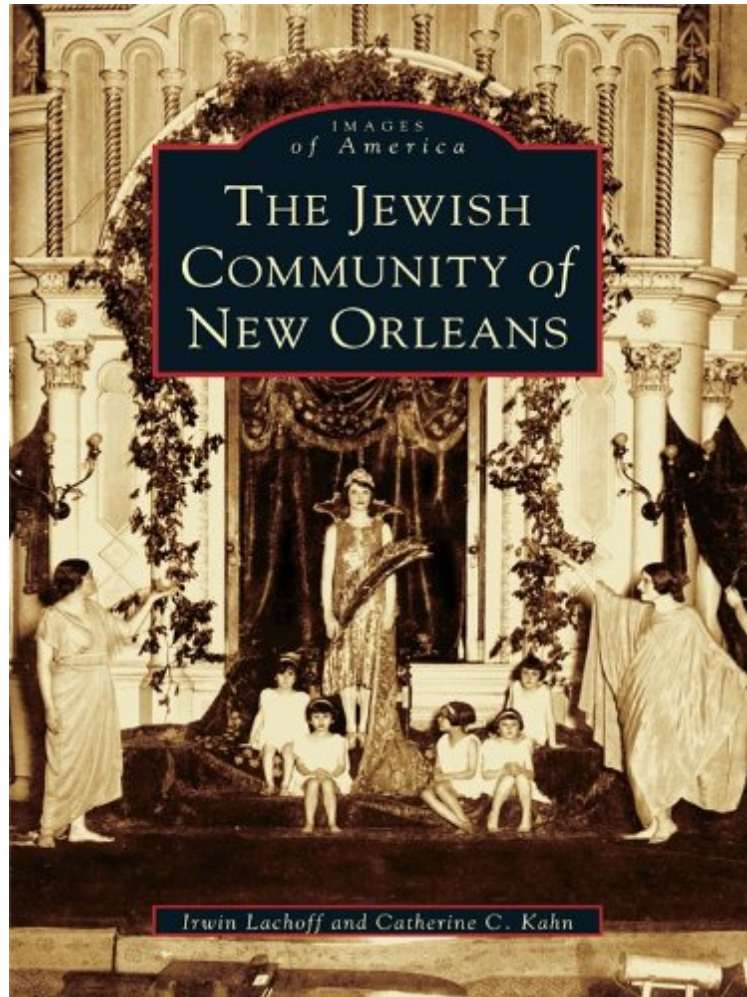


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**Irwin Lachoff, Catherine C. Kahn : The Jewish Community of New Orleans (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Jewish Community of New Orleans (Images of America):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Amazing monument to New Orleans By R. Cannata I own a dozen or more of these local history photo volumes in this Images of America series by Acadia. This is one of my favorites. Individual portraits and archit. are both covered. Its an amazing education in how so many of the most prominent buildings and institutions of New Orleans were build and sustained by members of the small Jewish community. Judah Benjamin "the brain of the Confederacy" and the first Jewish US Senator; Judah Tuoro; owner of the Tulane president's mansion on St. Charles; Latter (home is now St Chas. public library), etc. Clearly -- the Jewish community here has long been one of the most gifted and active in the country. Yet another example of just how unique New Orleans is. A good companion to this volume would be the dry but VERY informative book by Bertram Korn, The

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This is a great book that is easy to read. If you love history, especially history of the Jews of New Orleans or the South, this book is a "must have." Not only did I enjoy reading it, but so did my 13 year old son. There are great pictures in the book, too. The book would make a perfect gift for Chanukah, wedding, anniversaries, birthdays, or Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. Hope to see more books by this author very soon!!!  
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By Customer  
This book was published just in time! Right after its release Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast. Many of the original photographs, which belonged to local families were damaged, or lost. I only wish the book had been bigger!

New Orleans is not a typical Southern city. The Jews who have settled in New Orleans from 1757 to the present have had a very different experience than others in the South. New Orleans was a wide-open frontier that attracted gamblers, sailors, con artists, planters, and merchants. Most early Jewish immigrants were bachelors who took Catholic wives, if they married at all. The first congregation, Gates of Mercy, was founded in 1827, and by 1860, four congregations represented Sephardic, French and German, and Polish Jewry. The reform movement, the largest denomination today, took hold after the Civil War with the founding of Temple Sinai. Small as it is in proportion to the population of New Orleans, the Jewish community has made contributions that far exceed their numbers in cultural, educational, and philanthropic gifts to the city.

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