

Pathfinder for **Jewish Book Month** at Madison County Public Library

This guide contains books available at the public libraries in Berea and Richmond that are either by Jewish authors or are about Jewish people, Jewish history, or the Jewish religion. It also includes some related media.

Subject Headings to Use:

Many subject headings about Jewish issues will start with the words “Jewish” or “Jews”, or words such as “Judaica” or “Judaism”. Add subheadings and related headings to find what you want, such as Jewish “art and symbolism”, Jewish “Fiction” or “Theater”, Jews “in literature”, etc. Look for subheadings that might have something to do with social issues, such as “Social conditions”, “Discrimination”, “Personal narratives”, and so on.

Jewish art and symbolism

Jewish children--Fiction.

Jewish children in the Holocaust

Jewish community centers

Jewish law

Jews—Civilization

Jews--Poland--Warsaw--History--20th century

Jews—United States—Biography

Jews-United States--Fiction

Judaism--Relations--Islam

Search also for closely related subjects, such as:

Ashkenazim

Hebrew language

Hebrew literature

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Israel

Kabbalah

Righteous Gentiles in the Holocaust

Sephardim

Torah

World War, 1939-1945

Yiddish Literature

Yiddish Language

Zionism and Judaism

National Jewish Book Award:

This award is presented by the Jewish Book Council in a variety of categories since 1948, the **National Jewish Book Awards** recognize outstanding contributions to Jewish literature and Jewish cultural life in the United States. These are the titles available at the public library: For more information visit <http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/awards/>.

Malamud, Bernard. *The Assistant*. National Jewish Book Award, 1958.

Uris, Leon. *Exodus*. National Jewish Book Award, 1959.

839/Singer, Isaac Bashevis. *The Slave*. National Jewish Book Award, 1963.

Bellow, Saul. *The Actual*. National Jewish Book Award, 1997.

Roth, Philip. *The Human Stain*. National Jewish Book Award, 2000.

Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Everything Is Illuminated*. National Jewish Book Award, 2001

Chabon, Michael. *The Final Solution*. National Jewish Book Award, 2005.

Horn, Dara. *The World to Come*. National Jewish Book Award, 2006.

Shalev, Meir. *A Pigeon and a Boy*. National Jewish Book Award, 2007.

Manseau, Peter. *Songs for the Butcher's Daughter*. National Jewish Book Award, 2008.

Grossman, David. *To the End of the Land*. National Jewish Book Award, 2010.

Writers to Know:

Chaim Potok. Using his background as a rabbi and scholar, Potok is known for his authentic portrayal of the clash between time-honored Jewish thought and modern Jewishness.

YA/Aud/Pot *The Chosen*.

F/Pot *My Name is Asher Lev*.

F/Pot *Davita's Harp*.

F/Pot *The Promise*.

Saul Bellow. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Nobel Prize for Literature and three-time winner of the National Book Award, Bellow's characters continue to inspire readers who feel a similar sense of disconnection with modern society.

LT/F/Bel *Ravelstein*.

F/Bel *Herzog*.

Faye Kellerman. Current writer of popular suspense fiction with a strong Jewish setting. Faye Kellerman's immensely popular Suspense novels featuring Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus have a strong connection to Jewish religion and culture, but also a universal appeal to fans of police procedurals, due to her skill in creating a compelling story inhabited by captivating characters. Kellerman's books can be filled with emotion and human drama, as in *Day of Atonement*, when Peter meets his half-brothers for the first time; or in *The Forgotten*, where Rina's synagogue is defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti and pictures of Nazi death camps; or in *Prayers for the Dead*, which discusses Rina's life before she met Peter. Below is a partial list of Faye Kellerman's novels available at the library.

F/Kel *Day of Atonement*.

The Forgotten.

Jupiter's Bones

Justice.

Moon Music.

Prayers for the Dead.

Street Dreams.

Philip Roth. Sensual and autobiographical, Roth's novels are often humorous and candid while dealing with weighty subject matter.

LT/F/Rot and F/Rot *Nemesis*.

LT/F/Rot and F/Rot *The Humbling*.

F/Rot *Everyman*.

The Plot Against America.

I Married a Communist.

American Pastoral.

Operation Shylock : A Confession.

Portnoy's Complaint.

Elie Wiesel. Compelled to write about his own survival after internment at a concentration camp, Wiesel's spare writing style encompasses fiction and non-fiction with equal solemnity.

F/Wie *The Judges*.

J222/Wie *King Solomon and His Magic*

Ring.

B/Wie *All Rivers Run to the Sea : A*

Memoir .

296.4/Hag *Haggadah. English & Hebrew*.

F/Wie *The Forgotten* .

940.54/WIE *Night* .

AUD /940.548/WIE *Night* .

Modern Literature By Jewish Authors and/or About Judaism:

