



Annotated List of New Books at The Kaufman Silverberg Library

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Adult

Judaic Non Fiction

- All or Nothing: The Axis and the Holocaust, 1941-1943*, by Jonathan Steinberg. This book contrasts the Italian Fascists and the German Nazis during the Holocaust and attempts to explain why the Italians sent no Jews to concentration camps.
- Auschwitz, Poland, and the Politics of Commemoration, 1945-1979*, by Jonathan Huener. A scholarly examination of the politics and controversies aroused by the contradictory ways Jews and Poles have memorialized the Holocaust.
- The Beauty of Sephardic Life: scholarly, humorous, and personal reflections*, by Sam Bension Maimon. A compilation of Sam Maimon's articles on a variety of topics, relating to Sephardic history, language, customs and social practices.
- The Ghetto of Prague*, by Vladimir Sadek and Jirina Sedinova. Includes 125 colour photographs of preserved historical monuments of the Prague ghetto as well as works of art and historical objects from the Jewish Museum of Prague.
- The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, by Stieg Larsson. At once a strikingly original thriller and a vivisection of Sweden's secrets, this first of a trilogy introduces disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the multi-pierced and tattooed Lisbeth Salander.
- The Greatest Jewish Stories*, retold and introduced by David Patterson. A compilation of legends and folktales from the Bible, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar, and other sources.
- The Jewish Cultural Tapestry: international Jewish folk traditions*, by Steven M. Lowenstein. Offers an engaging overview of the customs and folkways of a people united by tradition, yet scattered to the far corners of the earth.
- The Jews of Paris and the Final Solution: communal response and internal conflicts, 1940-1944*, by Jacques Adler. An examination of a dark chapter in Jewish history. Adler, who fought in the Jewish underground resistance, discusses the role played by immigrant Jews in the movement.
- Mitzvah Girls: bringing up the next generation of Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn*, by Ayala Fader. A window into the rarely seen and little understood world of Hasidim. Fader, an anthropologist, focuses on girls and how they view their lives.
- Next Year in Jerusalem: everyday life in a divided land*, by Daphna Golan-Agnon. A complex and beautiful book by a proud and patriotic Israeli who is nevertheless troubled by her own country's actions.
- Passionate Pioneers: the story of Yiddish secular education in North America, 1910-1960*, by Fradle Pomerantz Freidenreich. Documents the history of a wide network of secular Jewish schools and summer camps for children and adults in Canada and United States that emphasized Yiddish language, literature, Jewish history, folklore and traditions.

Judaic Fiction

- Apples from the Desert: selected stories*, by Savyon Liebrecht. These stories, originally published in Hebrew, are personal but also fierce pleas for understanding and justice. Savyon Liebrecht's window on the land and the people of Israel is illuminating, if sometimes uncomfortable reading.
- Good for the Jews*, by Debra Spark. A modern mirror to the book of Esther with a cast of characters from mid-2000 Wisconsin. Barring the biblical suggestion of the title, the

novel is a study of human qualities and the interrelationships of those who identify with Jewish culture rather than religion.

The Prophet's Wife, by Milton Steinberg. A portrait of the biblical prophet Hosea, his passionate and free-spirited wife, Gomer and a people seduced by the lures of power and idolatry to betray their faith.

General Non Fiction

The Darwin Awards: Next Evolution: chlorinating the gene pool, by Wendy Northcutt. Fully illustrated with over a hundred new jaw-dropping and side-splitting feats of stupidity including science essays by guest writers.

General Fiction

Crank, by Ellen Hopkins. Kristina is the perfect daughter: gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, Kristina disappears and alter-ego Bree takes her place. Bree is the exact opposite of Kristina.

Cutting for Stone, by Abraham Verghese. A family saga of Africa and America, doctors and patients, exile and home.

Far to Go, by Alison Pick. A saga that takes us deep inside the world of one Jewish family during the lead-up to the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1939.

The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest, by Stieg Larsson. The exhilarating conclusion to bestseller Larsson's Millennium trilogy (after *The Girl Who Played with Fire*) continues the action and suspense of the series.

