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Jewish As A Second Language: How To Worry, How To Interrupt, How To Say The Opposite Of What You Mean



Synopsis

Now bigger, better, and with more guilt: a completely revised, updated, and expanded second edition (would it hurt to have a little more?) of *Jewish as a Second Language*, the hilarious field guide to Jewish language and culture. Written to help her Gentile husband and others like him who fall for believing a Jewish mother-in-law when she says, "Don't bother driving me, I'll take a cab," *Jewish as a Second Language* shows how to be one of the family • how to worry, how to interrupt, how to change your hotel room. It's not Yiddish. Though non-Jews can endear themselves by learning how to mis-use words like *schmendrick* and *schmatta* • providing both laughs and confirmation of Jewish superiority • this Jewish language is about the complex twists and somersaults of everyday speech, of unexpected nuances, hidden meanings, and swampy thickets of behavior, of wins, losses, and draws in competitions you never knew you entered. It's about the most common OAQs (obsessive anal questions): "This mole looks okay, doesn't it?" "Can Saltines go bad?" "They'll de-ice the wings before takeoff, right?" The Four Basic Shrugs. Acronyms never to use again: NASCAR, STD, and MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, the potentially deadly skin virus that's spread by contact, and also by talking about it casually). The things non-Jews do for fun and what Jews do: Contra dance/Contradict, Read the comics/Read the obituaries, Get your boobs done/Get your taxes done. Stuff never found in a Jewish home (trout flies, a lineoleum knife, a Lay-Z-Boy, a rottweiler) or mouth (Miracle Whip, marshmallow fluff, Bud). So you'll sit, you'll read, you'll laugh until you're nauseous. It's a nice book.

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Forget Yiddish. Real Jewish is a secret language of nuance, argument, and somersaults of

everyday speech; of wins, losses, and draws in competitions you had no idea youâ™d entered. Itâ™s everything from mastering the OAQ (Obsessive Anal Question)â•œTheyâ™ll de-ice the wings before takeoff right?â•œto never, ever believing your mother-in-law when she says, âœDonâ™t bother driving me, Iâ™ll take a cab.â• Now in a revised and expanded second edition thatâ™s bigger, better, and with more guilt, this is the indispensable guide.Â

Molly Katz, author of humorous romance novels, psychological thrillers, and magazine and newspaper articles, is also a former stand-up comedian. She enjoys dancing, cooking, and traveling to places no sane person would go.

Omgosh, I don't even know where to begin to express how much I adore this book! It is the absolute most riotous book EVER! I so love it and have to refrain from reading it in bed with my husband for the simple reason that I have kept him up ALL night ***cackling*** up a storm in bed when he is trying to fall asleep! So now I read it when I'm on long lines at the post office, etc, or just when I want to laugh my tuchus off, lol. It is incredible though how much you realize about yourself, your friends and especially your family when you see that their once thought eccentricities/quirks/idiosyncrasies are inherent to your yiddishkeit roots. I have purchased this book as gifts and without question, I could read this delightful and wonderfully enjoyable book over and over and OVER again and AGAIN!.....I love you, Molly Katz!!!! Thanks so much for all the laughs and great memories from reading this with my husband, family and friends!

This is the 6th book of this that I have purchased as gifts. I bought the first one several years ago and recently bought this updated version. Every time I read this book with friends and/or family, whether Jewish or not, we laugh! It does help if someone is NOT Jewish, to at least be an 'east-coaster' or someone who has been brought up around lots of Jews. There are so many truly hysterical parts to this wonderful book! It is timeless humor. Trust me, don't just buy one as you will most likely give it away like I did!

Gave as a gift and was highly enjoyed by the receiving person.

Excellent updated version of the original. Still funny as ever. Did omit, I think, some of the material from the first book that should have been retained. (I lent out, and never got back, my copy of the first edition, so I can't compare, but I seem to remember something about "lovelynotes" in the first

that I haven't found in the second.)Still, definitely worth buying and reading. So you'll buy... you'll read... you'll laugh till your nauseous! LOL

A great look at Jewish people; like looking in a mirror for me. I began reading this book the day it arrived and could not put it down!! I found myself in nearly every line. This is well written and really leaves the reader with a smile. I found it so refreshing I ordered a copy for a friend. I now plan to order the first book for both myself and my friend. If you want a good laugh and a GREAT read, purchase this book! I am so glad I did! Fast service, top quality item, outstanding price!

I laughed until I cried on just about every page. I had planned to read this on the commuter train, but I be busting up laughing. I'm a recent convert to The Tribe, and I'm laughing at how Jewish I've been all my life. Oy. Read it and plots.

YIDDISH was my Second Language. I bought this bought a few months ago and have shared it with my friends. Its a fun informative book. I am now ordering another copy to gift it to a friend who is home recovering from a serious operation. It will definitely put a smile on his face.

This book is funny well written and worth worth every penny. I bought this for my mother as a gift and she loves it. I don't have much time for leisure reading any more but I have borrowed it from her and found time for it myself. I highly recommend this book!

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