- ***Barney's Version*** by Mordecai Richler. The urban sensibility of immigrant Jewish Montreal is chronicled in this darkly satirical portrait of 67-year-old Barney Panofsky, who decides to set the record straight about his Bohemian days in Paris and London in the 1950s, his circle of famous and infamous friends, his career as a television producer, and his wildly unsuccessful relationships with women.
- ***The Book of Dahlia*** by Elisa Albert. A young Jewish-American woman learns that she has brain cancer and through a series of flashbacks examines her wasted life.
- ***Certain Girls*** by Jennifer Weiner. No longer famous, journalist Cannie Shapiro writes science fiction under a pen name while raising her teenage daughter, who is about to turn 13 and have her Bat Mitzvah, and considers her husband Peter's request to have Cannie's flamboyant sister provide surrogate services so that they can have a second child.
- ***The Dream of Scipio*** by Iain Pears. An ancient manuscript called "The Dream of Scipio" links three separate centuries--the fifth, the end of the Roman Empire; the fourteenth, the time of the Black Death; and the twentieth during World War II--and three stories of love, all set in Provence.
- ***Everything is Illuminated*** by Jonathan Safran Foer – The story of a young man on a journey across Eastern Europe searching for the woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis, juxtaposed with flashbacks from a hidden past.
- ***A Hatred For Tulips*** by Richard Lourie. In modern-day Amsterdam, an elderly man named Joop describes his desperate efforts to feed his starving family during the Nazi occupation of World War II and reveals how his struggle to provide for them set in motion a horrifying chain of events.
- ***The Last Jew*** by Noah Gordon. The Great Expulsion of 1492 provides the backdrop for this novel of holocaust that follows a thirteen-year-old Spanish Jew named Yonah as he tries to avoid the Inquisition.
- ***The Last Kabbalist in Lisbon*** by Richard Zimler. This remarkable novel is based on a centuries-old manuscript written by ... a Portuguese Jew who witnessed the Lisbon massacre of 1506, when Christian fanatics killed and burned hundred of Jews. In an introduction, Zimler states that while his novel is "more than a translation," it is also largely true to the original manuscript. The work that emerges... is a complex, demanding, but extremely moving account of a horrific moment in human history...
- ***The Last of the Just*** by Andre Schwarz-Bart. The novel "traces the martyrdom of the Jews through 36 generations of the Levy family, culminating with the death of Ernie in the Auschwitz concentration camp. The thread that runs through the narration is the ancient Jewish tradition of the Lamed-Vov, according to which the world reposes upon 36 Just Men, who often are not aware themselves of the position they hold...A valuable addition to the titles on the Holocaust."
- ***Maus: A Survivor's Tale*** by Art Spiegelman – This Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel and autobiography of a son of Holocaust survivors provides a unique look into the horrors that touched their lives forever.
- ***Mona in the Promised Land*** by Gish Jen. In 1968, teenager Mona Chang and her family discover a confusing new world filled with ethnic complexities when they move to exclusive Scarshill, New York. The success of their pancake restaurant has enabled the Changs to move to "the promised land". Drawn by the good schools and the majestic landscaping, the Changs are unprepared to deal with their daughter's attempts to assimilate into the community, namely, her decision to convert to Judaism. As Mona takes instruction from an unconventional rabbi, the Changs are at first bemused and then thunderstruck by their daughter's un-Chinese-like behavior. A funny, warmhearted coming-of-age tale.
- ***The Outside World*** by Tova Mirvis. When 22-year-old Tzippy Goldman announces her engagement to childhood friend Baruch Miller, her mother, Shayna, is delighted that her daughter isn't destined for spinsterhood. But the adult Baruch is a far cry from the young man Shayna once knew. Time spent in Israel has turned him ultra-Orthodox. Witty and wise, Mirvis' novel explores the expectations of sacred stricture and the yearning for freedom within the parameters of belief.

- 808.83/OXF ***The Oxford Book of Jewish Stories***. Presents the work of more than fifty notable Jewish writers from a dozen countries and from the mid-nineteenth century to the present, including Sholem Aleichem, Isaac Bashevis Singer, and Cynthia Ozick.
- ***Paradise Park*** by Allegra Goodman. After being abandoned by her boyfriend in Honolulu, Sharon Spiegelman embarks on a spiritual quest in search of enlightenment, a journey that takes her from the Greater Love Salvation Church and the Consciousness Meditation Center back to Judaism and to true love.
- ***People of the Book*** by Geraldine Brooks. Offered a coveted job to analyze and conserve a priceless Sarajevo Haggadah, Australian rare-book expert Hanna Heath discovers a series of tiny artifacts in the volume's ancient binding that reveal its historically significant origins.
- ***The Puttermesser Papers*** by Cynthia Ozick. After being unceremoniously demoted, then dumped by her lover, Ruth Puttermesser, a brilliant Jewish lawyer and scholar, goes into a trance and, of all unexpected things, awakens to discover that she has created a golem, just like the great rabbi Judah Loew of Prague. Puttermesser and her creature transform New York into a veritable civic paradise, but things keep ending badly, from her attempt to reenact the love between George Eliot and George Lewes with an artist who re-creates old masterpieces to her giving shelter to her Muscovite cousin.
- ***The Queen's Fool*** by Philippa Gregory. It's 1553, and a teenaged girl with a dangerous secret is caught up in royal intrigue as she tries to serve a scheming lord, an unhappy queen, and the queen's ambitious sister. ..She and her father are Spanish Jews who fled the Inquisition after her mother was burned as a heretic. Finding refuge in Protestant England, the Greens observe Christian rituals in public, but privately they still honor the old ways. One day Hannah attracts the attention of a shop customer, handsome Lord Dudley...Hannah becomes an aide to Lord Dudley, who recommends her to the young king to be his Fool. While serving Edward, she follows Dudley's orders to attend and spy upon the king's older sister Mary... Fearful that she and her father are vulnerable in Catholic England, Hannah relies on her wits to survive threats, intrigue, and danger.
- ***The Red Tent*** by Anita Diamant. The story of Dinah, a tragic character from the Bible whose great love, a prince, is killed by her brother, leaving her alone and pregnant. The novel traces her life from childhood to death, in the process examining sexual and religious practices of the day, and what it meant to be a woman.
- ***Red, White and Blue*** by Susan Isaacs. On a mission to infiltrate an armed, virulently anti-Semitic, white supremacist group, FBI agent Charlie Blair--who possesses a deeply buried Jewish heritage--meets journalist Lauren Miller, hired by the "Jewish News" to investigate the group and seeking answers to her own questions about her Jewish legacy.
- ***Rich Boy*** by Sharon Pomerantz – Initially contrasting with upper crust New York City denizens, Robert Vishniak yearns for acceptance only to question his eventual modicum of success decades later.
- ***Saul and Patsy*** by Charles Baxter. Saul, urban and Jewish, has gone against type by eschewing a professional career, marrying a Christian, and living not on either coast as does his sexy, willful, and widowed mother, Delia, and his suave, secretive, and blindingly handsome younger brother, Howie, but rather in the glum small town of Five Oaks, Michigan. A natural-born caretaker, Saul grows both melancholy and mystical in contemplation of the sweeping landscape, the townspeople's reflexive anti-Semitism, and the pathos of his remedial high-school students, including the possibly abused, potentially dangerous, and profoundly strange Gordy, who develops an inchoate obsession with Saul and his family. As Saul, whose inner turmoil is belied by outward aplomb, and Patsy, a sunnier soul, cope with the tragedies Gordy engenders, and the radical changes attendant on the birth of their children, Baxter maps the endless demands and boundless dimensions of love
- ***Schindler's List*** by Thomas Keneally. The story of Oskar Schindler, a German businessman who shielded the Jewish workers in his Polish factory from the deadly efforts of the Nazi concentration camps, is retold in this documentary novel. Keneally uses interviews with 50 of the 1,300 survivors--

known as Schindler's Jews--to re-create episodes from Schindler's career and to show how Schindler helped these people escape the final solution.

