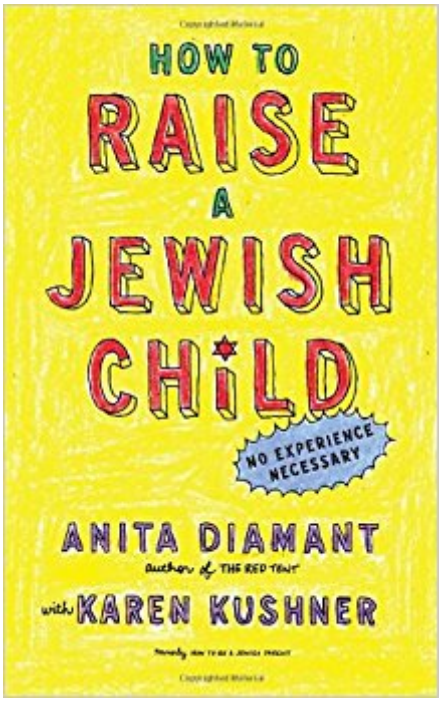
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Synopsis

This updated edition of the classic parenting book combines insights from Jewish tradition with contemporary thinking about how children learn and grow. And it describes the practices, customs, and values that go into creating a Jewish home and raising joyful children within the rich traditions of Judaism.

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Customer Reviews

"Parenting is a wholly human practice, and a holy one." This description of parenting comes from the Preface of How to Be a Jewish Parent by Anita Diamant, with Karen Kushner. At a time when statistics predict continued dilution of Jewish identity, when many "discussions of Jewish parenting seem like a last-ditch effort to preserve an endangered way of life," Diamant and Kushner instead consider parenting to be the project of "raising healthy, joyful human beings within our rich, diverse, life-giving tradition." The first part of the book, "Parents as Teachers," describes how to create Jewish spaces within the home, how to involve children in a Jewish community, and how to teach them about the Jewish calendar. The second part of the book, "Ages and Stages," addresses the particular challenges of raising children in various age groups. And the third section, "Modern Life," speaks to some particularly challenging situations, such as physical, mental, and learning disabilities. Throughout, Diamant and Kushner combine insights from scripture, psychology, education, and everyday experience. Like Diamant's previous books, How to Be a Jewish Parent arrives as the definitive reference in its field. --Michael Joseph Gross --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

How do you advise anyone how to be a parent? With so many parenting styles and types of families today, the answer is almost necessarily to offer choices. In fact, Diamant, author of several Jewish handbooks and the best-selling novel The Red Tent, and Kushner, a clinical social worker, call their easy-to-read guide "a book of choices" whose agenda is "to raise happy, healthy children by providing a window into Judaism’s rich, varied and life-affirming traditions and values." Sections on making a Jewish home, finding community, celebrating holidays and observing life-cycle rituals from birth to death are chock-full of innovative strategies, practical explanations, age-appropriate suggestions and bibliographies to foster Jewish literacy. The book explores every avenue for enriching Jewish life, from affixing a play mezuzah on a doll’s house and having a family joke fest on the joyous Purim holiday to shopping for a synagogue, school or camp. A chapter on conflict acknowledges the tensions that arise between spouses, or between parents and children, based on differing perceptions of "how to be Jewish and how Jewish to be." Diamant and Kushner gear their recommendations to the liberal Jewish community. Parents who are just beginning their Jewish journeys as well as those who are already knowledgeable and experienced will benefit from their wise, creative ideas. (Sept.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I should probably finish the entire book (I’m only through Chapter 2), but this is a great resource for a "beginner". As a Jew by choice, I feel at a disadvantage in instinctively knowing how to raise Jewish children (ie, my parents didn’t model it for me). This book takes a very open minded approach and is certainly geared toward liberal Jews. The tone is not at all condescending, and the authors provide excellent concrete examples of what you can do for/with your children. This includes book recommendations, art projects, and other age appropriate suggestions. If you need some moral support for raising your child Jewish, I would highly recommend this book.

I bought the book hoping to get some insights on making Judaism and morality part of my child’s everyday life. The book didn’t really get into that, but rather focused on some basic concepts of Jewish holiday observance and personal opinions from the authors. We got a lot more out ofÃ Â Sacred Parenting: Jewish Wisdom for Your Family’s First Years, and have recommended that to friends who are planning to have children soon.

This book is clearly written for Jewish families who live in or near Jewish communities. I was hoping

for how parents can raise Jewish children regardless of where they live.

I’m sure it’s a great book but it gave me stress

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We are very secular jews looking to put some of our culture in our child’s life. This book has some good ideas.

Perfect condition, fast delivery...interesting book full of great advice!

Great way to study up on holidays and traditions. Tons for details and explanations but easy to read and understand. A great way to incorporate Judiasm into family life.

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