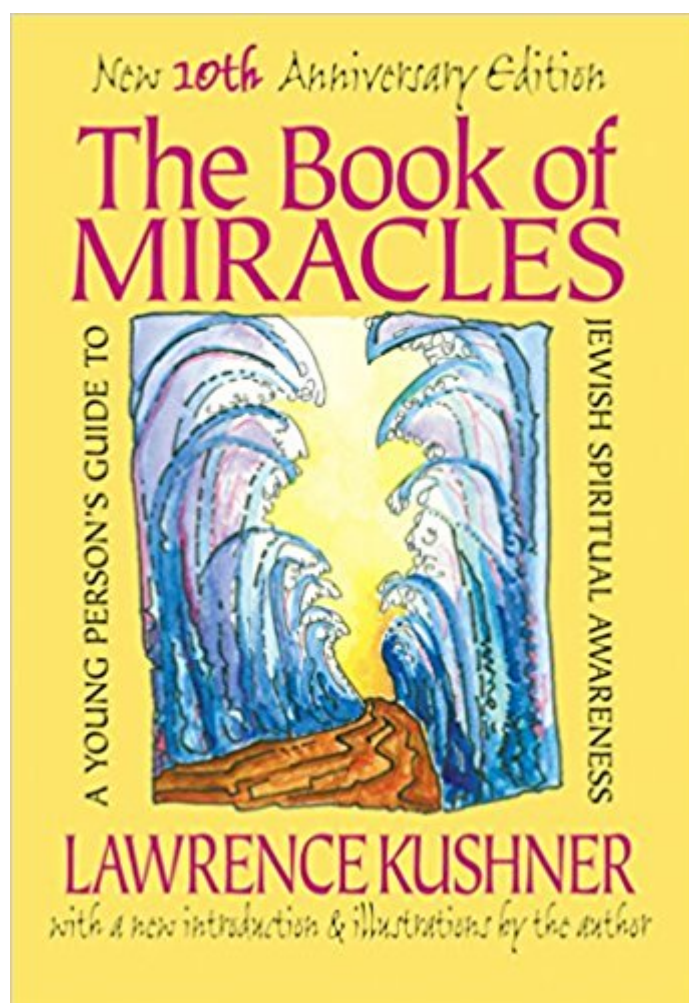


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The Book Of Miracles: A Young Person's Guide To Jewish Spiritual Awareness



Synopsis

Here is a book of spiritual adventure. From the miracle at the Red Sea to the miracle of waking up this morning, this intriguing book introduces young people to a way of spiritual thinking to last a lifetime. Kushner, whose award-winning books have brought spirituality to life for countless adults, here reveals the essence of Judaism in a way kids can understand and enjoy. Easy to read and imaginatively illustrated by the author, *The Book of Miracles* helps young people make the connections between religion, spirituality and everyday life. For parents to read to their children, for children to read to their parents, *The Book of Miracles* encourages kids' awareness of their own spirituality, and shows young people how to use Judaism as a foundation on which to build their lives.

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Customer Reviews

The Book of Miracles: A Young Person's Guide to Jewish Spiritual Awareness brings Lawrence Kushner's funny, warm, smart perspective on Judaism to young readers. (This book will be most popular among kids ages 9 to 13.) Kushner's chapters on "Seeing," "Hearing," and "Doing" tell stories based on the Hebrew Scriptures in a style that is perfect for bedtime reading. "To be a Jew means to wake up and to keep your eyes open to the many beautiful, mysterious, and holy things that happen all around us every day," Kushner writes. "Many of them are like little miracles: when we wake up and see the morning light, when we taste food and grow strong, when we learn from others and grow wise, when we hug the people we love and feel warm." Kushner's goal in *The Book*

of Miracles is to help children learn to ask good questions about spirituality by speaking directly to their concrete way of thinking and their voracious curiosity. The spiritual goal that Kushner guides children to assume is one that many adults will take for themselves as well. "The goal of spirituality is the bringing together of seeing, hearing, and doing into one whole person," he writes. "It is to see yourself mirrored in the heavens above and to realize that the Holy One created you personally to help complete the work of repairing the world." --Michael Joseph Gross

"Many religion books give our young people facts to learn; here is a book which gives them wisdom to remember." --Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, author of God's Paintbrush and Adam & Eve's First Sunset: God's New Day
"The beauty of The Book of Miracles is its universality. Its message, although coming from a Jewish tradition, speaks to the souls of all." --Dr. Ronald J. Valenti, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Baltimore
"A well-written, easy-to-understand, very lovely guide to Jewish spirituality. I recommend it to all teens as a good read."
Kimberly Kirberger, coauthor of Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul
"A wonderful introduction to Jewish spirituality for children but just as importantly, for their parents; it belongs in every Jewish home."
Dr. Ron Wolfson, Whizin Institute for Jewish Family Life, University of Judaism; author of The Art of Jewish Living Series

My daughter once picked this up in services and got really into it, so I bought it for her. It is funny and interesting and good for kids who like to read AND learn about Judaism.

Well written and good reading, both for adults and children. Especially for pre-teen and teenagers.

When my daughter was young I purchased this book for her. It was paperback at that time. My daughter now grown. She read it so many times it became twice its size. I recently purchased it for a gift for a dear friend who has a small child. If the child can read it is wonderful, and if not what a great book to read to them. There is no book that my daughter became so attached to. Highly recommend.

I am a supplementary Jewish school middle school teacher. I have purchased this book to review it as a source for material for my class. However I have decided that it is written in a way that we could use the entire book for our book club. It is thoughtful, inclusive and written in a way that children can relate to. I recommend for class 6-8th grades.

We read these as read aloud bedtime stories - when picture books are "too little" and novels are too stimulating this made for a good night time reading and talking time about the great stories and topics brought up. Works for age 10 and up.

I wanted to be able to share the spiritual aspects of Judaism with a teenager. I thought it was too esoteric and difficult to understand. for that age level

This is a great family book. Appropriate for all ages with wonderful insight into Jewish spirituality.

Kushner writes elegantly of the Jewish faith and introduces children in such a gentle way to their heritage. Lovely book from beginning to end. G-d speaks in this writing.

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