- ***The Shawl*** by Cynthia Ozick. A short story and a novella intertwine to offer a study of the Holocaust and its aftermath as Rosa Lublin witnesses the brutal death of her baby daughter in a concentration camp and, thirty years later, must struggle to cope with her emotional devastation.
- ***The Book Thief*** by Mark Zusak – Death narrates this haunting tale of Liesl who steals books while trying to survive World War II. Though written for a Young Adult audience, adults and particularly book clubs are enchanted and haunted by this moving story.

Adult Nonfiction:

131.34/Fra ***Man's Search for Meaning*** by Viktor Frankl. A doctor explains his philosophy of existential analysis in terms of his experiences in a concentration camp.

179.7/Wie ***The sunflower : on the possibilities and limits of forgiveness*** by Simon Wiesenthal. A group of philosophers, critics, and writers weigh the moral issues involved in a young Jew's response to a dying Nazi's confession of mass murder.

305.892/Sab ***My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*** by Sabar writes about his father's early life as a Sephardic Jew in Iraq and his father's authorship of a dictionary of Neo-Aramaic. This "is an engaging account of a wonderful, enlightening journey, a voyage with the power to move readers deeply even as it stretches across differences of culture, family, and memory."

362.1/Sil ***Refuge in Hell*** by Daniel Silver. Provides a close-up look at the story behind Berlin's Jewish Hospital, the only Jewish institution in Germany to survive the Holocaust, drawing on accounts of survivors to describe daily life in the hospital under the Nazis.

363.325/PED ***The Israeli Secret Services and the Struggle Against Terrorism*** by Ami Pedahzur. "Dividing the potential responses to terrorism into four categories (defensive, reconciliatory, criminal justice and war), the author tracks the development of an Israeli war model and demonstrates that rather than sending terrorists running, the approach leads to an escalating cycle of terrorism, citing many examples in which Israel's elimination of threats has created the impetus for more violence..."

641.5/Mar ***The world of Jewish entertaining : menus and recipes for the Sabbath, holidays, and other family celebrations*** by Gil Marks.

641.5/Sch ***Arthur Schwartz's Jewish home cooking : Yiddish recipes revisited.***

647.95 09 Sax ***Save the deli : in search of perfect pastrami, crusty rye, and the heart of Jewish delicatessen*** by David Sax. As a journalist and life-long deli obsessive, David Sax was understandably alarmed by the state of Jewish delicatessen. David set out on a journey across the United States and around the world in search of authentic delicatessen. Was it still possible to Save the Deli? He tells about the food itself--how it's made, who makes it best, and where to go for particular dishes. And, ultimately, he finds hope.

909/Cah ***The gifts of the Jews : how a tribe of desert nomads changed the way everyone thinks and feels*** by Thomas Cahill. Presents a survey of the Jewish contributions to Western civilization, in a work exploring a pivotal period in human history.

909/Sac ***A History of the Jews in the Modern World*** by Howard Morley Sachar. Sachar begins with “an account of the European Jews and anti-Semitism they faced as early as the 16th century...He goes on to describe such events as their life in western Europe during the 17th and 18th centuries, the French Revolution and Jewish questions, the Jews of czarist Russia, their struggle for civil rights in the 1830s and 1840s, and their place in what Sachar labels an emancipated economy.”

940.53/ACK ***The Zookeeper's Wife*** by Diane Ackerman – The astounding true story of zookeepers Antonina and Jan Żabiński, who bravely smuggled Jews to safety in empty cages.

LT/940.53/Coh ***The Avengers: A Jewish War Story*** by Rich Cohen. Describes the World War II accomplishments of a daring team of Jewish guerrillas, their struggle in the ghetto and in the Baltic forests, and their efforts to build new lives for themselves as part of the new state of Israel.

940.53/Fri ***The Years of Extermination: Nazi Germany and the Jews, 1938-1945*** by Saul Friedlander. Examines the anti-Semitism that led to Nazi Germany's attempts to exterminate Europe's Jewish population, focusing on the people and events from the Nazi accession to power in 1933 to the final days of World War II.

CD 940.53/Gie and DVD/Ann ***Anne Frank Remembered*** by Miep Gies. The reminiscences of Miep Gies, the woman who hid the Frank family in Amsterdam during the Second World War, presents a vivid story of life under Nazi occupation.

940.53/Klu ***Still Alive: A Holocaust Girlhood Remembered*** by Ruth Kluger. The author describes her childhood interned at the Nazi death camps during the Holocaust, her flight to freedom, and her struggle to begin a new life in occupied Germany and later in New York.

940.53/Lau ***Hiding in plain sight : the incredible true story of a German-Jewish teenager's struggle to survive in Nazi-occupied Poland*** by Betty Lauer. As a Jewish teenager in Germany and Poland, Lauer survived the Holocaust by blending in with the Christian population and constantly moving from place to place. She and her mother risked staying on their own while facing a constant struggle for identity papers, work, and housing. After some shockingly narrow escapes and participation in the Warsaw Uprising, Lauer found her life becoming a blur of transports and work assignments until she finally reached the United States after the war's end.

940.53/Nic ***Cruel World: The Children of Europe in the Nazi Web*** by Lynn Nicholas. Examines the devastating influence of Nazism on the lives of the children of Europe, who were confronted with euthanasia, racist education, eugenics, forced relocation, homelessness, poverty, trauma, and starvation.

