



Annotated List of New Books at The Kaufman Silverberg Library

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Adult/High School

Judaic Non Fiction

The Creative Jewish wedding book: a hands-on guide to new & old traditions, ceremonies & celebrations, by Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer. Will assist those who are new to Judaism, those who wish to adapt tradition to personalize their Jewish wedding or those who want to incorporate elements of Jewish tradition into an unconventional or interfaith wedding ceremony.

Unsettled: the problem of loving Israel, by Marc Aronson. An exploration of the history of Israel, its relationships with its neighbouring countries, and questions about what Israel should be.

Yiddishkeit: Jewish vernacular and the new land, edited by Harvey Pekar and Paul Buhle. Traces the influence of Yiddish from medieval Europe to the tenements of New York's Lower East Side.

Judaic Fiction

When they come for us, we'll be gone: the epic struggle to save Soviet Jewry, by Gal Beckerman. Draws on newly released government documents to trace the three-decade effort to protect Jewish Soviet citizens after World War II, providing coverage of the movement's impact on Judaism, the Cold War, and immigration.

General Non Fiction

Boomerang: travels in the new Third World, by Michael Lewis. The author actually makes topics like European sovereign debt, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank not only comprehensible but also fascinating.

A Concise Introduction to World Religions, edited by Willard G. Oxtoby and Alan F. Segal. A survey of faiths around the globe, based on the two-volume "World Religion: Eastern and Western Traditions" edited by Willard G. Oxtoby.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, by Rebecca Skloot. A fascinating and moving story of medicine and family, of how life is sustained in laboratories and in memory. After the death of Henrietta Lacks from cancer, her cells were the source of a seemingly immortal line that made some of the most crucial innovations in modern science possible.

Into the Silence: the Great War, Mallory, and the conquest of Everest, by Wade Davis. This account weaves together such disparate strands as Queen Victoria's Indian Raj, the Great Games of intrigue against Russia, the horrors of the Somme, and the British obsession to conquer the world's highest peak.

General Fiction

Alone in the Classroom, by Elizabeth Hay. Conveys the complex power plays of the classroom in a love story and murder mystery.

The Cat's Table, by Michael Ondaatje. In the early 1950s, an eleven-year-old boy in Colombo boards a ship bound for England. He joins two other boys as the ship makes its way across the Indian Ocean, through the Suez Canal, into the Mediterranean. They tumble from one adventure to another.

Half-blood Blues, by Esi Edugyan. In Paris, 1940, a young black jazz musician was arrested in a cafe and never heard from again. Fifty years later the only witness to that arrest travels to Berlin bringing to the surface buried secrets. A Man Booker prize finalist, 2011.

The Last Pope, by Luís Miguel Rocha. Did Pope John Paul I die of natural causes 33 days into his reign? This blend of fact and fiction suggests that the new pope's intent to liberalize various church positions brought about his murder.

The Marriage Plot, by Jeffrey Eugenides. A thoughtful novel from the author of *Middlesex* about life, love, and discovery set as the three main characters graduate from college and prepare to live adult lives.

The Night Circus, by Erin Morgenstern. Welcome to Le Cirque des Rêves. Beyond the smoke and mirrors, however, a fierce competition is underway - a contest between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood to compete in "a game," in which each must use their powers of illusion to best the other.

State of Wonder, by Ann Patchett. A researcher at a pharmaceutical company, Marina Singh journeys into the heart of the Amazonian delta to check on a field team that has been silent for two years--a dangerous assignment that forces Marina to confront the ghosts of her past.

Books in Spanish

La conspiración, by Dan Brown.

Crepúsculo: un amor peligroso, by Stephenie Meyer.

Desaparecido, by Jonathan Kellerman.

El ocho, by Katherine Neville.

Eclipse, by Stephenie Meyer.

Juicio final, by John Katzenbach. Young adult Spanish speakers will enjoy this mystery.

Luna nueva, by Stephenie Meyer.

Peligro inminente, by Tom Clancy.

La segunda vida de Bree Tanner, by Stephenie Meyer.

