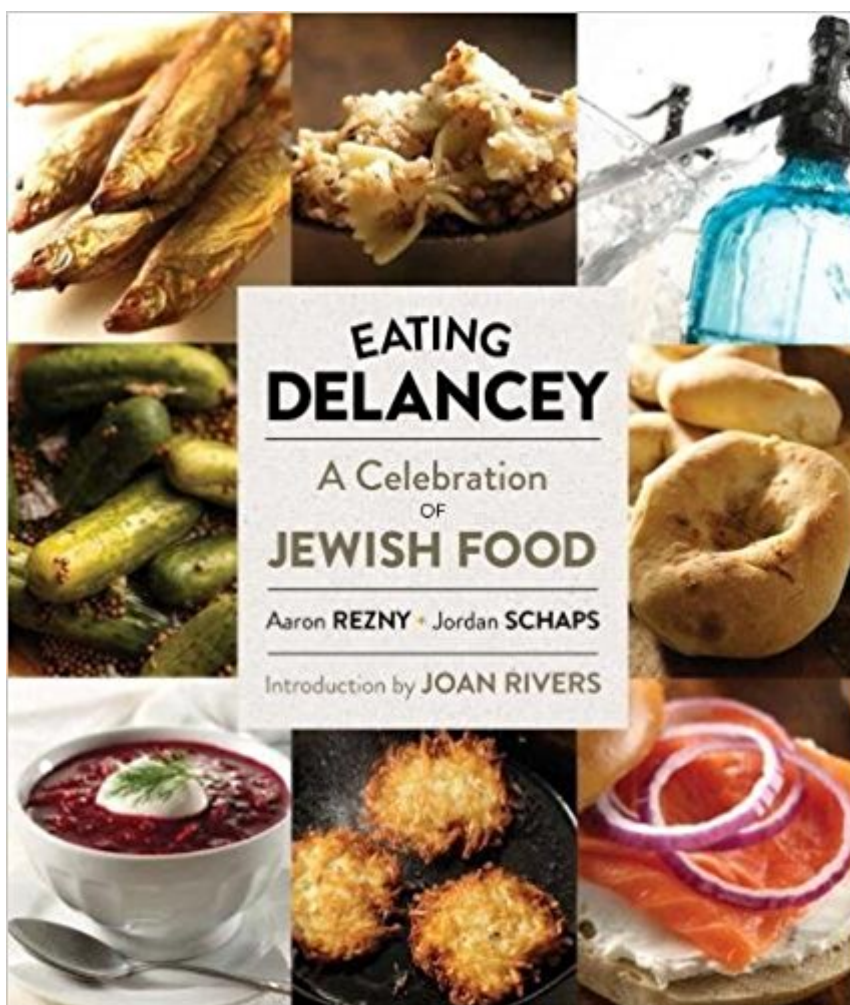


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# Eating Delancey: A Celebration Of Jewish Food



## Synopsis

Delancey Street in New York conjures up an entire world of Yiddishkeit, "The quality of being Jewish; the Jewish way of life or its customs and practices." Delancey, and the streets that cross it in the Lower East Side—Ludlow, Essex, Orchard, Rivington, and its "sister" street to the north, Houston Street—are the historical home of Jewish immigrants and thus a cradle of that unique Jewish experience. All the foods that were brought to America in the early 20th century by Jews during the great emigration from Europe came to the Lower East Side: knishes, bagels, lox, pastrami, whitefish, dill pickles, kasha, herring (in multiple variations), egg creams, and much more. It is an area that continues to undergo rapid change but *Eating Delancey* hopes to capture forever the Jewish cuisine of the Lower East Side. *Eating Delancey* is a compilation of gorgeous photographs of classic Jewish food, with profiles and recipes from classic LES Jewish eateries such as Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse, Russ & Daughters Appetizers, Katz's Delicatessen, Yonah Schimmel Knish Bakery, and Ratner's. These are complimented by celebrity reminiscences from Bette Midler, Jackie Mason, Itzhak Perlman, Joshua Bell, Don Rickles, Fyvush Finkel, Isaac Mizrahi, Lou Reed, Arthur Schwartz and Milton Glaser.

