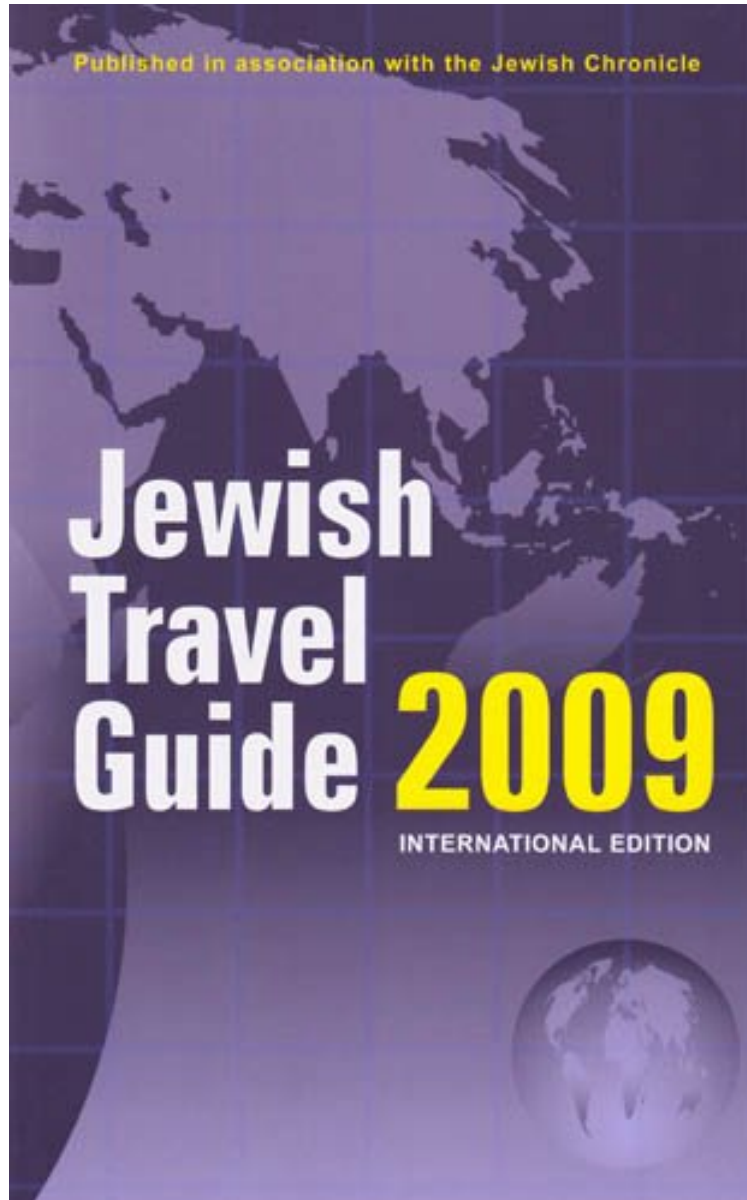


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From Brand: Vallentine Mitchell : Jewish Travel Guide 2009: International Edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jewish Travel Guide 2009: International Edition:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Could have been much betterBy Readz AlotThis is a helpful guidebook for any Jewish traveler. For every country in the world with a Jewish community or history, it lists

synagogues, kosher restaurants, mikvahs, community organizations, important museums/tourist sites, schools, and more. Most listings include telephone numbers, and some offer web and email contacts. I really wanted to like the book and be able to give it a glowing review, but I can't, because it has several significant flaws.

1. The layout is often confusing and hard to read. For the U.S., for example, listings are broken down by state, then county, then city. But the typeface for the state heading (i.e. "Ohio") is tiny, and there are no running headers on the top of the page. So it's VERY hard to locate the community you are looking for, and if you don't know the county, it will take even more time. (This same arrangement is also used for Canada, the U.K. and Australia, but at least those countries have fewer pages overall, and no 'county' level listings. France is divided by geographic region, with the same issues.)
2. The synagogue listings don't always note what type of congregation it is (reform, orthodox, progressive, etc.), and it's not even clear, at times, if a synagogue is open and in use, or is just of tourist interest.
3. The book is NOT complete or up to date. There are several synagogues (major synagogues in large cities) that I am familiar with, that are not listed. Conversely, the book lists businesses that have been closed for years ... even decades. (The book would have us believe, for example, that there are only Orthodox synagogues in Seattle, Washington.)
4. Some major layout glitches. The listings for Honduras and Hungary are mixed together, as are those for Sri Lanka and Surinam. Again, a useful tool, but don't rely on it to be complete OR up-to-date, and you'll need time and patience to find what you're looking for.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. not current information
By Celia Levy
I live in San Diego and all reviews relating to restaurants in this area are closed. Therefore I am concerned that the information provided for other areas and countries are not accurate

0 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A must pick for the sight-seeing Jew
By Midwest Book Review
Some places are more accommodating of one's faith than others. "Jewish Travel Guide 2009" is the must get guide for Jews who want to travel the world and be prepared for the challenges they will face in their faith along the way. Everything from the serious such as anti-semitism, to the convenient locations of local synagogues and kosher eateries, to interesting historic sites for the Jewish people around the world is covered. "Jewish Travel Guide 2009" is a must pick for the sight-seeing Jew.

For almost fifty years the Jewish Travel Guide has been the essential reference book for all Jewish travellers worldwide - whether travelling on business, for pleasure or to seek their historical roots. Rigorously edited and updated every year, each country has a short commentary including demographic details, emergency numbers and dialling codes. Other information includes restaurants, mikvaot, synagogues, theatres, embassies, museums, hotels, booksellers, cultural festivals, media, community organisations, groceries, bakeries, kosher food, butchers, delicatessens, libraries and tourist sites. There's even a guide to kosher fish across the world. The Jewish Travel Guide is universally recognised as the ultimate source of information for the Jew abroad. The Jewish Review says, "It is a must for every traveller", the Jewish Chronicle observes, "The book validates its motto: 'Don't go without it'", while The Jerusalem Post comments, "The Guide offers a well-rounded demographic portrait of world Jewry today, serving as much as a handbook and resource for professionals in the Jewish world, as a travel guide." The Jewish Travel Guide is the essential travelling companion, making your journey even easier and more pleasurable!