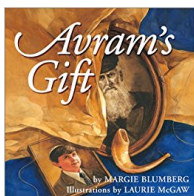


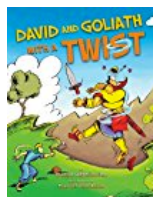
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For Younger Readers



Avram's Gift by *Margie Blumberg* Eight-year-old Mark has two wishes: To become a shofar blower--just like his High Holiday hero--and to make that photograph of his great-great-grandfather Avram disappear from the hallway in his new home. But when the family gathers for Rosh Hashanah Mark discovers that his own desire to blow the shofar is linked to a hope that the unsmiling man in the photograph once had. Named a Notable Book for Younger Readers by the Association of Jewish Libraries.



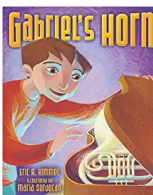
David and Goliath with a Twist by *Benjie Herskowitz*

The story of David and Goliath is humorously told through clichés such as “butterflies in his stomach” and “you could hear a pin drop”. There are brightly colored, cartoon-like illustrations to get the point across, and there is a page of definitions.



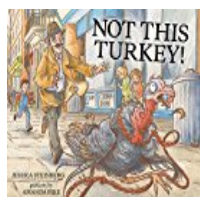
Fascinating: The Life of Leonard Nimoy by *Richard Michelson*

Once there was a Jewish boy named Leonard who loved to sing and to act. His parents were immigrants from Russia who felt like aliens in America, and certainly didn't understand Leonard's drive to perform. This warm and moving picture book biography highlights young Lenny's determination and passion to achieve his dream of becoming an actor in Hollywood...and the roots of Mr. Spock's famous Vulcan greeting gesture in Jewish tradition.



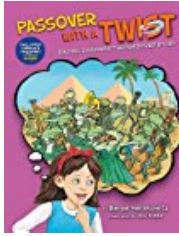
Gabriel's Horn by *Eric A. Kimmel*

This is another wonderful story by the renowned Eric Kimmel, in which a mysterious soldier appears at the door and hands young Gabriel a tarnished horn. As the years go by, Gabriel's family prospers and they, in turn, help their neighbors. Could their good luck have something to do with the horn? The author's note at the back discusses the true meaning of Tzedakah and Rosh Hashanah.



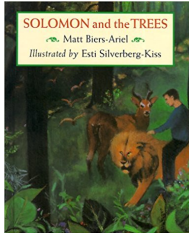
Not This Turkey! by *Jessica Steinberg*

Mel and his family have never celebrated Thanksgiving, just the Jewish holidays. But this year, after Papa wins a live turkey at work and brings it home on the subway, Mama invites all their relatives to their Brooklyn tenement for dinner. There's just one thing — Mel has a soft spot for the turkey!



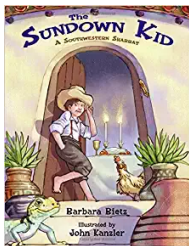
Passover with a Twist by *Benjie Herskowitz*

Meet Rachel, the youngest in her family. After she recites the Four Questions at the Passover Seder, her father explains the story of Pharaoh by using clichés to get the point across. Kids will love the zany images that Rachel conjures up when her father uses phrases like "eating his words" or "burying his seed in the Sand" to describe Pharaoh's stubbornness.



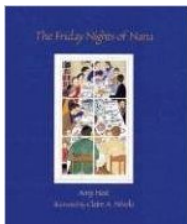
Solomon and the Trees by *Estie Silverberg-Kiss*

As a child, Solomon loves the forest and visits it often. But all too soon Solomon grows up and becomes a king. He becomes very busy and forgets about the forest and his friends, the animals. In this lushly illustrated environmental midrash, Solomon comes to understand the price that must be paid when we don't take care of the earth and its blessings.



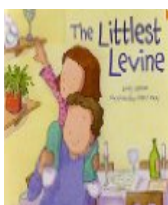
The Sundown Kid: A Southwestern Shabbat by *Barbara Bietz*

In the late 1800's many Jewish families helped to settle the "Wild West". In this story, a young boy and his family move "out west", where they are the only Jews in their small town. Used to the hustle and bustle of the city and the nearness of family, Mama in particular feels lonely. Every Shabbat, Mama laments that there is "Too much soup, not enough family." Thinking outside the box, the clever young boy invites their non-Jewish neighbors to Shabbat dinner, and Mama at last begins to feel at home.



The Friday Nights of Nana by *Amy Hest*

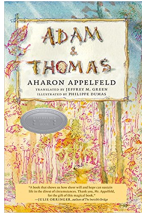
In this graceful and nostalgic evocation of a family-oriented Shabbat, Jennie and her Nana spend Friday cleaning, shopping, cooking, baking, and just being together, and finally they welcome the extended family for Shabbat dinner. The mood is one of peace and contentment, emphasizing intimacy and tradition.