Just Deceits: a historical courtroom mystery, by Michael Schein. Based on actual events in 1793, this novel tells the story of the Trial of the Century where a powerful family in Virginia, the Randolph's, was charged with adultery and infanticide.

The Last War, by Ana Menéndez. Menendez shows with unblinking honesty how in conflict and its aftermath journalists can find or lose themselves.

The Space between Us, by Thrity Umrigar. Illustrates the intimacy, and the irreconcilable class divide, between two women in contemporary Bombay.

Watching Jimmy, by Nancy Hartry. Explores the damage that secrets can wreak upon those who keep them. Uncle Ted claimed Jimmy bumped his head falling off the swing but that's not what really happened.

Books on CD

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Teacher Resource

Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats: responding to the challenge of online social aggression, threats, and distress, by Nancy E. Willard. Addresses real-life online risks students face as they use the Internet and other digital technologies, including cell phones. Addresses legal considerations for schools and ways administrators should respond. Includes CD Rom of handouts and forms.

Cyber-safe Kids, Cyber-savvy Teens: helping young people learn to use the Internet safely and responsibly, by Nancy E. Willard. Essential strategies to keep children and teens safe online.

Grade 7 English Language Arts. Curriculum Guide. General Outcomes 1-5.

Grade 7 English Language Arts: A Course for Distance Learning. Field Validation Version. 2001.

Hebrew as Second Language for Children: I have got another language; Yesh li od safa; vrit ke-safa shniya le-yeladim; by Rachel Tokatli and Edna Razi. For 7-10 year old students to help them focus on speaking, reading, writing, grammar, syntax, and vocabulary development.

i-Safe Internet Life Skills Activities: reproducible projects on learning to safely handle life online, Grades 9-12. Addresses personal safety and computer security issues involved in many of the tasks and activities that are frequently done online.

NurtureShock: new thinking about children, by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman. Demonstrates that many of modern society's strategies for nurturing children are in fact backfiring because key twists in the science of child development have been overlooked.

Reading Response that really matters to Middle Schoolers, by Larry Lewin. Helps students develop the ability to write to a specific audience for a real purpose, respond to fiction and nonfiction texts, develop a strong writing choice, assess their own work, and care about revising their writing.

Senior 4 English Language Arts: Transactional focus: a course for distance learning. Teacher reference version. Manitoba Education and Youth, 2003.

The Stress Reduction Workbook for Teens: mindfulness skills to help you deal with stress, by Gina M. Biegel. A collection of thirty-seven simple workbook activities that will teach you to reduce your worries using a technique called mindfulness, helping you focus on your present thoughts and feelings instead of worrying about what might happen.

DVD's

The 1930s. A PBS production by WGBH Educational Foundation. Examines America's response to the unprecedented threats facing the nation during one of history's most tumultuous decades.

The Big Energy Gamble: renewable energy and America's future. A NOVA Production. PBS Home Video by Production Group, Inc. Explores the pros and cons of California's controversial program to slash carbon dioxide emissions and promote energy efficiency.

Broken Wings. A film by Nir Bergman. In Hebrew with English subtitles. Dafna, a mother struggling to keep her family afloat after the sudden death of their beloved father, takes on the role of surrogate mother to her two youngest siblings.

The Dark Ages: the fall of civilization, the rise of a New World order, produced by Kralyevich Productions Inc. for the History Channel. Profiles those who battled to shape the future of Europe, from the warlords whose armies threatened the demise of European society and the men and women who valiantly tended the flames of justice, knowledge, and innovation.

Every Picture tells a Story. Written and presented by Waldemar Januszczak. Unravels the secrets behind eight masterpieces of European painting, searching out art experts, literary and artistic allusions, and historical records to expose long-held secrets within the gilded frames.

Freedom Summer. Produced by A&E Television Networks for The History Channel. Explores the events of the summer of 1964 in Philadelphia, Mississippi that marked a turning point in U.S. history and in the Civil Rights Movement, mobilizing American society and helping spur Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Othello. Directed by Oliver Parker. Starring Laurence Fishburne, Irene Jacob, Kenneth Branagh.

