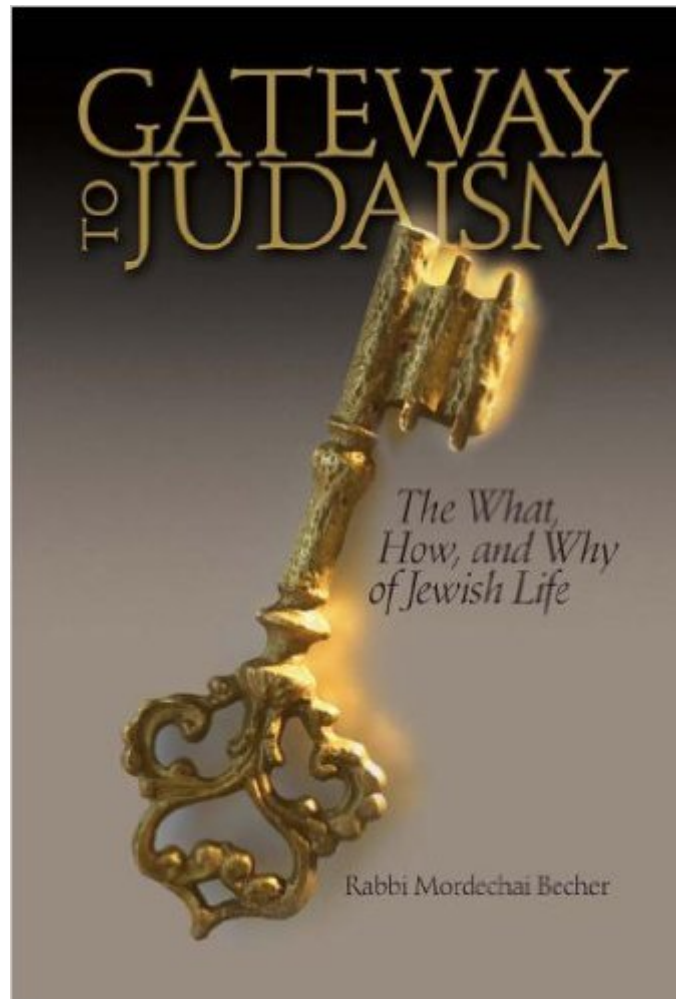


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# Gateway To Judaism: The What, How, And Why Of Jewish Life



## Synopsis

Gateway to Judaism delivers an engaging insider look at the mindset, values, and practices of contemporary traditional Judaism. Rabbi Becher demonstrates that Judaism today is anything but anachronistic rites and disjointed rituals. Rather, his book opens a portal to a vibrant lifestyle that brings joy and meaning to Jewish living. Based on years of answering thousands of challenging inquiries, Becher's work blends elements of Jewish philosophy and law with an intensely practical explanation of how Jews actually live.

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This book is an excellent introduction to Judaism. Excellent detail without too much on any one topic. There's a little bit on Jewish philosophy, Jewish law, life cycle events, and how Jews think of G-d. Highly recommended if you are just starting to learn about Judaism. This book explains the meaning behind Jewish rituals and fills in the numerous gaps in belief/observance that are left by afternoon Hebrew School. Also, it sure beats a Kitzur Shulchan Orech as a Bar/Bas Mitzvah present for a non-religious cousin. As Rabbi Becher observes, it makes little sense to tell a kid what order to tie their shoes in before you tell them what it is to keep Shabbos. Many have traditionally given "To Be a Jew" by Rabbi Donin or "Jewish Literacy" by Rabbi Telushkin as the more modern equivalent of the Kitzur Shulchan Orech, but it seems this book is a better choice. I had the privilege of hearing Rabbi Becher lecture at Ohr Somayach. He is funny, approachable, and a great teacher—three things that oftentimes do not go hand-in-hand. I've known too many Rabbis considered great speakers due to being funny, but found them lacking in their ability to truly teach and/or too aloof

when you approach them to speak one-on-one. Rabbi Becher's voice comes through perfectly in this book, and having spoken to him one-on-one at Yeshiva, heard him speak, and listened to his tapes, I can say he is a great teacher. If you are just starting out to learn about Judaism, buy this book. It will be the best investment of your life (before you plunk down \$1800 for an Artsroll Shas).

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