940.53/Pro ***Anne Frank: The Book, the Life, the Afterlife*** by Francine Prose. “In this definitive, deeply moving inquiry into the life of the young, imperiled artist, and masterful literary exegesis of ***The Diary of a Young Girl***, Prose tells the crushing story of the Frank family, performs a revelatory analysis of Anne’s exacting revision of her coming-of-age memoir, and assesses her father’s editorial decisions as he edited his murdered daughter’s manuscript for publication...Extraordinary testimony to the power of literature and compassion.”

940.53/Ree ***Auschwitz: A New History*** by Laurence Rees. Insights gleaned from more than one hundred original interviews shed new light on history's most notorious death camp, with the testimonies of survivors providing a detailed portrait of the camp's inner workings.

940.5315/Ber ***The Journal of Helene Berr***. The diary of a young Sorbonne graduate who died at Bergen-Belsen “recounts the experiences and private thoughts of the 21-year-old daughter of a prominent Jewish

family as she and those she loved suffered the indignities of life under the Occupation prior to their arrest and ultimate deportation and death...The volume includes useful annotations as well as a postscript that places the plight of French Jewry within historical context.”

943/Gay ***My German Question*** by Peter Gay. The author traces his youth as an assimilated, atheistic Jew during the early years of the Nazi regime, his family's emigration in 1939, and his lingering ambivalent feelings toward Germany and the Germans.

973/Men ***The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*** by Daniel Mendelsohn. For five years, Daniel Mendelsohn traveled the globe searching for an answer to the question he had first asked as a boy decades earlier: What really happened to his great-uncle's family during the Holocaust? Here, Mendelsohn weaves together his discoveries about the past, family secrets and Judaism itself. He visits nearly a dozen countries on four continents in pursuit of the truth, eventually interviewing the town's twelve living survivors. Along the way, he detects things that challenge family myths and inspire new questions about long-held beliefs. Interwoven throughout the present-day developments are flashbacks to Mendelsohn's youth spent with his immigrant relatives, and more generally to Jewish life, philosophy and tradition over the years. Not only does he come to know his six deceased relatives on this unforgettable journey, but he discovers so much more about himself, his religion, his immediate family and their shared history as well.

973.04/War ***Writing a modern Jewish history : essays in honor of Salo W. Baron***. In this insightful book, an eclectic and distinguished group of writers explore the Jewish experience in the Americas and celebrate the legacy of Salo Wittmayer Baron (1895–1989), a preeminent scholar who revolutionized the study of Jewish history during his lengthy tenure at Columbia University.

B/She ***The Girl From Foreign: A Search for Shipwrecked Ancestors, Forgotten Histories, and a Sense of Home*** by Sadia Shepard. A young Muslim-Christian woman travels to an insular Jewish community in India to unlock her family's secret history. “A readable account that gives a vivid taste of life in present-day India as well as a poignant glimpse of complicated family relations.”

B/Wie ***All Rivers Run to the Sea: a Memoir*** by Elie Wiesel. The memoirs of the Nobel Peace Laureate chronicle his prewar childhood, suffering in Auschwitz, adult struggles with faith, literary endeavors, and relationships with such figures as Golda Meir.

Jewish Spirituality:

E/Ger ***The white ram : a tale of Rosh Hashanah based on Jewish legends*** by Mordicai Gerstein. A white ram, made on the sixth day of creation, waits patiently in the garden of Eden until the time is right, then runs to save a certain child in fulfillment of God's plan.

200/Fei ***Where God Was Born: A Journey By Land to the Roots of Religion*** by Bruce Feiler. Investigates the historical origins of, and commonalities between, the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religions, in a historical tour that visits the locales of key events and considers the role of religion in peacemaking efforts between cultures.

201/Idl ***The Faith Club: a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew-- three women search for understanding*** by Ranya Idliby. Traces how three American women of different faiths worked together to understand one another while identifying the connections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, during which they openly discussed the issues that divided them.

201/Kar ***Peace be Upon You: The Story of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Coexistence*** by Zachary Karabell. Ranging from the advent of Islam in the seventh century to the present day, the author of *The Last Campaign* looks at the legacy of cooperation and coexistence among the three great religions--Christianity, Judaism, and Islam--from the Baghdad court of the caliphs, to medieval Spain, to the religious autonomy of the Ottoman Empire.

222/Kur ***The Torah for Dummies*** by Arthur Kurzweil.

261.0609/Car ***Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews, A History*** by James Carroll. Examines the two-thousand-year relationship between Christianity and Judaism, examining the long entrenched tradition of anti-Semitism that culminated in the Church's failure to protest the Holocaust during World War II.

291/Kir ***God Against the Gods: The History of the War Between Monotheism and Polytheism*** by Jonathan Kirsch. Describes the struggle between monotheism and polytheism in the ancient world, revealing the dark side of monotheism--holy war, inquisitions, and martyrdom--and the brighter side of polytheism, including its emphasis on religious liberty.

291.2/ARM ***A history of God : the 4000-year quest of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*** by Karen Armstrong. Explores the evolution of the idea and experience of God, from Abraham to the present day.

296 Kir ***The woman who laughed at God : the untold history of the Jewish people*** by Jonathan Kirsch. Writing with considerable vivacity, Kirsch has produced a readily accessible and often entertaining version of Jewish history. Throughout, he succeeds in proving that the Jews are a diverse people. The book's title is taken from the story of Sarah's reaction when God told her that she, at almost 90 years of age, and Abraham, who was nearing 100, would have a child.

296/Kus ***To Life! : A celebration of Jewish being and thinking*** by Harold Kushner. An exhilarating guide to Judaism examines the Sabbath and Jewish holidays, how Judaism offers what people need, how love of Israel makes people better Americans, and how to feel the extension of God by taking the ordinary and making it holy.

