

TEEN BOOKS

Alban, Andrea. **Anya's War**. 2011. In 1937, the carefree life of a 14 year old girl whose family emigrated from the Ukraine to Shanghai comes to an end when she finds an abandoned baby, her hero Amelia Earhart goes missing, and war breaks out with Japan.

Chapman, Fern Schumer. **Is it Night or Day?** 2010. Inspired by the little known American 'One Thousand Children' project to save Jewish children, the novel follows the travels and trials of a young German Jewish girl sent alone to Chicago in 1938 to escape the Holocaust.

Jablonski, Carla. Leland Purvis, Illus. **Resistance, Book 2, Defiance**. 2011. The second volume in the graphic novel series about the French resistance during the Holocaust is as gripping as the first award winning - Sydney Taylor Honor Book - volume. Color illustrations and snappy dialog in word balloons deliver brave children outwitting their German occupiers.

Jacobson, Sid & Colon, Ernie. **Anne Frank**. 2010. Maps, colored squares and word balloons deliver a moving graphic biography of Anne Frank. The well organized volume introduces Anne, her family, the other people hiding with them, their protectors and their discovery.

Krieger, Evelyn. **One is Not a Lonely Number**. 2010. Talia Shumacher, age 13, struggles with loneliness as the only child of a wealthy orthodox couple living in a religious community that celebrates large families. She is irritated with her parents' open-door policy and hospitality when they welcome an eccentric 23 year old ballet dancer into their home.

Meyerhoff, Jenny. **Queen of Secrets**. 2010. A bible story arrives in modern dress in this engrossing novel reflecting the issues in Purim lore. Teen Essie Green, an orphan, raised by her secular Jewish grandparents, experiences conflicting loyalties and confusing emotions when her very religious relatives, especially Cousin Micah, arrive from New York.

Oz, Amos. **Suddenly in the Depths of the Forest**. 2011. Two children, live in a gray, gloomy village where all of the animals disappeared years before. Their curiosity about the mystery of the missing creatures leads them into the dark forest where they find adventure and tolerance.

Rubin, Susan Goldman. **Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein**. 2011. A remarkable biography traces the life and career of the famous American born composer, conductor, pianist, and teacher who stated that "life without music is unthinkable."

Sharenow, Robert. **The Berlin Boxing Club**. 2011. In 1936 Berlin a 14 year old Jewish boy with a non-religious upbringing learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

Stroud, Jonathan. **Bartimaeus: the Ring of Solomon**. 2010. Djinni Bartimaeus finds himself at the court of King Solomon with an unpleasant master, a sinister servant, and King Solomon's magic ring in this exciting prequel to the popular *Bartimaeus* trilogy.

Zalben, Jane Breskin. **Four Seasons**. 2011. Over the course of a year, a 13 year old piano prodigy at Julliard, a daughter of two musicians, tries to find her place in the world.

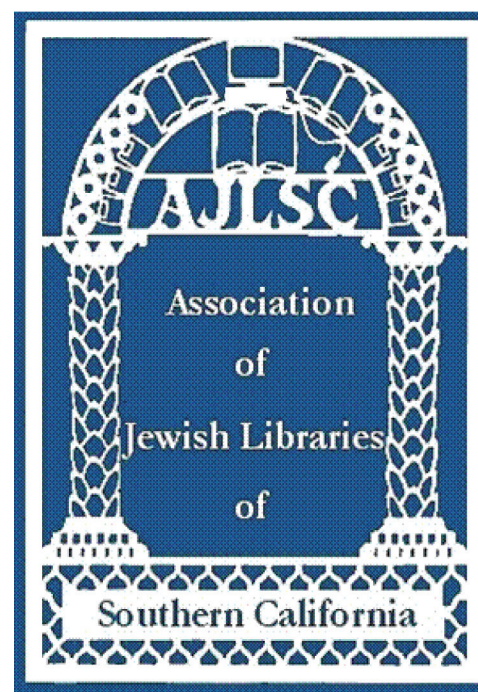
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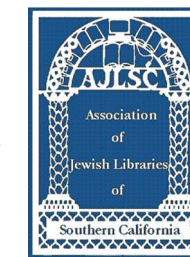
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A Selected List of Recent Books Children and Teens For 2012



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PICTURE BOOKS

Balsley, Tilda. Ilene Richard, Illus. **The Queen Who Saved Her People.** 2011. Gentle humor and dynamic illustrations deliver an energetic Purim holiday story that serves as both book and drama script through the clever use of color.

