



## Annotated List of New Resources at The Kaufman Silverberg Library

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### Adult

#### Judaic Non-Fiction

*Feasting: a new take on Jewish cooking*, by Amanda Ruben. Offers the modern home cook a range of familiar and exotic dishes. A chapter on Jewish holiday food includes traditional recipes, with a modern spin, to help you celebrate with friends and family. All the recipes are kosher, and these traditional elements are used to create dishes from all around the world, with results that are often lighter than traditional Jewish cooking.



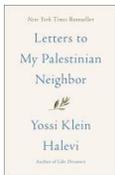
*The footsteps of Anne Frank*, by Ernst Schnabel. The author interviewed 42 of the people mentioned by Anne Frank in her diary, including her father, other family members, and close relatives and friends, in order to offer an accurate picture of who she actually was.



*Hebrew for dummies*, by Jill Suzanne Jacobs. Easy-to-understand guide explains basic grammar and usage, covering everything from the alphabet and numbers to making small talk, planning a trip, and changing money. Includes CD



*Letters to my Palestinian neighbor*, by Yossi Klein Halevi. Halevi is a co-director of the Muslim Leadership Initiative at the Shalom Hartman Institute, which teaches Muslim American leaders about Judaism and Israel. The book is an attempt to explain the Jewish story and the significance of Israel in Jewish identity to Palestinians.



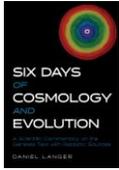
*Modern Hebrew verbs step by step: the textbook*, by Rut Avni. Learn how to form the infinitive, past tense, future tense and imperative. Accompanied by a workbook.



*Path of the prophets: the ethics-driven life*, by Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz. Illuminating the ethical legacy of the biblical prophets, the book identifies the prophetic moment in the lives of eighteen biblical figures and demonstrates their compelling relevance to us today.



*Six days of cosmology and evolution: a scientific commentary on the Genesis text with rabbinic sources*, by Daniel Langer. With its day-by-day breakdown of Creation, the book presents a detailed analysis of the first chapter of Genesis through a scientific lens. Focusing on topics such as the nature of time, the overlapping character of the six days, and the biblical use of homonyms, the author seeks to prove that the Bible's description of Creation does not conflict with modern cosmology, geology, or evolution.

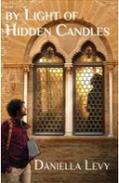


*The Talmud: a biography*, by Barry Scott Wimpfheimer. Tells the remarkable story of this ancient Jewish book and explains why it has endured for almost two millennia. Providing a concise biography of this quintessential work of rabbinic Judaism, the book takes readers from the Talmud's prehistory in biblical and Second-Temple Judaism to its present-day use as a source of religious ideology, a model of different modes of rationality, and a totem of cultural identity. He describes the book's origins and structure, its centrality to Jewish law, its mixed reception history, and its golden renaissance in modernity.

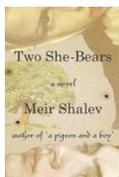


### Judaic Fiction

*By light of hidden candles*, by Daniella Levy. In a mud hut in the Jewish Quarter of 16th-century Fez, a dying woman hands her granddaughter a heavy gold ring - and an even heavier secret. Five hundred years later, Alma Ben-Ami journeys to Madrid to fulfill her ancestor's final wish. She has recruited an unlikely research partner: Manuel Aguilar, a young Catholic Spaniard whose beloved priest always warned him about getting too friendly with Jews. As their quest takes them from Greenwich Village to the windswept mountain fortresses of southern Spain, their friendship deepens and threatens to cross boundaries sacred to them both...



*Two she-bears: a novel*, by Meir Shalev. In the year 1930, three farmers committed suicide here . . . but contrary to the chronicles of our committee and the conclusions of the British policeman, the people of the moshava knew that only two of the suicides had actually taken their own lives, whereas the third suicide had been murdered. This is the contention of Ruta Tavori, a high school teacher and independent thinker in this small farming community, writing seventy years later about that murder and about two charismatic men she loves and is trying to forgive--her grandfather and her husband--and her son, whom she mourns and misses.



### General Non-Fiction

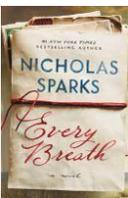
*Sisters and spies: the true story of WWII Eileen and Jacqueline Nearne*, by Susan Ottaway.



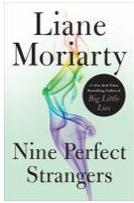
An incredible true story of British special agents Eileen and Jacqueline Nearne, two sisters who risked everything to fight for our freedom during the Second World War.

