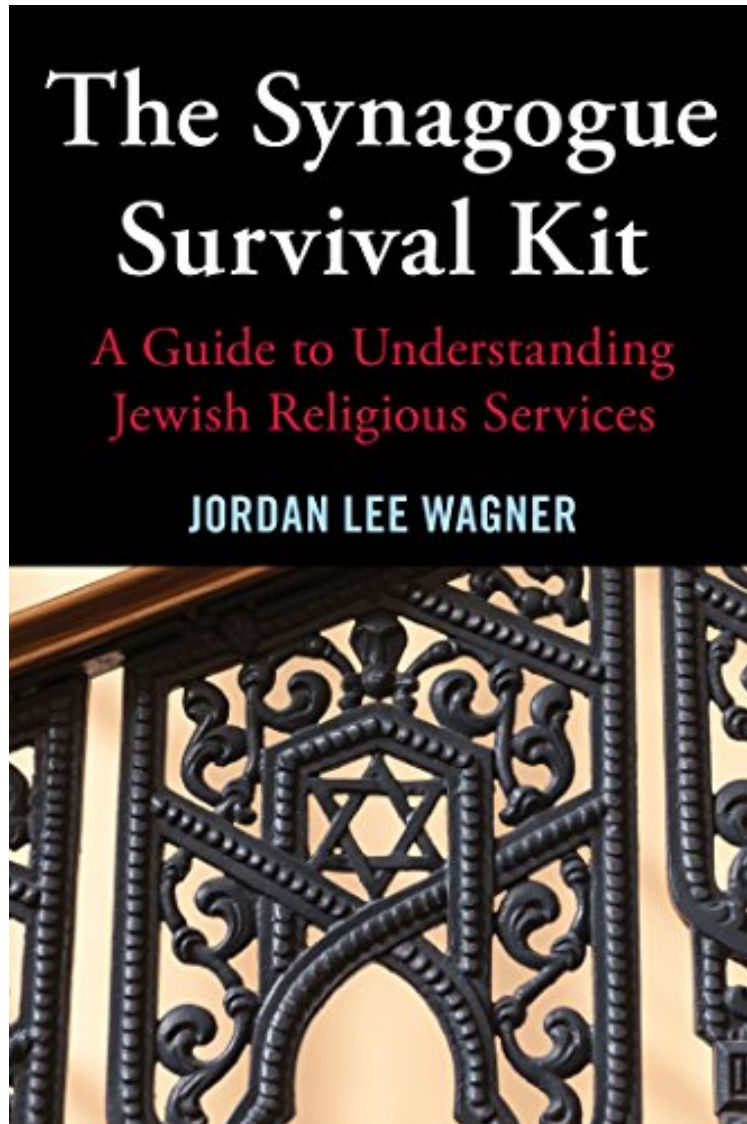


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**Von Jordan Lee Wagner : The Synagogue Survival Kit: A Guide to Understanding Jewish Religious Services** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Synagogue Survival Kit: A Guide to Understanding Jewish Religious Services:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An in-depth guide to synagogue ritual.Von Daniel KaganWagner's book is not what I thought it would be, and in some ways

it is better than I had expected, in some ways worse. What was better about it was that Wagner explains far more about synagogue ritual than I had expected. The book reveals the why behind each prayer, and indeed behind each phrase, in some cases. That kind of depth, I did not expect. Nor did I expect the historical analysis of how the rituals have evolved over the millenia. Having read this book, one gets not only a detailed guide to how and why services are as they are, but also an introduction to Jewish theology in general. All this was an unexpected bonus. So in what sense did Wagner deliver less than I had hoped for? Only in that the book is not a simple quick introduction to what goes on in a synagogue. If you buy this book hoping for a quick evening's read, thinking that after a couple of hours you will have the gist of the synagogue ritual, you will be sorely disappointed. The book, befitting its subject, is far more complex than that, and it truly demands your time and concentration, if you are to derive from it all it has to offer. But for those willing to devote the necessary time, it gives an unparalleled insight into Jewish services, and one which I have found completely absent from Jewish literature until now. Mazel Tov to Wagner for filling that gap!

**Kurzbeschreibung** In an effort to counter the confusion and isolation often experienced by a novice synagogue-goer, as well as by many who regularly attend synagogue, *The Synagogue Survival Kit: A Guide to Understanding Jewish Religious Services* offers introductions and instructions for all aspects of the synagogue experience. No matter what kind of synagogue you attend, the roadmap is the same. Some synagogues may read certain prayers in English translation rather than the original Hebrew or replace some traditional prayers with newer versions, but the service will still touch on the same topics in the same order for the same reasons. If you know the structure of the traditional service, you can readily find your place in any other one. The Synagogue Survival Kit maps the complete traditional service structure and points out the changes commonly encountered in different congregations in an effort to counter the confusion and isolation often experienced by novice synagogue-goers and regular attendees, alike. Always mindful of the sophisticated, adult reader with little or no Jewish background, Jordan Lee Wagner clearly and comprehensively explains the practices, vocabulary, objects, and attitudes that one can expect to find in any synagogue.

**Pressestimmen** Wagner has written a clear and easy-to-read guidebook on the Jewish synagogue experience for the Jewish or non-Jewish individual who would like some beginning lessons and insight into what goes on when Jews gather to pray in a congregation. *Library Journal* Have you ever wanted to attend a traditional Jewish service but were intimidated because you were afraid you couldn't follow what was going on? Or have you ever felt totally lost at a service with no one to turn to for help? ... Then *The Synagogue Survival Kit* may be for you. *Jewish Advocate* To anyone unfamiliar with the synagogue service, the prayers and the rituals may seem like a 'confusing hodge-podge of activity.' Wagner provides a simple, detailed, and thorough road map for navigating the service and understanding its structure and content. *Publishers Weekly* Perfect for Jews rediscovering their own traditions, Jews by choice and others who wish to participate in Jewish events. *Publishers Weekly*  
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