Bari, Ellen. Raquel Garcia Macia, Illus. **Jumping Jenny.** 2011. Jenny’s love of jumping propels a light hearted tale bursting with good-hearted world charity and strong-hearted self worth in a Jewish Day School setting.

Bernhard, Durga Yael. **Around the World in One Shabbat.** 2011. Lovely words and pictures reveal Shabbat observance in different communities around the world.

Black, Joe. Linda Prater, Illus. **Afikomen Mambo.** 2011. Bouncy rhythm and rhyme deliver a family celebrating Passover and searching for the afikomen.

Cohen, Deborah Bodin. Shahr Kober, Illus. **Engineer Ari and the Hanukkah Mishap.** 2011. Israel’s historic first train chugs from Jaffa to Jerusalem. A sudden derailment brings the driver, Engineer Ari, to the historical location of the Hanukkah story. Readers learn holiday customs and biblical lore in the third outing of this delightful series.

Danis, Naomi. Tod Cohen, Photog. **It’s Tot Shabbat!** 2011. As the title promises, a tot describes what he does on Shabbat while his parents attend grown up services.

Halberstam, Myriam. Nancy Cote, Illus. **A Horse for Hanukkah.** 2010. A young girl wants a horse for Hanukkah. She dreams what it would be like to have one. The combination of wishing and dreaming create a gentle story.

Jules, Jacqueline. Deborah Melmon, Illus. **Picnic at Camp Shalom.** 2011. Campers Carly and Sara become instant friends until Sara mistakes Carly’s excitement over her surname as teasing. She does not know it gives them something in common.

Kimmel, Eric A. Jill Weber, Illus. **The Story of Esther.** 2011. Rich vocabulary and a tone of oral storytelling achieve a wonderful tale of biblical excitement, explaining the moral victory which Purim celebrates.

Kimmel, Eric A. Martina Peluso, Illus. **Joseph and the Sabbath Fish.** 2011. Kimmel retells a classic tale about a man in Israel who celebrates Shabbat with joy despite his poverty.

Kimmel, Eric A. Aaron Jasinski, Illus. **The Golem’s Latkes.** 2011. Rabbi Judah Loew visits the Emperor. He leaves behind a new housemaid to prepare a Hanukkah party, then returns to discover she has misused the Golem.

Kohuth, Jane. Rosanne Litzinger, Illus. **Estie the Mensch.** 2011. Estie doesn’t like people much; in fact, she enjoys pretending to be an animal until she learns how to behave properly.

Koffsky, Ann D. **Noah’s Swim-A-Thon.** 2011. At camp a boy who doesn’t like to swim overcomes his fears in order to raise funds for charity.

Korngold, Jamie S. Julie Fortenberry, Illus. **Sadie’s Sukkah Breakfast.** 2011. A charming, well focused holiday story features two children serving a special breakfast to their stuffed animals in their family’s Sukkah. They celebrate Sukkot and honor the mitzvah of hospitality.

Lakritz, Deborah. Martha Aviles, Illus. **Say Hello, Lily.** 2010. Lily can’t wait to go with her mother to visit the people at Shalom Home, an assisted living facility. When they arrive she suddenly feels very shy until she learns how to lovingly connect.

Lehman-Wilzig, Tami, Katzman, Nicole. Jeremy Tugeau, Illus. **Nathan Blows Out the Hanukkah Candles.** 2011. Although Jacob is sometimes embarrassed by his autistic brother, he becomes angry when his brother is teased by a new boy to the neighborhood.

Lehman-Wilzig, Tami. Durga Yael Bernhard, Illus. **Green Bible Stories for Children.** 2011. This anthology retells ten familiar Bible stories with nature and ecology themes, putting a new spin on old favorites.

Lewis, Wendy. Diane Lucas, Illus. **Sabrina, The Girl With a Hole in Her Heart.** 2011. A ten year-old girl from rural Zanzibar leaves her family and goes to Israel for heart surgery that could save her life.

Marshall, Linda Elovitz. Francesca Assirelli, Illus. **Talia and the Rude Vegetables.** 2011. City girl Talia misunderstands her grandmother’s request to go to the garden for root vegetables in order to make a Rosh Hashanah stew.

Meltzer, Amy. Martha Aviles, Illus. **The Shabbat Princess.** 2011. Rosie pretends to be the Shabbat princess invited to her home with the Sabbath Queen. She reminds her parents how they should be treating their honored guest each week.

