

JEWISH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE RESOURCES

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AJL PUBLICATIONS – AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The following publications are available for purchase from the Association of Jewish Libraries: (for ordering information, go to www.jewishlibraries.org; click on "Publications" and then "AJL Publications Order Form")

Hart, Merrily F. *Creating a Collection: A Resource Booklist for a Beginning Judaic Library*. 4th rev. ed. New York: AJL, 2000. Includes index. ISBN 0929262549. [Member: \$9.00, Non-Member: \$11.00]

Guide to developing a core collection for a beginning synagogue, school, or community center library. Arranged topically.

***Notable Children's Books of Jewish Content, 1985-2000*. New York: AJL, 2001. 40 p. [Member: \$10.00, Non-Member: \$12.00]**

Annotated lists of recommended books for 1985-2000, prepared by the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee.

Silver, Linda. *Developing a Judaic Children's Collection: Recommended Books and Videos*. New York: AJL, 2001. 109 p. ISBN 0929262565. [Member: \$15.00, Non-Member: \$18.00]

Contains books & videos for preschool-middle school, organized by subject bibliographies. Indexed by author/illustrator and title.

Silver Linda. *Jewish Classics for Kids*. New York: AJL, 2006. 32 p. ISBN 0929262611 [Member: \$20.00; Non-Member: \$25.00]

Annotated bibliography of a classic canon of Jewish books for children. Indexed by author and title.

AJL PUBLICATIONS - AVAILABLE FREE ONLINE

Bibliography Bank

Bibliographies, created by Judaica librarians, are available on various topics including "Books on Jewish Values for Early Childhood," "Celebrating 350 Years of American Jewish History," and "Recent Books and Videos about Israel, 2002-2005." Go to www.jewishlibraries.org and click on "Resources" and then "Bibliography Bank."

Excellence in Jewish Children's Literature

This guide for book reviewers, selectors, and award judges provides information about how to evaluate children's books with Jewish content. Go to www.jewishlibraries.org and click on "Publications" and then "Excellence in Jewish Children's Literature."

JEWISH STARS: Recommended Books with Jewish Themes for Schools and Libraries

This annotated bibliography will enable teachers, librarians, and parents identify recommended books that will help children learn about the Jewish religion, Jewish culture, Jewish history, Israel, and contemporary Jewish life. Go to www.jewishlibraries.org and click on the link under "News & Announcements".

Notable Children's Books of Jewish Content

The Notable Children's Books of Jewish Content (formerly Best of the Bunch) bibliography contains quality books chosen from those submitted to, and evaluated by, the Sydney Taylor Award Committee. Bibliographies of recommended books from 1999-2007 are available to view online or to download. Go to www.jewishlibraries.org and click on "Publications" and then "Notable Children's Books of Jewish Content." Information about the Sydney Taylor Book Award is also available at www.sydneytaylorbookaward.org.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Davis, Enid. *A Comprehensive Guide to Children's Literature with a Jewish Theme*. New York: Schocken Books, 1981. ISBN: 0805237607. OUT OF PRINT [available used at www.epwbooks.com]

This annotated and critical guide to Jewish children's literature published before 1980, spans a wide range of subjects, including the Hebrew alphabet, the Bible, biographies, art, history, holidays, fiction, folk tales and anthologies, music and dance, and theology, and age levels. While many of the books listed are now out of print, the guide is still useful especially if the books are still available in local libraries.

Elswit, Sharon Barcan. *The Jewish Story Finder: A Guide to 363 Tales Listing Subjects and Sources*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc., 2005. ISBN: 0786421924. \$55.00

A subject guide to hundreds of Jewish stories, this book's purpose is to help teachers, rabbis, librarians, folklorists, parents, and storytellers find the right story to match their need. It also will lead educators to a wealth of Jewish stories on universal themes for use in multicultural programs for all ages.

Musikant, Ellen and Sue Grass. *Judaism Through Children's Books: A Resource for Teachers and Parents*. Denver, CO: ARE Publishing, 2001. ISBN: 0867050500. \$19.95.

Includes summaries of recommended books with discussion questions and activities covering the following topics: Bible, Ethics, Folklore, History, Holidays, Holocaust, and Life Cycle.

Person, Hara E. and Diane G. Person. *Stories of Heaven and Earth: Bible Heroes in Contemporary Children's Literature*. New York: Continuum, 2005. ISBN: 0826414680. \$29.95

Offers a critical examination of children's picture books based on stories from the Bible and shows how bible stories allow children to become the heroes of their own lives as they make the difficult but essential transition from childhood to adolescence and into adulthood.

REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

The Association of Jewish Libraries Newsletter

The AJL Newsletter, published quarterly by the Association of Jewish Libraries to inform members about Association activities and issues related to Judaica libraries; includes numerous reviews of current books for children and adults. AJL membership is \$50/year (\$30/year for students and retirees) or \$30/year just to receive the Newsletter. Go to www.jewishlibraries.org and click on "Join AJL" for more information.

Booklist

Every year nearly 4,000 books for adults, more than 2,500 titles for children, more than 500 reference books and electronic reference tools, and 1,000 other audiovisual materials are reviewed in *Booklist*. A wide variety of feature articles including author interviews, bibliographies, book-related essays by well-known writers, and a selection of columns are also included in each issue. Subscriptions to *Booklist*, which is published 22 times a year, are \$79.95 a year. Go to www.ala.org and click on "Products & Publications," "Periodicals," and then "Booklist" for more information.

Jewish Book World

Jewish Book World is published by the Jewish Book Council 3 times/year (\$28/one year subscription) and reviews recommended children's books and adult books. The Jewish Book Council also produces bookmarks and posters annually for Jewish Book Month. Go to www.jewishbookcouncil.org or call 212/532-4949 for more information.

Publishers Weekly

Publishers Weekly is the leading publication serving all segments involved in the creation, production, marketing and sale of the written word in book, audio, video and electronic formats. *PW Religion BookLine*, published every other Tuesday, delivers original news, features, reviews, and columns on religion publishing and books. Subscriptions to *Publishers Weekly* are \$225/year. Go to www.publishersweekly.com for more information.

School Library Journal

School Library Journal, the print magazine, and *School Library Journal Online* (www.schoollibraryjournal.com), serve librarians who work with young people in school and public libraries. School Library Journal carries more book reviews and wins more awards for editorial excellence than any other publication in the field. The print magazine is published monthly; subscriptions are \$124/year.

VOYA

Voices **o**f **Y**outh **A**dvocates is a bimonthly journal addressing librarians, educators, and other professionals who work with young adults. With columns, articles, editorials, reviews, and booklists, it is the only magazine devoted exclusively to the informational needs of teenagers. Subscriptions to *VOYA* (6 times/year) are \$29.95. Go to www.voya.com for more information.

WEB RESOURCES

The Association of Jewish Libraries – www.jewishlibraries.org

Go to "Awards" and then "Sydney Taylor Book Awards" to view a list of all award winners from 1968-present and to download the lists of Notable Children's Books of Jewish Content from 1999-2003. Go to "Resources" and then "Bibliography Bank" for a list of all bibliographies available.

The AJL New Jewish Values Finder - www.ajljewishvalues.org

A free, on-line guide to Jewish values in Jewish children's books for teachers, librarians, parents, clergy, and everyone who cares about what Jewish children read. Includes over 700 recommended books for pre-school – high school.

The Book of Life Podcast - www.jewishbooks.blogspot.com

Hear author interviews, book and CD reviews, and comments from Jewish readers on this monthly Internet radio show about Jewish books and music with an emphasis on materials for young people. Hosted and produced by Heidi Estrin, Director of the Feldman Children's Library at Congregation B'nai Israel in Boca Raton, Florida and past chair of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee.

JBooks: The Online Jewish Book Community – www.jbooks.com

The "Children's Books" section includes current reviews of new books. Past book reviews are archived and accessible.

Jewish Book Publishing News - www.olswanger.com

As a service to booksellers and librarians, Anna Olswanger Books provides author and publisher contact information in each issue of Jewish Book Publishing News, archived on the website and available by e-mail subscription, or in the newsletter of the Association of Jewish Libraries.

CONFERENCES

The Association of Jewish Libraries

The annual convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries is held each year in June and is a valuable way for Judaica librarians to share ideas, learn, and network with their peers. The 2007 Convention will be June 17-20 in Scottsdale, AZ. For more information go to www.jewishlibraries.org and click on "Convention."

Jewish Children's Book Writers' Conference

Co-sponsored by the 92nd Street Y Bottenwieser Library and the Jewish Book Council, this conference is geared for writers and illustrators of children's books for the Jewish market. The one-day conference takes place annually in November at the 92nd Street Y in New York. For more information call 212/415-5544 or e-mail library@92Y.org.

Jewish Literature for Children Western Regional Conference

Sponsored by the Association of Jewish Libraries of Southern California, this one-day conference is held each February in Los Angeles. For more information contact Susan Dubin at 818/886-6415 or Lisa Silverman at lsilverman@sinaitemple.org.