J/296/Nas ***The Jewish Faith*** by Ruth Nason. This book, part of the "Start Up Religion" series, covers different aspects of Judaism and the part this religion plays in people's lives - the basic beliefs, the place of worship and sacred texts that are used. Key words are highlighted in the text and repeated in the border, to help reinforce the new vocabulary, while teacher's notes explain how to use the books and suggest further activities and useful websites. An ideal introduction to Judaism for young children!

296/Oxf ***The Oxford dictionary of the Jewish religion***. Hailed by Library Journal as the "best ready-reference access point to the Jewish religion," and as "essential" by CHOICE . The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion has been the go-to resource for students, scholars, and researchers in Judaic Studies since its 1997 publication.

296/Rob ***Essential Judaism: A Complete Guide to Beliefs, Customs and Rituals*** by George Robinson.

296.1/Dea ***The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English***. This is a translation of all the texts sufficiently well preserved to be understandable in English.

296.3/Bra ***Jewish wisdom for business success : lessons from the Torah and other ancient texts*** by Levi Brackman. Brackman show how to use some of the world's greatest writings- the Torah and other Jewish

sacred texts- to achieve business results. This book uses real-world business situations as illustrative examples & reveals a four-thousand year-old blueprint for success.

LT/296.3/Kus ***When Bad Things Happen to Good People*** by Harold Kushner. Offers an inspirational and compassionate approach to understanding the problems of life and restoring faith in God.

296.3/Wei ***Spiritual activism : a Jewish guide to leadership and repairing the world*** by Avraham Weiss. "In this age of perpetual strife and conflict, we need now more than ever to find out how to be proactive in repairing our broken world. Rabbi Weiss's provocative and challenging guidebook will show you just that--and so much more. With easy-to-follow steps, accessible explanations of the principles of spiritual activism and an exploration into the foundations of spiritual activism as rooted in the Torah, Weiss offers more than simply a user manual--he provides an in-depth approach to changing your role in the world."

296.4/Kap ***The creative Jewish wedding book : a hands-on guide to new & old traditions, ceremonies & celebrations*** by Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer.

296.68/Coh ***The Way Into Torah*** by Norman J. Cohen. Provides a comprehensive overview of the Jewish faith and offers a close-up study of the origins and history of **Torah** and related sacred texts. Discusses their relationship to Judaism, how to read and study them, and more.

296.7 Cho ***Holy unexpected : my new life as a Jew*** by Robin Chotzinoff. Chotzinoff's conversion narrative eschews the traditional sudden epiphany for a gradual, postmodern transformation; when she discovers Judaism at an eclectic Denver synagogue, the change comes across less as a bolt of lightning than a long-desired and tentative homecoming. Her story is also refreshingly devoid of the usual convert's fervor—she considers herself observant, but does not strive to keep every jot and tittle of halakah. As she learns to quilt, make latkes (the low-fat version just won't cut it, she discovers) and keep Shabbat, Chotzinoff uncovers herself anew in the rigors of an ancient faith.

296.7/Dia ***Pitching My Tent: On Marriage, Motherhood, Friendship, and Other Leaps of Faith*** by Anita Diamant. "This collection of short essays...is organized around such themes as love and marriage, child rearing, friendship and living a religious life."

296.7/Isa ***Kosher Living: It's More Than Just the Food*** by Ronald Isaacs. "The books not only covers the expected Jewish topics—circumcision, marriage, prayer, Shabbat, synagogue behavior and more—but also...[items] such as employer-employee relations, shopping, and even war. [It] offers timeless wisdom through a contemporary lens."

296.7/Jun ***Raising a child with Soul : how time-tested Jewish wisdom can shape your child's character*** by Slovie Jungreis-Wolff. Utilizing the insight that springs from her knowledge of Torah wisdom, her personal experiences and the experiences of those she has counseled, Slovie Jungreis-Wolff, a longtime parenting coach and advisor to young couples and families teaches in detail how to approach the entire gamut of issues, with a special emphasis on strengthening the child's morality and character.

296.7/Kus ***How Good do We Have to Be*** by Harold S. Kushner. Explores the destructive effects of perfectionism and self-righteousness, showing how acceptance and forgiveness can improve relationships.

296.7 /Mog ***The blessing of a B minus : using Jewish teachings to raise resilient teenagers*** by Wendy Mogel. With her warmth, wit, and signature combination of Jewish teachings and psychological research, Mogel helps

parents to ably navigate the often rough journey through the teenage years and guide children to becoming confident, resilient young adults.

296.8/Ber ***The secret : unlocking the source of joy & fulfillment : the most powerful teaching of the world's oldest spiritual wisdom*** by Rabbi Michael Berg. A student of Kabbalah shares the secrets he learned from studying the life and work of Rav Yehuda Ashlag, one of the great Kabbalist scholars of the twentieth century.

296.8/Lai ***The Complete Idiot's Guide to Kabbalah*** by Michael Laitman.

Picture Books to Introduce the Holocaust:

E/Bun ***One Candle*** by Eve Bunting. Every year a family celebrates Hanukkah by retelling the story of how Grandma and her sister managed to mark the day while in a German concentration camp.

E/Hes ***The Cats in Krasinski Square*** by Karen Hesse. Two Jewish sisters, escapees of the infamous Warsaw ghetto, devise a plan to thwart an attempt by the Gestapo to intercept food bound for starving people behind the dark Wall.

E/Lit ***Willy and Max: A Holocaust Story*** by Amy Littlesugar. In Belgium during World War II, Willy becomes friends with Max and his Jewish family, and although they become separated, they remain related by a bond of friendship and a special painting.

E/Wiv ***Benno and the Night of Broken Glass*** by Meg Wiviott. In 1938 Berlin, Germany, a cat sees Rosenstrasse change from a peaceful neighborhood of Jews and Gentiles to an unfriendly place where, one November night, men in brown shirts destroy Jewish-owned businesses and arrest or kill Jewish people. Includes facts about Kristallnacht and a list of related books and web resources.