### General Fiction

*Every breath*, by Nicholas Sparks. A chance encounter becomes a transcendent turning point for two very different people--the conflicted daughter of an ALS patient and a Sunset Beach newcomer from Zimbabwe who aims to meet his birth father.



*Nine perfect strangers*, by Liane Moriarty. Nine people gather at a remote health resort. Some are here to lose weight, some are here to get a reboot on life, some are here for reasons they can't even admit to themselves. Amidst all of the luxury and pampering, the mindfulness and meditation, they know these ten days might involve some real work. But none of them could imagine just how challenging the next ten days are going to be.



*The secret orphan*, by Glynis Peters. On the 14th November 1940, Hitler's bombs rain down on Coventry. From the rubble of a bombed-out family home, a young girl is saved ... but at what cost? This is a stunning and memorable page-turner of love, loss and resilience.

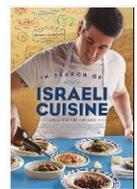


## Videos

*Bombshell: the Hedy Lamarr story* [DVD], directed by Alexandra Dean. What do the most ravishingly beautiful actress of the 1930s and '40s and the inventor whose concepts were the basis of cell phone and Bluetooth technology have in common? They are both Hedy Lamarr, the glamour icon whose ravishing visage was the inspiration for Snow White and Cat Woman and a technological trailblazer who perfected a radio system to throw Nazi torpedoes off course during WWII.



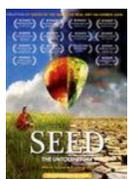
*In search of Israeli cuisine* [DVD], a film by Roger Sherman. A portrait of the Israeli people told through food. Michael Solomonov, the James Beard Award-winning chef and New York Times bestselling author, embarks on a journey to meet Israel's top chefs, home cooks, vintners, and cheese-makers drawn from the more than 100 cultures that make up Israel today, and discover the rich and human story that emerges from their food.



*Run boy run* [DVD], directed by Pepe Danquart. A superlative saga of courage and compassion, it tells the extraordinary true story of a Polish boy who seeks the kindness of others in his solitary struggle to outlast the Nazi occupation and keep alive his Jewish faith.



*Seed: the untold story* [DVD], directed by Taggart Siegel and Jon Betz. Follows passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000 year-old food legacy. In the last century, 94 percent of our seed varieties have disappeared. As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds.



*Transplanting hope* [DVD], directed by Niobe Thompson. Takes viewers inside the operating room to witness organ transplant teams transferring organs from donors to recipients. Meet families navigating both sides of a transplant, and researchers working to end the organ shortage. Their efforts to understand organ rejection, discover ways to keep organs alive outside the body, and even grow artificial organs with stem cells, could save countless lives.



*The women's balcony* [DVD], a film by Shlomit Nehama and Emil Ben-Shimon. An accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a rift between the men and women in a devout community in Jerusalem in this rousing, good-hearted comedy.



## Young Adult (Gr. 9 and up)

*The astronaut's son: a novel*, by Tom Seigel. Jonathan Stein thinks only a bad heart can stop him from reaching the moon. But when he discovers his father may have been murdered to protect an appalling NASA secret, he must decide whether his moral compass still points towards the stars. Days before the Apollo 18 launch in 1974, Jonathan's father, an Israeli astronaut at NASA, died of an apparent heart attack. A year before his own launch, in 2005, Jonathan, a typically devout skeptic, becomes captivated by the tale of a mysterious online conspiracy theorist who claims that his father had been killed. Unable to keep long-buried suspicions from resurfacing, he reopens the case, digging into a past that becomes stranger and more compelling the deeper he goes.



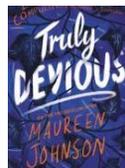
*Stolen secrets*, by L. B. Schulman. After an abrupt move across the country to San Francisco, sixteen-year-old Livvy is shocked to find that her mother has lied to her. Instead of looking for work at a bakery, her mom is taking care of Adelle, Livvy's grandmother, who Livvy thought was long dead. Suffering from Alzheimer's, Adelle shouts out startling details, mistakes her own name, and seems to relive moments that may have taken place in a concentration camp.



*The sun is also a star*, by Nicola Yoon. Two teens--Daniel, the son of Korean shopkeepers, and Natasha, whose family is here illegally from Jamaica--cross paths in New York City on an eventful day in their lives--Daniel is on his way to an interview with a Yale alum, Natasha is meeting with a lawyer to try and prevent her family's deportation to Jamaica--and fall in love.



*Truly devious*, by Maureen Johnson. When Stevie Bell, an amateur detective, begins her first year at a famous private school in Vermont, she sets a plan to solve the cold case involving the kidnapping of the founder's wife and daughter shortly after the school opened.