Teacher Resource

Battling the Blues: the handbook for helping children and teens with depression, by Kim "Tip" Frank. Explains in understandable terms what depression is and gives practical advice how to cope with it. These strategies can be adapted for younger and older children. This book is designed for parents, professional helpers, kids and teens.

The Bipolar Workbook for Teens: DBT skills to help you control mood swings, by Sheri Van Dijk and Karma Guindon. An easy to use workbook includes exercises and worksheets that help learn skills drawn from a special technique called dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT). DBT skills can help people with bipolar disorder improve their relationships and control emotions.

It happened to me: a teen's guide to overcoming sexual abuse, by Wm. Lee Carter. Written for teens and those who treat them. Simple, effective exercises help teens learn about the different aspects of trauma, share the thoughts and emotions of other survivors, clarify their own ideas and beliefs, and explore new ways of feeling and relating.

The Realities of Sexting (you can't unsend!), produced by Learning Seed Production. This DVD features a program that teaches students what actions are defined as "sexting" and how the repercussions extend well beyond embarrassment. Includes teacher guide.

Study Strategies Made Easy, by Leslie Davis and Sandi Sirotowitz. Teaches students valuable study skills, for example time management, organizational skills, improving reading comprehension, vocabulary development and how to study effectively for tests.

What Jewish Schools could be: the view from the other side, by Sara Carter. Invites parents, teachers, and principals to take another look at some of the fundamental issues in Jewish education, both in America and abroad.

DVD's

The Age of Enlightenment. Just the Facts Learning Series. Shows how the ideas of Enlightenment spread from France to other countries in Europe and eventually to America, finding their way into The US Constitution, The Bill of Rights and The Declaration of Independence.

American Justice: vigilante justice. An Arts and Entertainment Networks documentary. What are the consequences to citizens who take justice into their own hands? This documentary goes to the heart of this issue with a penetrating look at several famous incidents.

America: the story of us. An A and E Television Network and History Channel production. Dramatic recreations and insights from some of America's most respected artists, business leaders, academics and intellectuals present a comprehensive telling of America's history.

The Hound of the Baskervilles, starring Jeremy Brett; directed by Brian Mills. When Sir Charles Baskerville dies on the moors, apparently frightened to death, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson travel from London to Dartmoor to investigate.

The Hound of the Baskervilles, produced by Christopher Hall; directed by David Atwood. In this terrifying new adaptation, Doyle's legendary characters are portrayed with a pace and vigour that capture the spirit of the original story.

Magic beyond Words: the J.K. Rowling story. Directed by Paul A. Kaufman; starring Poppy Montgomery. Dramatizes the British author's struggle to bring the beloved wizard fantasy of Harry Potter to life as a single mother on welfare and become one of the world's wealthiest women.

For Middle Years Students and Younger Readers

Judaic Books for Young Readers

Candles, by Lynne Kositsky. An old Menorah takes Anya back in time to Nazi Germany, where a Christian woman helps a Jewish girl escape. As the past unfolds, Anya learns some truths about her present-day family and herself.

Lilith's Ark: teenage tales of biblical women, by Deborah Bodin Cohen. Melds text, biblical commentaries, and historic details about the ancient world with the experiences of modern girls and women and the author's own imagination.

A Mountain of Blintzes, by Barbara Diamond Goldin. A family, living in the Catskill Mountains in the 1920s, works together to gather the necessary ingredients to make blintzes for Shavuot.

DVD's for Younger Viewers

Be Happy, it's Purim! Shalom Sesame. Volume 6. Starring Anneliese van der Pol; guest appearance by Eva Longoria. Avigail is inspired by the story of Esther. Moishe Oofnik is his usual grouchy self ... but who is that mysterious masked singer at the Purim Spiel?

Chanukah: the missing Menorah. Shalom Sesame. Volume 2. Grover is bringing the latkes, and all is well until Anneliese gets caught in a game of tag with a chicken and loses her special menorah. Can her friends find the missing menorah in time to celebrate Chanukah?