Young Adult / Juvenile Fiction:

YA/Bar ***The Boy Who Dared*** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti. In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

JF/Boy and DVD/Boy ***The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*** by John Boyne. Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

JF/Cha ***Is It Night or Day?*** By Fern Schumer Chapman. In 1938, Edith Westerfeld, a young German Jew, is sent by her parents to Chicago, Illinois, where she lives with an aunt and uncle and tries to assimilate into American culture, while worrying about her parents and mourning the loss of everything she has ever known. Based on the author's mother's experience, includes an afterword about a little-known program that brought twelve hundred Jewish children to safety during World War II.

JF/Dee ***The Yellow Star: the legend of King Christian X of Denmark*** by Carmen Deedy. Retells the story of King Christian X and the Danish resistance to the Nazis during World War II.

JF/Deu ***Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword*** by Barry Deutsch – Dreaming of exchanging her knitting needles for a sword, Mirka is a charismatic heroine embarking on a great adventure.

CD/YA/Eng ***Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba*** by Margarita Engle. Escaping from Nazi Germany to Cuba in 1939, a young Jewish refugee dreams of finding his parents again, befriends a local girl with painful secrets of her own, and discovers that the Nazi darkness is never far away.

JF/Fle ***The Entertainer and the Dybbuk*** by Sid Fleischman. A struggling American ventriloquist in post-World War II Europe is possessed by the mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Author's note details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s.

YA/Gia ***A Jew in Communist Prague : #3. Rebellion*** by Giardino. -In this third book in a series that begins with *Loss of Innocence* and continues with *Adolescence* (both NBM, 1997), Jonas tries to take action against the people oppressing him. Jonas begins dating Tatiana, the daughter of a Russian attache to the Embassy. When her parents find out he is the son of an "enemy of the people," they forbid her to see him, but the young lovers arrange secret meetings. The story is conveyed not only through words, but also through pictures, which create the world of Prague in the 1950s.

YA/Gle ***Once*** by Morris Gleitzman – Felix, sent to an orphanage by his parents to save him from the Nazis, loves to write and collect stories in a cherished notebook. Peppered with horrors, *Once* takes readers on an unforgettable trip through occupied Poland.

YA/Gle ***Then*** by Morris Gleitzman-- In early 1940s Poland, ten-year-old Felix and his friend Zelda escape from a cattle car headed to the Nazi death camps and struggle to survive, first on their own and then with Genia, a farmer with her own reasons for hating Germans.

JF/Heu ***A Family Secret*** by Eric Heuvel. While searching his Dutch grandmother's attic for yard sale items, Jeroen finds a scrapbook which leads Gran to tell of her experiences as a girl living in Amsterdam during the Holocaust, when her father was a Nazi sympathizer and Esther, her Jewish best friend, disappeared.

JF/Hoe ***Star of Fear, Star of Hope*** by Jo Hoestlandt. Nine-year-old Helen is confused by the disappearance of her Jewish friend during the German occupation of Paris.

JF/Low and JPBC/Low ***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry – This Newbery Medal Winning book tells the story of a brave young girl who labors to save her best friend in Nazi occupied Denmark.

JF/Mor ***The Mozart Question*** by Michael Morpurgo. A young journalist goes to Venice, Italy, to interview a famous violinist, who tells the story of his parents' incarceration by the Nazis, and explains why they can no longer listen to the music of Mozart. Includes an author's note about the Nazi Holocaust.

JF/Nap ***Stones in Water*** by Donna Jo Napoli. After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

JF/Pol ***The Butterfly*** by Patricia Polacco. During the Nazi occupation of France, Monique's mother hides a Jewish family in her basement and tries to help them escape to freedom.

YA/Rei (Berea) and CD/YA/Rei ***The Things a Brother Knows*** by Dana Reinhardt – The story of two brothers, Levi and Boaz, whose relationship changes when Boaz returns from three years as a Marine and the lessons they learn from each other.

JF/Roy **Yellow Star** by Jennifer R. Roy. From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

YA/Spi **Maus I: A Survivor's Tale** and YA/Spi **Maus II: A Survivor's Tale** by Art Spiegelman. The author-illustrator traces his father's imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp through a series of disarming and unusual cartoons arranged to tell the story as a novel.

JF/Tho **A Faraway Island** by Annika Thor – Two Jewish sisters are evacuated from Vienna to escape the Nazis and bravely adapt to their new Swedish home.

YA/Spi **Milkweed** by Jerry Spinelli. Captures the hardships and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II, through the eyes of a Jewish orphan who must use all his wits and courage to survive unimaginable events and circumstances.

YA/Van **A Coming Evil** by Vivian Vande Velde. During the German occupation of France in 1940, thirteen-year-old Lisette meets a ghost while living with her aunt who harbors Jewish and Gypsy children in the French countryside.

JF/Wil **Behind the Bedroom Wall** by Laura E. Williams. Ten-year-old Korinna must decide whether to report her parents to her Hitler Youth Group when she discovers that they are hiding Jews in a secret place behind Korinna's bedroom wall.

YA/Woo **If You Come Softly** by Jacqueline Woodson. Ellie Eisen is a fifteen-year-old Jewish girl who lives on Central Park West in New York City. Ellie is beginning her sophomore year of high school at Percy Academy, a private school her parents believe will give their daughter a better chance of attending a good college. The youngest of five children of a doctor and his wife, Ellie is lonely being the only child at home and particularly misses her sister Anne, who now lives in San Francisco with her partner. The first day of school at Percy, however, Ellie begins to forget her loneliness and fears. On that first day, she meets Jeremiah...

JPBC/Yol (Berea) and YA/Yol **Devil's Arithmetic** by Jane Yolen - Hannah does not see eye to eye with her family about the importance of remembering the Holocaust, but when she is transported to 1940s Poland and is taken into custody by the Nazis, she learns the significance of friendship, family and heritage.

Juvenile Nonfiction:

ENF 398.2 DAV **Bagels From Benny** by Aubrey Davis. As Benny helps out in his grandfather's bakery, he also learns some important life lessons. Davis successfully updates a centuries-old Jewish folktale. Benny's grandfather bakes wonderful bagels, but teaches Benny that it is God, not him, who should be thanked for them ("Aren't bagels made with flour?"... "Doesn't flour come from wheat?"... "And where does wheat come from?"... "And who made the earth?"... "Then thank God for the bagels").