## For Middle Years Students and Younger Readers

### Judaic Books for Young Readers

*A cage without bars*, by Anne Dublin. In 1492, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain signed the Edict of Expulsion, giving all Jews three months to leave the country. In the aftermath, twelve-year-old Joseph escapes to Lisbon, Portugal with his parents and younger sister, Gracia. After only eight months of safety, Joseph and Gracia, along with hundreds of other Jewish children, are kidnapped from the port in Lisbon and put on a ship. They then make a dangerous journey to the island of São Tomé, off the coast of West Africa. Now slaves, they are forced to work on a



sugarcane plantation. Joseph must work in the fields, his life repeatedly saved by a combination of luck, strength, and quick wits. While Gracia tries to accept their circumstances, Joseph holds on to the hope that, one day, they will be free.

*The girl with more than one heart*, by Laura Geringer Bass. Briana, devastated by the sudden death of her dad, imagines she has a new heart growing deep inside her belly that gives advice in her father's voice, providing her with the support she needs to navigate through her grief.



*Hanukkah hamster*, by Michelle Markel. After finding a hamster that has been left behind in his taxi, a lonely immigrant cab driver celebrates Hanukkah with the little creature. But what happens when hamster's owner is found?



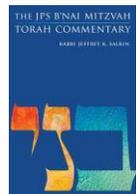
*How it's made: Hanukkah menorah*, by Allison Ofanansky. A photographic picture book about the history of how a Hannukah menorah is made. Also covers the making of oil and candles and other important Hannukah elements, such as dreidels, gelt and special foods made. An explanation of Hannukah and why we it is celebrated is included.



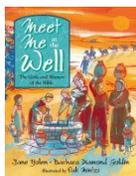
*In the land of happy tears: Yiddish tales for modern times*, collected and edited by David Stromberg. A collection of stories from the early- and mid-20th century Yiddish literary tradition, in a variety of genres, by Eastern European writers such as Moyshe Nadir, Jacob Reisfeder, and Sonya Kantor.



*The JPS B'nai Mitzvah Torah commentary*, by Rabbi Jeffery K. Salin. Shows teens in their own language how Torah addresses the issues in their world. The narrative summaries, "big" ideas, model divrei Torah, haftarot commentaries, and discussion questions will engage teens in studying the Torah and haftarot, in writing divrei Torah, and in continuing to learn Torah.



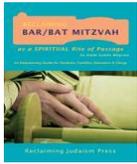
*Meet me at the well: the girls and women of the Bible*, by Jane Yolen and Barbara Diamond Goldin. Retells Bible stories from the point of view of twelve women. After each story, there is a reflection "imagine" piece written from the voice of each woman and a poem about her. Intermixed with the main text are sidebars called "midrash" in the singular or "midrashim" in the plural. These pose questions about each Bible story, provide more information about traditions, and include scholars' and writers' interpretations.



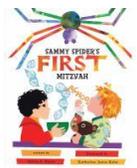
*A queen in Jerusalem*, by Tami Shem-Tov & Rachella Sandbank. In Jerusalem, in the early 20th century, a little girl named Malka-"queen" in Hebrew -dreams of dressing up as Queen Esther. It is the festival of Purim, and all the kids are looking forward to celebrating in their costumes. But Malka's mother doesn't have time to prepare a Purim costume for her. Where can Malka get a costume in time for the holiday?



*Reclaiming Bar/Bat Mitzvah: as a spiritual rite of passage*, by Rabbi Goldie Milgram. A guide to creating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience that is infused with spirituality and meaning. The innovative approach reduces stress and cultivates loving connections to family, friends, community and heritage.



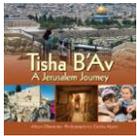
*Sammy Spider's first mitzvah*, by Sylvia A. Rouss. Sammy Spider visits a sick friend and learns about doing good deeds.



*The spy who played baseball*, by Carrie Jones. Moe Berg is not a typical baseball player. He's Jewish - very unusual for the major leagues in the 1930s - has a law degree, speaks several languages, and loves traveling the world. He also happens to be a spy for the U.S. government. When World War II begins, Moe trades his baseball career for a life of danger and secrecy. Using his unusual range of skills, he sneaks into enemy territory to gather crucial information that could help defeat the Nazis. But he also has plenty of secrets of his own. . .



*Tisha b'Av: a Jerusalem journey*, by Allison Ofanansky. A family explores the city of Jerusalem on the eve of Tisha B'Av, which commemorates the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem. Their guides take them outside the city, underground to see buried portions of the Western Wall, and to a sifting project and teach them the history of the holiday.