Russia: Land of the Tsars. Written and produced by Don Campbell. Beginning at the first settlement of the Russian Vikings and ending at the brutal murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family, this epic program encompasses nearly a thousand years of despair and rebellion, innovation and conflict.

World War I: The Great War. The History Channel. A collection of documentary programs on World War One.

CD's

On the Keys of Yiddish Poetry: poems by Yiddish poets, read by Evgeny Kissin. Includes works of Arn Vergelis, Boris Mogilner, H. Leivick, Peretz Markish, Khayim-Nakhman Bialik, Moyshe Schulshiteyn, Yankev Glatshiteyn, Rivke Bassman-Ben-Haim and more.

Scanning Relaxation, script by Edward A. Charlesworth. Presents a body scanning sequence that involves checking for and letting go of muscle tension associated with stress. Also serves as the relaxation component of stress management for adolescents: a cognitive-behavioural program by Diane de Anda.

For Students and Younger Readers

Judaic Books for Young Readers

Chanukah: a joyous celebration, by Rabbi Daniel S. Wolk. Tells the story of Chanukah using an audio CD and text that feature customs and foods associated with this holiday.

My first Parsha Reader: the book of Vayikra, by R. Weissman. Includes information regarding the service in the Bais Hamikdash, as well as many topics applying to a child's daily life. Ideal for ages 3-8.

Naomi's Song, by Selma Kritzer Silverberg. Elaborates on the biblical story of Naomi, who grows up and marries in 12th century B.C. Judaea, moves with her husband and sons to Moab, and returns home with her daughter-in-law Ruth, facing many trials with faith and perseverance.

Resistance. Book I, by Carla Jablonski. The first of a trilogy, this stirring graphic novel set in 1940 in the French countryside authentically expresses the personal stand-offs and immediate drama of children who were drawn into the Resistance when German soldiers occupy their village.

Sukkot Treasure Hunt, by Allison Ofanansky. In Israel, a young girl and her family go on a scavenger hunt to find the "four species" they will use in their celebration of the Jewish holiday, Sukkot. Includes facts about plants named in the story.

Ten Marks and a Train Ticket: Benno's escape to freedom, by Susy Goldstein, Gina Hamilton and Wendy Share. In January 1939, brothers Benno and Heinz were put on a train departing Nazi Germany, in a desperate bid to send them to safety.

General Non Fiction

Let's Go! The story of getting from there to here, by Lizann Flatt. Take a journey across North America and through time to discover all the ways we've traveled from there to here, from the Stone Age hunters who walked from Asia to this land, all the way to space voyagers' dreams today.

DVD's

Hayo haya. Set of 3 Hebrew language dvd's that explain world history in a format designed for children.

Srugim. An Israeli television drama that deals with the lives of five observant Jewish single men and women living in the Katamon section of Jerusalem.

Middle Years Fiction

Elvina's Mirror, by Sylvie Weil. In 1097 Troyes, France, fourteen-year-old Elvina reaches out to a shunned family of German Jews drawing her grandfather, Bible and Talmud scholar Solomon Ben Isaac, into helping her new friend.

The Last Olympian, Book 5 in the series *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, by Rick Riordan. Percy Jackson leads an army of young demigods to stop Kronos in his advance on New York City. The final book in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

The Wind in the Willows, by Kenneth Grahame. The tales of Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad. When Mole goes boating with the Water Rat instead of spring-cleaning, he discovers a new world.

Books in Hebrew

Gingi or emet or chova, by Galila Ron-Feder-Amit.

Gulliver be-eretz ha-gamadim, by Jonathan Swift; adapted by Edna Peleg.

Books in Spanish

Harry Potter y la piedra filosofal, by J.K. Rowling.

Easy Readers

Before I say goodnight, by Julia Porter. This gentle and sensitive lullaby follows a young child's imaginary day as she dreams of all the adventures she will have before she goes to sleep.

Jasper explores the Rocky Mountains, by Doug and Shannon Chapman. Jasper explores the wilderness of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper, and finds a monster lurking in the woods.