ENF 398.2/Sta **The Rooster Prince of Breslov** by Ann Redisch Stampler. This picture book brings a light touch and engaging silliness to the story of a prince who rejects the lavish luxury of his upbringing in favor of a life as . . . a rooster. The only person who can persuade the prince to reconsider is neither a doctor nor a magician but a wise teacher who is willing to become a rooster too. Told to the author by her grandmother, who

brought it from Eastern Europe a century ago, this traditional tale is accompanied by strikingly witty and graceful illustrations that add their own folkloric flavor.

J 915.69406 Mar ***Sharing our homeland : Palestinian and Jewish children at summer peace camp*** by Trish Marx. Photo-essay focusing on two Israeli children, one Jewish and one Palestinian, who, in spite of their differences and the longstanding conflicts in the region, learn to play, work, and share ideas together at Summer Peace Camp, a day camp located in Israel. Includes glossary, map, and resources for readers

J 940.53/VAN ***Erika's Story*** by Ruth Vander Zee. A woman recalls how she was thrown from a train headed for a Nazi death camp in 1944, raised by someone who risked her own life to save the baby's, and finally found some peace through her own family.

J 940.5315 Kra ***Clara's War: One Girl's Story of Survival*** by Clara Kramer. Based on her wartime diary, which she kept while hiding in a basement in Poland, Kramer's book vividly recalls the tensions within her hidden community after the Nazis overtook the town of Zolkiew in 1942. Of particular interest are revelations about the family who hid the Kramers, particularly how an anti-Semitic Polish householder demonstrated great courage in shielding Jews in his basement.

J949.803/Mol ***Under a red sky : memoirs of a childhood in Communist Romania*** by Haya Leah Molnar. Haya Leah Molnar, nee Eva Zimmermann, recalls growing up in Bucharest, Romania, during the 1950s. Though she heard Yiddish and kept Kosher at home, Eva remained unaware of her Jewish heritage. This ignorance protected Eva at her Communist-run school.

JB/Fra ***Diary of a Young Girl*** by Anne Frank. Published in more than 60 languages, ***Diary of a Young Girl*** is taken from the private writings of Anne Frank who hid for two years during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.

Books for Discussion:

920/Gol *Inextinguishable Symphony: A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany* by Martin Goldsmith. *The Inextinguishable Symphony* tells the story of Goldsmith's German Jewish family during the time leading up to WWII and through the Holocaust. Since Goldsmith's father and mother were the only members of his family to survive the Holocaust, the story is composed mainly of anecdotes told by his father and of information from documents: public records such as marriage certificates and newspapers, as well as private letters. Goldsmith also captures the stories of many of Germany's most prominent Jewish artists and musicians, especially the surprising role that the Nazi-created Jewish Cultural Association played in many of their lives.

F/Pot *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok. Born in 1943, Asher Lev grows up in a devout, Hasidic Jewish family in Brooklyn. By the age of four, he has started drawing his family and his community. Both of Asher's parents are deeply concerned about the situation of the Jews in Europe, and Asher's father works with the U.S. government to bring as many families as possible to the United States.

Asher's father believes art to be childish and possibly evil... Asher's drawing gets him in trouble at school, but he feels unable to stop... After Asher graduates from college, he travels to Europe. In Italy, the Christian art of the Renaissance makes a big impression on him. Asher stays for a time in Europe, where he paints two depictions of his mother's suffering using Christian imagery of crucifixion. When Asher returns to New York for a show of his work, his work ... baffles and outrages his community, especially his parents...

LT/F/Eng *The Ministry of Special Cases* by Nathan Englander. Set in Buenos Aires in 1976, *The Ministry of Special Cases* is the story of Kaddish Poznan and his family. Kaddish earns his living defacing the headstones of whores, pimps, and criminals buried in the city's Jewish cemetery, so that their more respectable children will not be haunted by the sins of their parents.

F/Ozi *Heir to the Glimmering World* by Cynthia Ozick. The book opens with eighteen-year-old Rose Meadows answering an ad for what she thinks is a nanny position in the house of the Mitwissers. The year is 1936. Rose's background includes a mother who died when Rose was three and a gambler-father who inexplicably blamed Rose's birth for the death of his wife. When her father moved to Troy, New York, to work on the campus of a boy's prep school, Rose was shifted to cousin Bertram's house in Albany. After her father dies in a car crash, Rose decides to move out and answers the Mitwissers' ad. The Mitwissers are refugees from Germany.

F/Rei *The First Desire* by Nancy Reisman. Nancy Reisman was born to a close-knit family just outside of Buffalo, New York in 1961. One of four children, Reisman has great love for her family and a special closeness to her mother. She is also fond of her hometown, though she has not lived there since leaving to attend college. She does visit several times each year... [H]er first novel, *The First Desire*, published in 2004, [features her beloved Buffalo]. It is the story of the Cohen family, a widowed father and five grown children, over the two decades — 1929-1949 — following the death of the mother. The story is told from the point of view of several of the children, as well as the father's lover.

941.084092/Coo *Safe Passage : The Remarkable True Story of Two Sisters Who Rescued Jews from the Nazis* by Ida Cook. In 1923, Louise Cook wanders into a lecture on music by Sir Walford Davies and his gramophone. Louise, dazzled by the gramophone, starts saving her pennies at once. When she is able to buy it, she also buys ten carefully chosen records, including a vocal recording by Amelita Galli-Curci, whom neither Ida nor Louise has ever heard of. These seemingly unimportant occurrences set Ida and Louise on a path with destiny.

F/Gol *The Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg. Eliza Naumann, an indifferent fifth grade student, suddenly discovers a hidden talent during the class spelling bee: she can spell almost perfectly. Her ability with letters comes as a surprise to both Eliza and her classmates when she wins defeats the other class champions to take the school title. When she returns home, we meet the other members of the Naumann family, beginning with the father Saul, a cantor at the local synagogue and a failed mystic who spends his days closeted in his study.