The Littlest Levine by *Sandy Lanton*

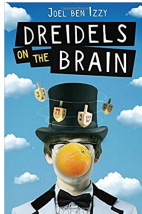
Hannah doesn't like being the littlest Levine. She's too short to hang fruit from the sukkah and too young to light the Hanukkah candles by herself. But when Passover comes, the littlest Levine gets a chance to shine in a big way.

For Middle and Upper Grade Readers



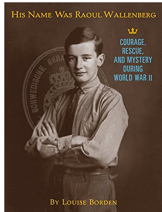
Adam and Thomas by *Aharon Appelfeld*

Originally published in France, this tender friendship story is about two Jewish boys who have been left in the woods near their home by their mothers who must return to the ghetto. The boys survive by eating berries, foraging for food, and milking cows for fresh milk. Readers get a sense of the larger context of World War II through some minor characters, who make appearances as runaways or fugitives. Winner of several prestigious awards for children's books.



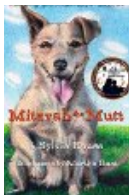
Dreidels on the Brain by *Joel ben Izzy*

The year is 1971. Joel is a dorky 12-year-old amateur magician. He's dealing with his parents' poverty, his dad's crippling arthritis and temporary coma, and with being asked to teach his whole school about Hanukkah at the Winter Holiday Assembly. Joel's talents as a jokester and his ever-ready magic tricks get him through his daily difficulties, and even the dreaded assembly is a success because of Joel's storytelling chutzpah and his family's willingness to embrace their own weirdness. The story's satisfying conclusion allows Joel to feel pride in his family and to triumph in front of his friends.



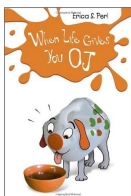
His Name Was Raoul Wallenberg by *Louise Borden*

Wallenberg was a Swedish humanitarian who worked in Budapest during World War II to rescue Jews from the Holocaust. He did this by issuing protective passports and housing Jews in buildings established as Swedish territory, saving tens of thousands of lives. The author researched Wallenberg's life for many years, visiting with his family and the site of his childhood home, and learned his story from beginning to end. Abundant photographs and riveting text give the book a sense of urgency and mystery.



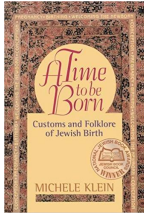
Mitzvah the Mutt by *Sylvia Rouss*

Matzah balls were never meant for a game of fetch, but try telling that to Mitzvah the Mutt when he is rescued by a Jewish family. Mitzvah's silly antics manage to charm his family and his humorous misinterpretations of the Jewish holidays will leave you laughing and begging for more. Get ready for a howling good time as you celebrate Shabbat, Hanukkah and Passover with Mitzvah the Mutt.



When Life Gives You O.J. by *Erica S. Perl*. For years, 10-year-old Zelly Fried has tried to convince her parents to let her have a dog. After all, practically everyone in Vermont owns a dog, and it sure could go a long way helping Zelly fit in since moving there from Brooklyn. But when her eccentric grandfather Ace hatches a ridiculous plan involving a "practice dog" named OJ, Zelly's not so sure how far she's willing to go to win a dog of her own. Is Ace's plan so crazy it just might work . . . or is it just plain crazy? This affectionate and hilarious tale captures the enduring bond between grandparents and grandchildren, even when they're driving each other nuts. Share the laughter of this Jewish family and learn a little Yiddish along the way.

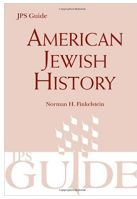
For Adults



A Time to be Born: Customs and Folklore of Jewish Birth

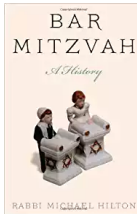
by Dr. Michele Klein

Psychologist and folklorist Michele Klein draws upon many rich sources—prayers, folktales, folk remedies, as well as biblical, rabbinical, and mystical literature—to explore childbirth from a specifically Jewish context. The author also discusses with sensitivity the issues of barrenness, of death in childbirth and death of the baby. Winner of the National Jewish Book Award.



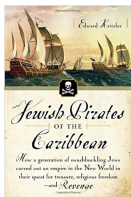
American Jewish History: A JPS Guide *by Norman H. Finkelstein.*

The JPS Guides are designed to provide ready access to concise and fundamental information. *American Jewish History* is divided into six time periods and describes Jewish life from the time of the early settlers, to the period of massive immigration that flooded the cities, to the growth of Jews in positions of influence in business, politics, and the arts. With over 70 black and white photographs, maps, and charts and more than 120 feature boxes and biographies throughout, as well as timelines, notes, a bibliography, and index.