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## Customer Reviews

"Just leafing through this mouthwatering collection of essays, recipes, and reminiscences from eclectic contributors will trigger your salivary glands and steer you to that pile of takeout menus, an online reservation site or even your own kitchen."- The New York Times "Many books have delved into the psyche of Jewish people through their food -- but this book succeeds as a true work of art."-

The Huffington Post "Eating Delancey" is a testament to these words "veracity . . . food is so much more than just fuel, whether as a connection between a father and daughter or among a vast community of a historically uprooted people . . . so compelling." - Wall Street Journal "Even if you don't have roots steeped in Jewish culture, the unmistakable themes of hard work, pride, family and food resonate in each story and dish. These essays are what make the book such an exceptional find." - Food Network Dish "A literary masterpiece." - Anthony Dias Blue, recipient of the James Beard Award and celebrated food critic "Nestled between the profiles of legendary establishments and stories of family memories are also a number of recipes that reveal the secrets behind beloved treats." - Brain Pickings "For those celebrating Hanukkah, here is a mouth-watering celebration of tradition. Beautifully illustrated with food porn and vintage Lower East Side shots, it gives us old-school recipes for chopped liver, matzo balls, kasha varnishkes. " - New York Post "For those Rivers' aficionados out there, this book is the perfect Chanukah gift as one can read about the iconic comic's adoration for many traditional Jewish foods." - Jewish Voice "Schmaltzy recipes, schmaltzy memories: delicious!" - The Jewish Week " . . . rounded out with enticing photos of entrees, nostalgic flashes of old New York, and loving memories of being 'a New York City kid' . . . savory images of authentic Jewish foods." - Chronogram "The book is filled with beautiful photos and recipes." - Bustle " . . . a tribute to knishes, bagels, pickles and other staples of the Jewish immigrant community of Manhattan's Lower East Side. " - Associated Press "The book reminds me of an animated conversation over a festive Jewish meal: It moves fast from one topic to another, with stories, jokes and bits of history interspersed among lots and lots of food talk, and always "always" no matter how stuffed you may be, it gets you fantasizing about what you'll be eating next." -The Forward As Seen In: The Daily Meal In Style.com

Aaron Rezny has spent more than 20 years shooting food and tabletop photography. Rezny, the son of Polish immigrants, began his photographic career at an early age and eventually established his own studio in 1979. His photography has been featured in major marketing campaigns for Nestlé, Duncan Hines, Kellogg's, Russell Stover, Nabisco, and Applebee's among other brands. His work has also appeared in New York Magazine, Bon Appetit, Food & Wine, and The Wall Street Journal. Jordan Schaps began his photo-directing career at New York magazine in 1978. Schaps quickly rose to Photography Director at New York and went on to act as concept/creative director of features for InStyle, GQ, The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, and other magazines. Schaps also produced advertorials for Lincoln Motor Cars, JC Penney, and Knoll International. He contributed to the books XXX: 30 Porn Star Portraits (Bulfinch, 2004), and Miami

Beach: Blueprint of an Eden (Trans-Atlantic, 2005).

Absolutely unique and interesting. It delves into the culture and the ethnic eating habits so tastefully. The jokes were a surprise bonus.

I gave the book to my cousin in Myrtle Beach. She hasn't stopped raving about it. She is from Brooklyn and is a fabulous cook. The recipes are just like our families made. The pictures are marvelous. She is printing a copy of the Charlotte Russe to hang in her kitchen. She sent a copy to her sister in Mass. and I sent another to my friend on Roosevelt Island. The comments are universally more than positive. The only complaint is about the print. It is hard to make out in some places. I have never given a gift with such happy results.

Unique book. Better than described. Thank you.

What can I say? If you've: grown up eating any of these foods; lived any length of time in NYC or other places with a large Eastern-European Jewish (Ashkenazi) population; or are just interested in this type of cuisine, then this is a book for you!

The designers of the book were concerned only with design resulting in many pages and titles that are illegible as the ink is almost the color of the paper. assanine design. they created a book not to be read but placed on the cocktail table for looks.

Wonderful stories and recipes. Truly captures the Delancey spirit.

This is a terrific book and a great gift for anyone who loves food or gets yearnings for some of the featured delicacies you can only find in one place -- New York City. It's well designed, written and produced with the photography as sumptuous as the subject matter. Congratulations to the creators!

Just got my copy of Eating Delancey today. This New York Irish girl is positively plotzing. Cannot wait to send a copy to my father-in-law -- a lifelong devotee of Guss' Pickles, Yonah Schimmels and everything else from Delancey to Essex Streets. What a wonderful book. To those of NYC and/or Jewish ancestry -- buy Eating Delancey for yourself, or for anyone on your holiday gift list who is

lucky enough to claim the same lineage. Immediately.

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