

# The "Jewish Martha Stewart" Demonstrates Holiday Celebrations with Jewish Style

At last — the Jewish holidays transformed into exquisite celebrations, graced with sublime chic and elegant ease for the contemporary Jewish reader. Combining the flair of Martha Stewart with the warmth and accessibility of a delightful neighbor, Rita Milos Brownstein breathes new life into

traditional Jewish holiday celebrations.

Please join the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte as they welcome Rita Milos Brownstein to Charlotte on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM in Gorelick Hall at the Sandra and Leon Levine

Jewish Community Center Building.

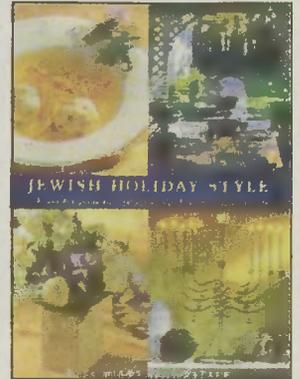
Entertaining in high style creates marvelous holiday memories for your family, your friends, and yourself. For each of the ten major holidays, Brownstein offers suggestions for creative projects that will bring the whole family

together and mouth-watering menus that make it effortless to prepare festivities of true material and spiritual splendor. Her book, *Jewish Holiday Style*, will motivate you to explore your Jewish heritage and use your imagination to make it your own.

*Jewish Holiday Style* is packed with dazzling and inspiring ideas. For Rosh Hashanah, host a honey-tasting party to celebrate the sweetness of a new year. If you love the ocean, observe Sukkot in a sukkah with a seaside motif. Make your own Chanukah menorahs — try a simple cruse of oil that reflects the miracle of the oil in the Holy Temple or an elaborate metal-worked candelabrum that is sure to become a family heirloom. For the Passover table, create personalized pillows for your guests, which will allow them to recline like the royalty of old while you serve a lavish yet simple-to-prepare feast.

As part of this eye-opening tour through the Jewish calendar, Brownstein also highlights the historical origins and religious importance of each major holiday with a delightful essay that brings ancient rituals into the modern day. Think of the fast of Yom Kippur, for instance, as "a day spa for the soul ... the too-rare opportunity to get in touch with the things that really matter." Purim is "the definitive holiday of joy and merriment," commemorating a bright moment in the often somber history of the Jewish people. On Shabbat, "appreciate that you are

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joining the wave of Jews who are kindling their candles as the sun falls, working its way around the world."

At once a handbook of creative ideas and a primer on the spiritual significance of the Jewish holidays, *Jewish Holiday Style* is the first lifestyle book to address these all-important rituals and ceremonies, an elegantly designed volume that blends sensational crafts and delectable cooking with the richness of Judaism's 3,300-year-old tradition. Bursting with fresh ideas and exciting new looks, here, finally, is the book you've been waiting for.

For more information, please call Marnie Moskowitz, Director of Program Development, at 704-944-6764 or email [mmoskowitz@shalomcharlotte.org](mailto:mmoskowitz@shalomcharlotte.org).

Let the holiday celebrations begin. ☆

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## Israeli Children Encourage US Citizens

*Editors Note: Children from the Katzir School in our Partnership 2000 region sent us letters of encouragement following the September 11 tragedy.*

Hi!  
My name is Tanya and I live in Katzir. I am from 9 grade. I only wanted to say that you are not alone. I'm very sorry about what happened at your country and we here in Israel know how you feel. I hope that this year will be better without all the terror problems, and we will live in peace.  
Tanya Liburkin  
"Katzir" school  
email - [tayar1@hotmail.co.il](mailto:tayar1@hotmail.co.il)

Hi!  
I send you same letter that the children from "Katzir" school write. (8 and 9 grade). We feel that we have something in common. We know what all of you feel. Stay strong and believe. We wish that peace will come finally.  
Itzhak Tayar  
"Katzir"

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