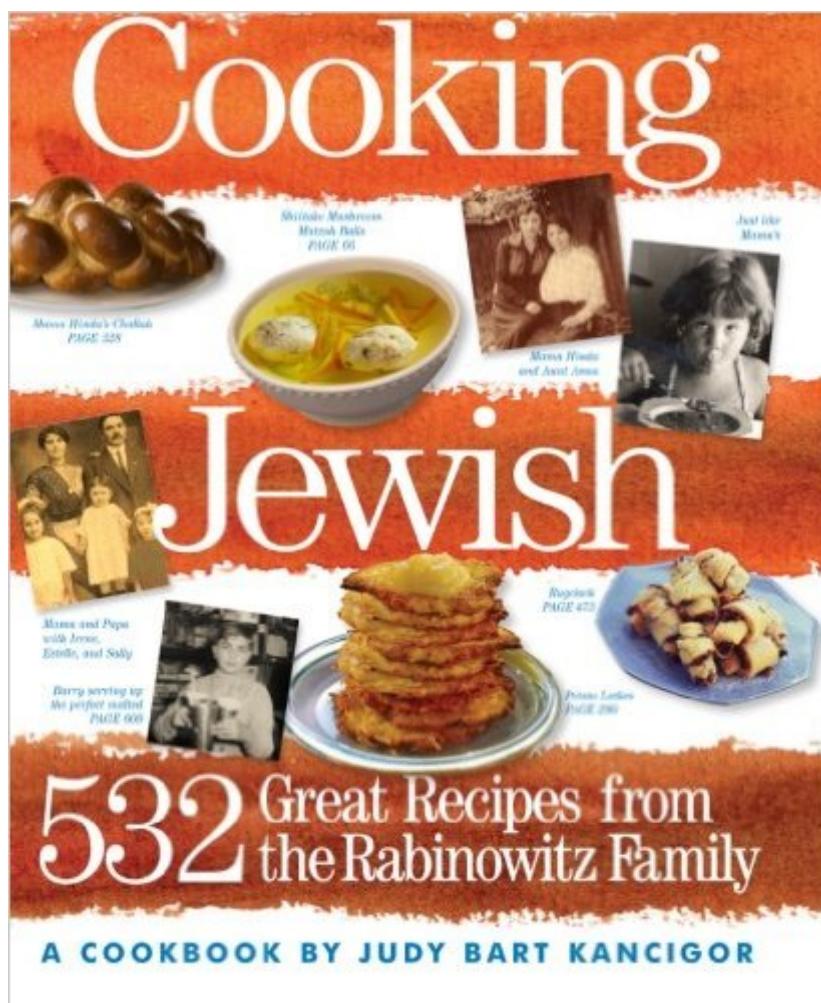


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# Cooking Jewish: 532 Great Recipes From The Rabinowitz Family



## Synopsis

Got kugel? Got Kugel with Toffee Walnuts? Now you do. Here's the real homemade Gefilte Fish and also Salmon en Papillote. Grandma Sera Fritkin's Russian Brisket and Hazelnut-Crusted Rack of Lamb. Aunt Irene's traditional matzoh balls and Judy's contemporary version with shiitake mushrooms. Cooking Jewish gathers recipes from five generations of a food-obsessed family into a celebratory saga of cousins and kasha, Passover feasts and the holiday has its own chapter and crossover dishes. And for all cooks who love to get together for coffee and a little something, dozens and dozens of desserts: pies, cakes, cookies, bars, and a multitude of cheesecakes; Rugelach and Hamantaschen, Mandelbrot and Sufganyot (Hanukkah jelly doughnuts). Not to mention Tanta Esther Gittel's Husband's Second Wife Lena's Nut Cake. Blending the recipes with over 160 stories from the Rabinowitz family by the end of the book you'll have gotten to know the whole wacky clan and illustrated throughout with more than 500 photographs reaching back to the 19th century, Cooking Jewish invites the reader not just into the kitchen, but into a vibrant world of family and friends. Written and recipe-tested by Judy Bart Kancigor, a food journalist with the Orange County Register, who self-published her first family cookbook as a gift and then went on to sell 11,000 copies, here are 532 recipes from her extended family of outstanding cooks, including the best chicken soup ever really! from her mother, Lillian. (Or as the author says, "When you write your cookbook, you can say your mother's is the best.") Every recipe, a joy in the belly.

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If you like to read cookbooks like novels, then you will love reading this book, because it is much more than a cookbook. If you are interested in genealogy, this book is also for you. It is the quintessential example of how to preserve your family stories, history, photos, and of course, recipes. In fact, a genealogist, such as myself, is in awe of the hours of work it took to put together this 704-page book with 532 recipes. Photos of Judy's family are sprinkled throughout the pages complete with captions. Judy's wonderful sense of humor creates a delightful flavor to the book. Located throughout the book are orange boxes which contain precious treasures of family stories. I especially like the one by her son Stu, who made "Spaghetti a la Bradley" for his in-laws only to discover a whole jar of garlic doesn't equal one clove of garlic. Why do these things always happen when cooking for in-laws? Judy was able to secure over 500 recipes from over 200 of her relatives! A family tree is included to keep the family members straight. I agree with Judy when she says that it took a planet, not a village, to write this cookbook. Just when you need one, Judy supplies us with a cooking tip. I wouldn't attempt making challah without following her advice. The tips for making cookies are good reminders. Some of the titles of the recipes could only be found in a family heirloom cookbook, such as "Chicken Stupid!" and "Tanta Esther Gittel's Husband's Second Wife Lena's Nut Cake." Not all of the recipes in the book are traditional Jewish dishes. There's "Sally Kay's Tzatziki Dip" from her son's co-worker, "Taal's Chicken Biryani from Taal Indian Restaurant in Orange County, California, and "Chicken Stir-fry with Walnuts.

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