Bar Mitzvah, A History *by Rabbi Michael Hilton*

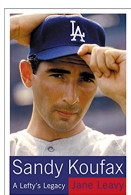
How did bar mitzvah develop over the centuries from an obscure legal ritual into a core component of Judaism? How did it capture the imagination of even non-Jewish youth? This book is a comprehensive account of the ceremonies and celebrations for both boys and girls, a cultural anthropology informed by rabbinic knowledge. The author has sought out every reference to bar mitzvah in the Bible, the Talmud, and numerous other Jewish texts, extracting a fascinating miscellany of information, stories, and commentary.



Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean: How a Generation of Swashbuckling Jews Carved Out an Empire in the New World in Their Quest for Treasure, Religious Freedom – and Revenge *by Edward Kritzer*

When the Spanish Inquisition forced many Jews to flee the country the most adventurous among them took to the high seas as freewheeling outlaws. In ships bearing names such as the *Prophet Samuel*, *Queen Esther*, and *Shield of Abraham*, they attacked and plundered the

Spanish fleet while forming alliances with other European powers to ensure the safety of Jews living in hiding. Filled with high-sea adventures and detailed portraits of cities stacked high with plunder, this book captures a gritty and glorious era of history from an unusual and eye-opening perspective.



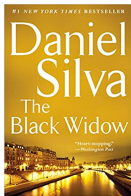
Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's Legacy *by Jane Leavy*

A richly drawn account of this often misunderstood yet greatly celebrated athlete, by an award-winning sports writer. Both a biography and a social history of baseball, the book captures a not-too-distant era in American life when the scourge of anti-Semitism never lurked far beneath the surface.



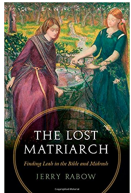
The Bible's Many Voices by *Michael Carasik*

Using historic, linguistic, anthropological, and theological sources, the author helps us distinguish between the Jewish Bible's voices—the mythic, the historical, the prophetic, the theological, and the legal. By articulating the differences among these voices, he shows us not just their messages and meanings but also what mattered to the authors. In these contrasts we encounter the Bible anew as a living work whose many voices tell us about the world out of which the Bible grew—and the world that it created.



The Black Widow by *Daniel Silva*

Legendary spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon is poised to become the chief of Israel's secret intelligence service when events lure him into the field for one final operation. ISIS has detonated a massive bomb in Paris and the French government wants Gabriel to eliminate the man responsible. He is a terrorist mastermind so elusive that even his nationality is unknown. Gabriel's only option is to insert an agent into the most dangerous terrorist group the world has ever seen. She is a brave and beautiful young doctor, and she will pose as an ISIS recruit in waiting, a ticking time bomb, a black widow out for blood.



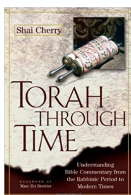
The Lost Matriarch: Finding Leah in the Bible and Midrash by *Jerry Rabow*

Although Leah is a major figure in the book of Genesis, the biblical text allows her only a single word of physical description and two lines of direct dialogue. Fortunately, two thousand years of traditional and modern commentators have produced many fascinating interpretations (midrash) that reveal the far richer story of Leah hidden within the text. The Lost Matriarch presents these insights and invites readers into the provocative world of creative rabbinic and literary commentary.



The Story of Hebrew by *Lewis Glinert*

The author takes readers from the opening verses of Genesis to the reincarnation of Hebrew as the everyday language of the Jewish state. He explains the uses and meanings of Hebrew in ancient Israel. He describes the early rabbis' preservation of Hebrew following the Babylonian exile, the challenges posed by Arabic, and the prolific use of Hebrew in Diaspora art, spirituality, and science. He looks at the conflicted relationship Christians had with Hebrew from the Renaissance to the Counter-Reformation, the language's rivalry with Yiddish, the dreamers and schemers who made modern Hebrew a reality, and how a lost pre-Holocaust textual ethos is being renewed today by Orthodox Jews.



Torah Through Time: Understanding Bible Commentary from the Rabbinic Period to Modern Times by *Shai Cherry*

This book traces the development of Jewish Bible commentary through three pivotal periods in Jewish history - the rabbinic, medieval, and modern periods. It focuses on five specific narrative sections of the Torah: the creation of humanity, the rivalry between Cain and Abel, Korah's rebellion, the claim of the daughters of Zelophehad, and legal matters concerning Hebrew slavery. The author closely examines several different commentaries for each of these source texts, analyzing how each commentator resolves questions raised by the texts, and he asks if and how the commentator's own historical frame of reference—his own time and place—contributes to the resolution. A chart at the end of each chapter provides a visual summary to help reader understand the many different elements at play.