Michelson, Richard. Zachary Pullen, Illus. **Lipman Pike: America’s First Home Run King.** 2011. Meet a new Jewish sports hero, a 19th century baseball star who went directly from Bar Mitzvah bima to ball field in this biography of baseball’s first professional player.

Ofanansky, Allison. Eliyahu Alpern, Photog. **What’s the Buzz? Honey for a Sweet New Year.** 2011. A class in Israel tours a bee farm to learn how honey is made and used to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Rosenstock, Barb. Melanie Hall, Illus. **The Littlest Mountain.** 2011. A warm legend describes why God chose Mount Sinai as the spot to deliver the Ten Commandments.

Rubin, Susan Goldman. Bill Farnsworth, Illus. **Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto.** 2011. Discover the riveting, true story of Irena Sendler, the Polish social worker who helped almost 400 children escape from the Warsaw Ghetto. She saved their records so surviving families could find them.

Silverman, Erica.. Stacey Schuett, Illus. **Liberty’s Voice: The Story of Emma Lazarus.** 2011. This lovely biography personalizes the young, female, 19th century, Jewish American poet, who created the world famous poem on the base of the world famous statue.

Simhaee, Rebeka.. Michael Weber, Illus. **Sara Finds a Mitzva.** 2010. A young girl and her mother spend the day looking for the owner of a lost toy duck in order to complete a mitzvah.

Simpson, Lesley. Janice Lee Porter, Illus. **Yuvi’s Candy Tree.** 2011. Fleeing famine in Ethiopia, five year-old Yuvi is sure she will have a candy tree when she arrives in Jerusalem.

Spielman, Gloria. Manon Gauthier, Illus. **Marcel Marceau, Master of Mime.** 2011. Fine words examine the life of the legendary wordless Jewish mime in this surprising biography.

MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS

Axelrod, Amy. **Your Friend in Fashion, Abby Shapiro.** 2011. Beginning in 1959, almost 11 year old Abby writes letters to Jackie Kennedy, each with sketches of outfits she has designed. This correspondence helps assuage the daunting problems of adolescence.

Biskup, Agnieszka,. Pat Kinsella, Illus. **Houdini.** 2011. The ever popular master magician reappears in this graphic biography about his life, seeking, finding and maintaining fame.

Coulter, Laurie. Martha Newbigging, Illus. **Kings and Carpenters -- One Hundred Bible Land Jobs You Might Have Praised or Panned.** 2010. Could you ever imagine so many jobs performed by people in Biblical times? This interesting, informative and fun volume describes and illustrates one hundred of them in an engaging style for young readers.

Dublin, Anne. Qin Leng, Illus. **The Orphan Rescue.** 2010. Miriam’s little brother is sent to an orphanage when their grandparents are too poor to be able to raise them. She determines to get him out and bring him home. We follow Miriam as she plans and acts.

Kacer, Kathy. **To Hope and Back.** 2011. This tense novel rests on the true saga of those refugees from Nazi Germany who boarded the ocean liner St. Louis in 1939, were refused entry into Cuba and the United States, and were forced to land back in dangerous Europe.

Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. **Secret at Camp Nokomis.** 2010. A mystery joins the series about the latest American Girl, Rebecca. Six historical fictions reveal the life of a Jewish immigrant growing up in New York in the early 1900’s; this seventh adds sleuthing to Rebecca’s skills.

Kim, Susan, Klavan, Laurence. Pascal Diziin, Illus. **City of Spies.** 2010. Exciting historical fiction in trendy graphic novel format flashes back to 1942 New York where a couple of kids try to stop Nazi spies and their war effort.

Perl, Erica S. **When Life Gives you O.J.** 2011. Zelly wants a dog. Her family moves from Brooklyn to Vermont to live with her Grandfather. He suggests that first she take care of a practice dog - an empty orange juice jug! - for a summer in this humorous story promising fun for all.

Rouss, Sylvia A.. Martha Rast, Illus. **Mitzvah the Mutt.** 2010. Mitzvah the mutt learns about Jewish customs and holidays when he is rescued by a Jewish family.

Ungerer, Tomi. **Otto: the Autobiography of a Teddy Bear.** 2010. The life of a teddy bear which survived the Holocaust and was eventually reunited with its original owner keeps readers glued to the pages in this picture book for older readers.

Vicki L. Weber, Ed. Hector Borlasca, Illus. **It’s Too Crowded in Here! And Other Jewish Folktales.** 2010. Enjoy this sound collection of eight classic Jewish short stories for children.