

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz

- What surprised you the most about the connections in the book between chocolate and religion?
- Do you agree with the criteria for selecting quality chocolate that Prinz lays out? Would you add anything else? Which certifications will you look for in your future chocolate purchases?
- Did you have any favorite chocolate rituals, customs or stories in your family or community? (Share them in the Chocolate Chronicles! www.jews-onthechocolatetrail.org/contact)
- The Catholic Church exhibited ambivalence toward chocolate. Why do you think there was less ambivalence in the Jewish community?
- Which of the several narratives about chocolate makers resonated most for you and why?
- What might these findings about chocolate and religion suggest about the future of interreligious dialogue?
- What adventures might be next on your personal chocolate trail?

Chocolate Tasting Suggestions for Book Clubs:

Since it is very hard to read or discuss chocolate without eating any, here are some tasting suggestions for participants to consider:

Prepare recipes from the book to share.

Bring favorite chocolate treats or recipes.

Invite local chocolate maker(s) to contribute samples and/ or speak to your group.