In the months leading up to the national bee, Saul sees his daughter's linguistic potential and the look of peculiar and intense concentration on her face when she spells and decides that she possesses the seeds of the mystical temperament. He takes her under his tutelage, ushering her into the *sanctum sanctorum* of his study for nightly sessions of linguistic study that pave the way for future mystical exercises.

F/Cha *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon. Epic in scope and taking place in Czechoslovakia, New York, and even Antarctica, the novel opens on the story of young Josef Kavalier living in the Jewish ghetto of pre-World War II Prague. Josef learns the finer points of magic, illusion, and escapistry from his mentor, Bernard Kornblum, a master *ausbrecher*, or escape artist. With Kornblum, Josef plots his greatest escape ever -- from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia to America -- as he and Kornblum devise a plan to find the golem of Prague -- the mystical symbol of the Jewish faith hidden somewhere in the city. And this is just the beginning of the Amazing Adventures!

F/Rus *The Moor's Last Sigh* by Salman Rushdie. The "Moor," Moraes Zogoiby, a Jewish-Christian-Indian-Portuguese mixing pot of cultures, relates the tale of his family and its rise to power in India and the forces that have driven him to leave the subcontinent and spend his time now wandering the hills of Spain.

Media:

CD/MUS World/New-Age/*Music of the Oriental Jews from North Africa, Yemen & Bukhara*. [cd]

CD / R World/New-Age/ *Rough Guide to Klezmer Revival*.

CD SEP World/New-Age/ Sepharad : *Songs of the Spanish Jews in the Mediterranean and the Ottoman Empire*. [cd]

DVD/Ann *Anne Fank*.

DVD Ann *Anne Frank: Remembered*.

VID DRE *Dreams in the golden country: the story of Zipporah Feldman, a Jewish Immigrant Girl*

DVD/Eve *Everything is Illuminated*.

DVD /INT *Into the arms of strangers*

DVD/Lif *Life is Beautiful*.

DVD/NAZ *The Nazi officer's wife: How one Jewish woman survived the Holocaust*

DVD/Sch *Schindler's List*

Suggested Websites:

These websites are suggested by Internet Public Library. For a complete list, visit <http://www.ipl.org/IPL> and search for Judaism.

Judaism 101 <http://www.jewfaq.org/> An "online encyclopedia of Judaism, covering Jewish beliefs, people, places, things, language, scripture, holidays, practices and customs."

Andrew Tannenbaum's Judaism and Jewish Resources <http://shamash.org/trb/judaism.html> This site contains a wealth of links and information about Judaism.

Reform Judaism Magazine <http://reformjudaismmag.org/> "REFORM JUDAISM , the official voice of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, strives to convey the creativity, diversity, and dynamism of Reform Judaism.

Women in Judaism <http://wjudaism.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/wjudaism> "A peer-reviewed e-journal dedicated to gender-related issues in Judaism."

Torah.org <http://torah.org/> An outreach program which promotes education about Judaism through free online classes in Jewish philosophy, liturgy, ethics, law, and daily Torah readings. Searchable.

Union for Traditional Judaism <http://www.utj.org/> "The Union for Traditional Judaism is an organization of lay people, educators, talmudic scholars, cantors and pulpit rabbis who are dedicated to the principles of Traditional Judaism.

Society for Humanistic Judaism <http://www.shj.org/> Website for this organization that "mobilizes people to celebrate Jewish identity and culture consistent with a humanistic philosophy of life." Provides background about the organization and the principles and beliefs .

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism <http://www.uscj.org> This group is the umbrella organization for Conservative Jewish congregations. Their site features information about Jewish holidays and a Jewish holiday calendar, and directories of synagogues in the United States and other countries.

Torah Fax in CyberSpace <http://www.torahfax.net/> Provides daily Torah concepts for people "with a busy schedule."

Jewish Community Online <http://jewish.com/> Searchable, browsable, and annotated directory of Jewish sites. Categories include arts and culture, city and community guides, education, holidays, Holocaust, Judaism, Israel, spirituality, synagogues, and more

EMET News Service: Israel News, Analysis and Commentary <http://emetnews.org/> This site is a weekly summary of news and events concerning Israel and Jewish culture with links to many more that focus on the Middle East and Judaism

Jewish Torah Audio <http://www.613.org/> This searchable directory provides links to hundreds of hours of Jewish audio and video; also browsable by topic. The design looks amateurish, but the content is strong and well-organized.

The Jewish Guide to the Internet <http://www.jewishinternetguide.com> A searchable, browsable portal to Internet resources related to Judaism. Covers academic Jewish studies, Hebrew, history, Israel, kosher food, and many other topics. Companion to a book by the same title. Maintained by librarian Diane Romm.

My Jewish Learning <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/> Resource "offers thousands of articles on all aspects of Judaism and Jewish life."

Babylonian Talmud <http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/talmud.htm> "The Talmud is a vast collection of Jewish laws and traditions. Despite the dry subject matter the Talmud makes interesting reading because it is infused with vigorous intellectual debate, humor and deep wisdom."

JewishEncyclopedia.com <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/index.jsp> This site "contains the complete [unedited] contents of the 12-volume Jewish Encyclopedia, which was originally published between 1901-1906." It has over 15,000 articles and illustrations and covers Jewish history, law, theology, philosophy, etc.

Kabbalah: "Bnei Baruch" World Center for Kabbalah Studies <http://www.kabbalah.info/> "The Wisdom of Kabbalah" is presented with questions and answers on Kabbalistic matters, Kabbalistic music (downloadable), and excerpts from various talks, books, and essays by recognized Kabbalah authorities.

Jewish Virtual Library <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/> Contains information on Jewish history, women, the Holocaust, travel, Israel-U.S. relations, politics, religion, and notable people. Includes a bibliography, a glossary, maps, a timeline of Jewish history, a virtual tour of Israel, and exhibits.

Ritualwell.org: Ceremonies for Jewish Living <http://www.ritualwell.org/> "This website is all about Jewish ritual innovations for holidays and lifecycles as well as time-honored Jewish customs."

