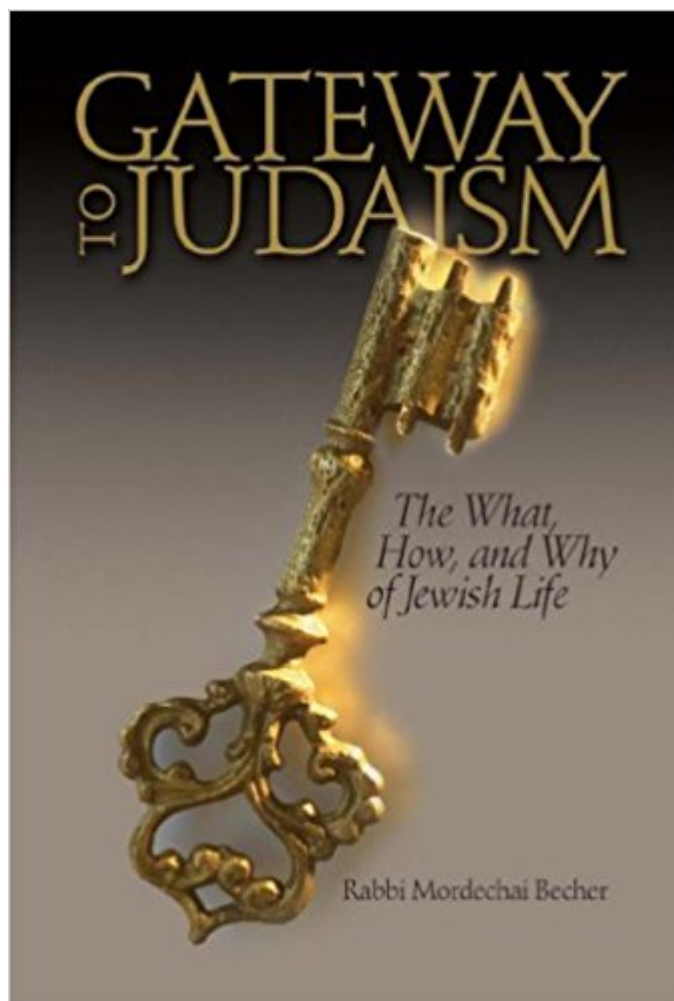


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# Gateway To Judaism: The What, How, And Why Of Jewish Life



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Gateway to Judaism delivers an engaging insider look at the mindset, values, and practices of contemporary traditional Judaism. Rabbi Becher demonstrates that Judaism today is anything but anachronistic rites and disjointed rituals. Rather, his book opens a portal to a vibrant lifestyle that brings joy and meaning to Jewish living. Based on years of answering thousands of challenging inquiries, Becher's work blends elements of Jewish philosophy and law with an intensely practical explanation of how Jews actually live.

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As somebody who grew up completely secular, I can honestly say that, out of all the books that I'd read about Judaism (and there's many), this is by far the best one. More importantly, it's written in a style that is sure to keep the reader entertained, as well as clear and easy enough for anybody, regardless of background, to understand -from those of us who want to reconnect with our roots, to the curious-minded who are simply looking for a good introduction to Judaism. A definite must-read.

This is a must have for those looking to convert, but also great for anyone raised with the traditions but not necessarily the understanding of the why's behind them.

Read this to familiarize myself with the family I married into. It was informative, relatively easy to follow, and had a lot of little stories to help conceptualize certain things. I'd recommend this to anyone new to Judaism.

Wonderful book. Chocked full of information. Very informative. Would definitely recommend to any curious about Judaism.

Very well written and he is an excellent lecturer

I loved reading this book ... it tugged at my emotions and gave me new perspectives on God, life, and everything in between. Judaism is so beautiful, but books rendering it are often tedious; not this one. Of all the books I've read on Judaism (I've started 6, but finished only 4), this is by far my favorite. Every time I re-read a section, I learn something new. The explanations are often brief, precise, but well-stated and thorough. The beginning starts differently than any other book on Judaism - with marriage TWO BECOME ONE - just like in the beginning there was Adam and Eve. He explains how we are incomplete until we find our other half. The first section of the book renders the "cycle of life" and the holidays (the yearly cycle). The next section is about the Torah and the Land. The third section is about the Jewish persona (modesty in dress and material things), eating

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Great informative book!

It is Great

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