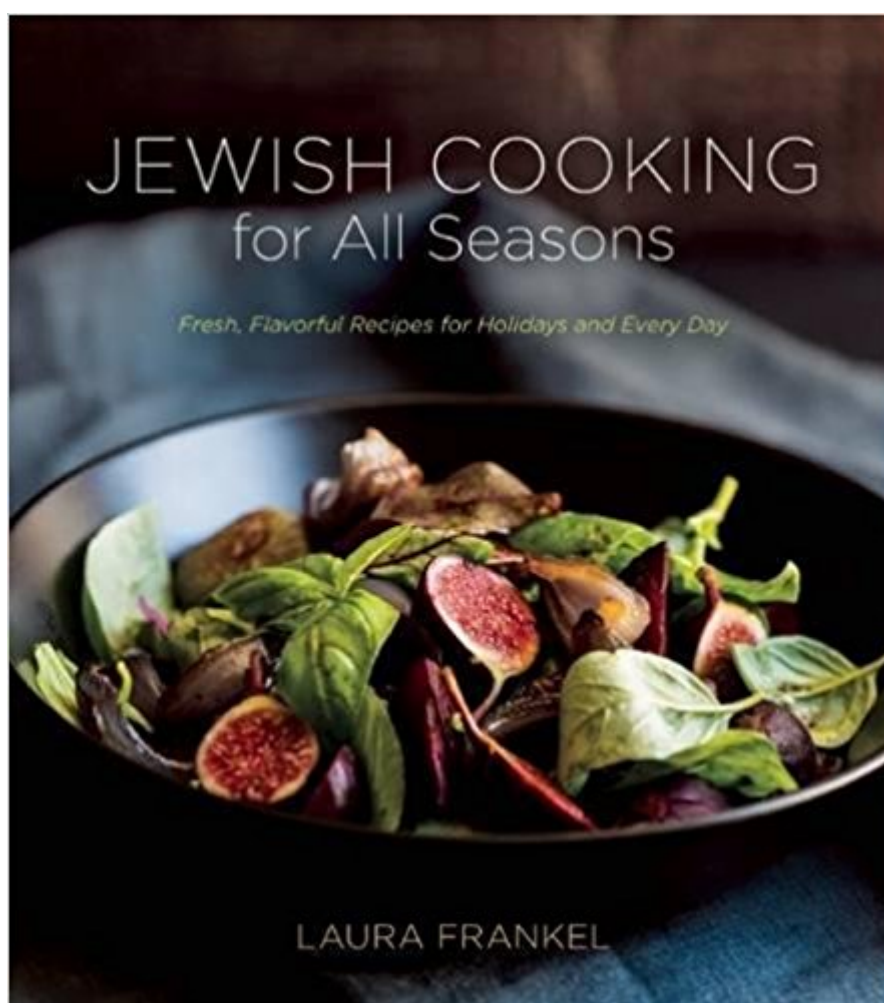


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# Jewish Cooking For All Seasons: Fresh, Flavorful Recipes For Holidays And Every Day



## Synopsis

This first paperback edition of *Jewish Cooking for All Seasons* by Laura Frankel collects more than 150 creative, convenient, and seasonal kosher dishes. From everyday meals to holiday favorites, this book celebrates and updates Jewish cooking with innovative recipes that use fresh, seasonal ingredients. When Chef Frankel opened her first restaurant in 1999, she was driven not only by her love of cooking, but also by the desire to prove that kosher food can be as delicious and exciting as any other type of contemporary cuisine. The same goes in her own kitchen. When her family decided to keep kosher, they gave up eating pork, shellfish, and the combination of meat and dairy—but that didn't mean they wanted to sacrifice flavor. Fresh and top-quality ingredients are key to Frankel's cooking at the Wolfgang Puck K kosher Catering and Café at Chicago's Spertus Institute. So in *Jewish Cooking for All Seasons* she groups 150 delicious recipes by season, allowing home cooks to create wonderful meals year-round—from spring's asparagus and goat cheese lasagna and summer's heirloom tomato salad to fall's roasted butternut squash bisque and winter's braised veal shanks with Moroccan spices. Frankel also groups recipes by holidays, providing menus for Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, and more. Every recipe has make-ahead information for holiday or Shabbat preparation, plus a short introduction that includes tips, serving ideas, or information to heighten your guest's appreciation of the dish. Featuring Frankel's signature blend of convenience and globe-spanning flavors, these recipes are designed to be kosher, yet accessible to eaters of all backgrounds. Anyone looking for fresh, seasonal meals to please family and friends on any occasion will find *Jewish Cooking for All Seasons* an inspiring resource in the kitchen.

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Praise for Chef Laura Frankel and her book *Jewish Cooking for All Seasons*: "The recipes in this book are mouthwateringly delicious. . . This exciting book thoroughly demonstrates that kosher food can be as refined as the most exquisite gourmet cuisine. This is a real winner." —Charlie Trotter "As much as Frankel has her love-hate relationship with matzo, she ends up embracing it with plenty of culinary flair." —Jim Romanoff, *Associated Press* "Chef Laura Frankel, [former] executive chef at Spertus Kosher Catering in Chicago, likes to go all-out for the holiday, celebrating in high style." —Bill Daley, *Chicago Tribune* Praise for Chef Laura Frankel's previous book *Jewish Slow Cooker Recipes*: "Laura Frankel, one of the best chefs I know, has figured out how to make comforting, long-simmering dishes part of her busy life and now part of yours. Her answer is the slow cooker; in her capable hands, it is more sous chef than gadget. Whether you keep a kosher kitchen or not, you and your family will love the wide range of sophisticated recipes in this book." —Wolfgang Puck "Luscious dishes for the fall Jewish holidays. . . . High-quality ingredients and some attention to prep work elevate slow-cooker cooking from monochromatic blobs to holiday-worthy fare." —Deborah Pankey, *Daily Herald* "Just in time for the fall Jewish holidays, Laura Frankel. . . has compiled an attractive and useful book called *Jewish Slow Cooker Recipes*. . . . easy to use, with a cornucopia of basic and exotic recipes." —Beth Janoff Chananie, *New Jersey Jewish Standard*

Laura Frankel is the executive chef and head of food services at the Wolfgang Puck Kosher Catering and Cafe at the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership in Chicago. She is the former chef and founder of Shallots, a kosher fine-dining restaurant located in both Chicago and New York. Chef Laura has training and extensive experience in both savory and pastry kitchens, and has cooked for such dignitaries as Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Rahm Emanuel, Michael Bloomberg, Al Gore, Mikhail Gorbachev, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Steven Spielberg, and many more. She is the mother of three children: Zachary, Ari and Jonah, who all love to cook and eat great food."

I'm not Jewish, but I was fascinated by the premise of this book. I like it...mostly. There's much to like with recipes such as Leek and Onion Tart, Herb Roasted Chicken with Quinoa-Mushroom Pilaf

(the pilaf can be used with many dishes or even as a light dish on its own!), Amaretti, Wild Mushroom Soup, Boeuf Bourguignon and more. While some recipes may be more complex, the instructions are clear and easy to follow. On the other hand, there are NO photos in this book. I may not have to have a photo for every recipe, but in this day and age, it seems a bit ridiculous not to have ANY photos. I'm much more likely to try something completely new and outside my comfort zone if I have an idea of what it should look like when I'm done. Here you're left with just the one photo on the cover, and it's of a simple salad. As I said, there are some great recipes in this book, and it would be great for people trying to eat kosher, yet wanting great food at the same time. If lots of great photos are your thing, you'll want to keep looking. I received a copy of this book from Agate Publishing for my honest review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

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