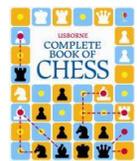


*The world needs beautiful things*, by Leah Rachel Berkowitz. Young Bezalel is different from the other Israelite slaves in Egypt. He loves to collect stones, bugs, bits of string- these all seem beautiful to him. He keeps everything in his Beautiful Things Box and takes it with him everywhere. As the Israelites wander in the desert, God asks them to build a very special house- and Bezalel may be the only one who can create something beautiful enough to honor God.



## General Non-Fiction

*Complete book of chess*, by Elizabeth Dalby. Covers all the essentials of the game, including a guide to each individual piece and tactics. It also looks at the history and politics of chess throughout the ages.



*The cookbook for kids: great recipes for kids who love to cook*, by Lisa Atwood. Presents more than sixty recipes that children can prepare on their own, with detailed instruction for preparing dishes for breakfast, lunch, or snacks and information on equipment and cooking techniques.



*A family is a family is a family*, by Sara O'Leary. When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways -- but the same in the one way that matters most of all.



*Into the Arctic*, illustrated by Emily Dove. Acetate windows draw you into a wintery wonderland as you journey through magical, Arctic landscapes in this beautifully illustrated book. The acetate pages build a layered effect, and as each page is turned, a habitat full of Arctic creatures is revealed.



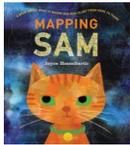
*The Inuit thought of it: amazing Arctic innovations*, by Alooook Ipellie. Introduces over forty inventions made by the Inuit which are crucial to their survival.



*Kid chef bakes: the kids cookbook for aspiring bakers*, by Lisa Huff. An introductory cookbook equips kid chefs with the tools they need to create treats the whole family will enjoy.



*Mapping Sam*, by Joyce Hesselberth. An adventurous cat named Sam explores her neighborhood at night, and maps of all types reveal her journey, illuminating different points of view and the various spots Sam visits.



*When spring comes*, by Kevin Henkes. Animals and children alike watch as the world transforms from the dark and dead of winter to a full and blooming spring.



*Who was Napoleon?*, by Jim Gigliotti. Presents the life of the military genius who crowned himself Emperor of the French and established a vast European empire.

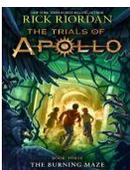


*Winter is here*, by Kevin Henkes. Snow falls, animals burrow, and children prepare for the wonders winter brings.



## Middle Years Fiction

*The burning maze (trials of Apollo bk, 3)*, by Rick Riordan. The Greek god Apollo, cast down to earth as the ungifted human teenager Lester Papadopoulos, and his demigod friends must go through the Labyrinth to find the third emperor--and an Oracle who speaks in word puzzles--somewhere in the American Southwest.



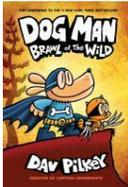
## Graphic Novels

*Curse of the harvester (Dream jumper, bk 2)*, by Greg Grunber & Lucas Turnbloom. Ben and



Jake are back for more! With the Dream Jumper business making them some serious money, all seems to be going great. But Ben is put to the test in a way he never saw coming when a new and formidable foe invades his nightmares. With Jake backing him up and a mysterious newcomer in the Dream World, Ben may have a chance to overcome this new evil.

*Dog man: brawl of the wild*, by Dav Pilkey. The heroic hound is sent to the pound for a crime he didn't commit! While his pals work to prove his innocence, Dog Man struggles to find his place among dogs and people. Being a part of both worlds, will he ever fit in with one?



## Juvenile Fiction

*I survived the attack of the grizzlies, 1967*, by Lauren Tarshis. Eleven-year-old Melody Vega and her family visit Glacier National Park every summer, but this year Mel comes face-to-face with a terrifying grizzly bear.



*I survived the eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980*, by Lauren Tarshis. On May 18, 1980, eleven-year-old Jessie Marlowe and her best friends, Eddie and Sam, are in a forest near Mount St. Helens when the months of wondering whether the volcano will erupt are finally answered--all three are badly burned, but it is up to Jessie to protect the boys as best she can and hope that somebody comes to rescue them.



*Pinky Bloom and the case of the missing Kiddush cup*, by Judy Press. While investigating suspicious happenings at her friend's parents' Chinese restaurant, Brooklyn's greatest detective, fourth grader Penina "Pinky" Bloom, solves the mystery of recently stolen artifacts from the Jewish Museum.



*The Terrible Two's last laugh*, by Mac Barnett & Jory John. As the Terrible Two face the end of their time together in Yawnee Valley, they are determined to pull a prank that changes the town forever.



## Picture Books

*Emeraldicious*, by Victoria Kann. Recycling magic turns a garbage-filled park into a "greentastic" garden.