Countdown to Shavuot: Shalom Sesame. Volume 9. It's Shavuot! Abigail and Brosh want to stay up all night just like the grown-ups. Will they be able to do it? They will certainly try with a little help from a dancing cow!

Grover learns Hebrew. Shalom Sesame. Volume 8. Guest appearance by Debra Messing. Join Grover as he learns lots of new words in Hebrew and is welcomed by the Rechov Sumsum family. Come along and sing the Aleph-Bet song and find out what Grover's favourite Hebrew word is.

Grover Plants a Tree. Shalom Sesame. Volume 4. Guest appearances by Debra Messing and Greg Kinnear. It's Tu Bishvat! Grover, Brosh and Avigail get back to nature as they learn how to plant trees and make the world a better place.

It's Passover, Grover! Shalom Sesame. Volume 7. Starring Anneliese van der Pol; guest appearance by Jake Gyllenhaal. It's almost time to celebrate Passover, and there is no horseradish to be found. Grover, Anneliese and Avigail put their heads together to track it down, but things get tricky when there is an Oofnik involved!

Mitzvah on the Street. Shalom Sesame. Volume 5. Guest appearance by Matisyahu. When a storm makes a mess of the neighbourhood, everyone lends a helping hand. In the meantime, Grover is invited to a Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem.

Welcome to Israel. Shalom Sesame. Volume 1. Starring Anneliese van der Pol; guest appearance by Christina Applegate. Join your favourite blue monster Grover and his new pal, Anneliese van der Pol, as they begin to explore Israel.

General Non Fiction

Eastern Cougar, by Sylvia Funston. Explores the reasons why eastern cougars are endangered and tells what is being done to help them survive in the future.

Guinness World Records, 2012. This edition features new 'widescreen' design, thousands of new and classic records, never-before-seen photos and an exciting selection of new topics and features.

Listen to the Wind: the story of Dr. Greg and Three cups of tea, by Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth. A sophisticated easy reader that chronicles Mortenson's first school building project in Pakistan.

Russell' World: a story for kids about autism, by Charles A. Amenta III. Young readers are invited to step into Russell's world and take an inside look at a real-life family's surprises and challenges that come with autism.

Middle Years Fiction

Found, by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Book 1 in the series *The Missing*. Thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

Half Brother, by Kenneth Oppel. In 1973, a renowned Canadian behavioural psychologist brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his thirteen-year-old son to treat the chimp like a little brother.

Thirteen reasons why, by Jay Asher. When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to her voice.

Books in Hebrew

Alilot spiderwick: Etz ha-barzel, by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black.

Alilot spiderwick: Madrikh shimushi, by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black.

Alilot spiderwick: Mishkaf ha-even, by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black.

Alilot spiderwick: Soda shel Lucinda, by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black.

Be'yikvot alilot spiderwick: Shirat ha-nahalilit, by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black.

Danidin ve-dinadin ha-royim ve-einam nir'im, by On Sarig.

Easy Readers

Arthur's April Fool, by Marc Brown. Arthur worries about remembering his magic tricks for the April Fool's Day assembly and the class bully, Binky, threatens to pulverize him.

The Berenstain Bears' Big Bedtime Book, by Stan & Jan Berenstain. Young readers will enjoy six remakes of fairy tales featuring the Berenstain Bears.

The Class from the Black Lagoon, by Mike Thaler. It's another scary day at the Black Lagoon for the new teacher, Mrs. Green. There's a new class coming for the first day of school and the teacher is worried.

Max and the Beanstalk, adapted by Rosemary Wells. Enjoy this updated version of "Jack and the Beanstalk" fairytale with a unique Max and Ruby twist.

Mirror, by Jeannie Baker. In this wordless picture book, readers are invited to compare, page by page, the activities and surroundings of children in two different cultures.

Ruby's Beauty Shop, by Rosemary Wells. Louise and Ruby use Louise's "Deluxe Beauty Kit" to give Max a make-over, but when Grandma calls to schedule her own make-over, she makes an appointment with Max.