

Jewish Creators & Stories

Picture Books

Ades, Audrey. *Judah Touro Didn't Want to Be Famous* (Historical).

Aluma, Neri. *The Hedgehog Who Said Who Cares?*

Behar, Ruth. *Tia Fortuna's New Home*.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *And a Cat from Carmel Market*.

Cohen, Paula. *Big Dreams, Small Fish*.

Ehrenberg, Pamela. *Queen of the Hanukkah Dosas*.

Fagan, Cary. *Mr. Tempkin Climbs a Tree*.

Feder, Sandra V. *Bitter and Sweet*.

Gilani-Williams, Fawzia. *Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam*.

Glaser, Linda. *On One Foot*.

Goddu, Krystyna Poray. *An Unlikely Ballerina*.

Gundersheimer, Ben. *Lilah Tov, Good Night*.

Haddish, Tiffany. *Layla the Last Black Unicorn*.

Ho, Richard. *Two New Years*.* (Holidays)

Jenkins, Emily. *All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah*.* (Holidays)

Jules, Jacqueline. *Drop by Drop: A Story of Rabbi Akiva*.

Kimmel, Eric. *Three Latkes*.

Kusel, Susan. *The Passover Guest*.* (Holidays)

Lehman-Wilzig, Tami. *Soosie: The Horse That Saved Shabbat*.

Levy, Debbie. *The Key from Spain: Flory Jagoda and Her Music*.

Lyons, Erica. *Zhen Yu and the Snake*.

Malaspina, Ann. *A Scarf for Keiko*. (Historical)

Meir, Tamar. *Francesco Tirelli's Ice Cream Shop*.

Merberg, Julie. *My First Jewish Baby Book: Almost Everything You Need to Know About Being Jewish from Afikomen to Zayde*. (Board Book)

Nambi, Shoshana. *The Very Best Sukkah: A Story from Uganda*.** (Holidays)

Newman, Lesléa. *Joyful Song: A Naming Story* and *Welcoming Elijah: A Passover Tale with a Tail*.* ** (Holidays)

Offsay, Charlotte. *Challah Day!*

Olitzky, Kerry M. *Miryam's Dance*.

Oppenheim, Joanne. *The Knish War on Rivington Street*. (Historical)

Ostrove, Karen. *Rise & Shine: A Challah-Day Tale*.

Reul, Sarah Lynne. *Bubbie & Rivka's Best-Ever Challah (So Far!)*.

Rose, Lisa. *The Singer and the Scientist*.

Rouss, Sylvia A. *Sammy Spider's First Wedding*.

Sager Weinstein, Jacob. *What Rosa Brought*. (Historical)

Sassoon, Sarah. *Shoham's Bangle*.

Scheerger, Sarah Lynn. *Mitzvah Pizza*.

Schubert, Leda. *Nathan's Song*.

Silver, Erin. *Sitting Shiva*. (Topics to Talk About)

Snyder, Laurel. *The Forever Garden*.

Stein, Joel Edward. *Raquela's Seder*. (Historical)

Tarcov, Susan. *The Rabbi and His Donkey*.

Teis, Kyra. *Klezmer!*

Wallmark, Laurie. *Rivka's Presents*. (Historical)

Weissman, Elissa Brent. *Hanukkah Upside Down*. (Holidays)

Wolpin, Marilyn. *Bring Back the Babka!*

Yolen, Jane. *Miriam at the River*.

Zalben, Jane Breskin. *A Moon for Moe and Mo*.



Biographies

Madame ALEXANDER: The Creator of the Iconic American Doll.

Blips on a Screen: How Ralph BAER Invented TV Video Gaming.

BARTALI's Bicycle: The True Story of Gino Bartali, Italy's Secret Hero.

Osnat and Her Dove: The True Story of the World's First Female Rabbi. (BARZANI)

The Spy Who Played Baseball. (Moe BERG)

Write On, Irving BERLIN!

The Heart of the Storm: Sue BIRD.

Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz. (Michael BORNSTEIN)

Amazing Abe: How Abraham CAHAN's Newspaper Gave a Voice to Jewish Immigrants.

Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis. (Zhanna DAWSON)

On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert EINSTEIN.

Maurice and His Dictionary: A True Story. (FAGAN, Graphic Novel)

Peter's War: A Boy's True Story of Survival in World War II Europe. (Peter FEIGL)

Anne FRANK.

Questions I am Asked About the Holocaust. (Heidi FRIED)

My Survival: A Girl on Schindler's List, A Memoir. (Rena FINDER)

Frank, Who Liked to Build: The Architecture of Frank GEHRY.

I Dissent: Ruth Bader GINSBURG Makes Her Mark.

Rena GLICKMAN, Queen of Judo.

Hold on to Your Music: The Children of Willesden Lane. (Lisa GOLABEK)

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Biographies, cont.

Hank on First!: How Hank GREENBERG Became a Star On and Off the Field.

Nothing Could Stop Her: The Courageous Life of Ruth GRUBER.

A Sporting Chance: Ludwig GUTTMANN Created the Paralympic Games.

Signs of Survival: A Memoir of the Holocaust. (Renée G. HARTMAN)

Fighting for Yes!: The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith HEUMANN.

Escape!: The Story of the Great HOUDINI.

Hedy LAMARR's Double Life.

The Book Rescuer: How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come.* ** (Aaron LANSKY)

Parrots, Pugs and Pixie Dust: A Book about Fashion Designer Judith LEIBER.

Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II. (Lia LEVI)

The Woman Who Split the Atom: The Life of Lise MEITNER.

The Journey That Saved Curious George: Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. REY.

The Polio Pioneer: Dr. Jonas SALK and the Polio Vaccine.

The People's Painter: How Ben SHAHN Fought for Justice with Art.

Chance: Escape from the Holocaust. (Uri SHULEVITZ)

Starring Steven SPIELBERG: The Making of a Young Filmmaker.

Gloria's Voice: The Story of Gloria STEINEM - Feminist, Activist, Leader.

The Greatest Song of All: Isaac STERN United the World to Save Carnegie Hall.

Levi STRAUSS: Blue Jean Genius.

A Queen to the Rescue: The Story of Henrietta SZOLD, Founder of Hadassah.

One of a Kind: The Life of Sydney TAYLOR.

Boy from Buchenwald: The True Story of a Holocaust Survivor. (Robert WAISMAN)

The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain. (Eugene YELCHIN)

Doctor Esperanto and the Language of Hope. (Leyzer ZAMENHOF)

Nonfiction

Bascomb, Neal. **The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi** (940.5316 BAS).

Bietz, Barbara. **Apples, Apples, All Year Round: A Celebration of Jewish Holidays** (394.267 BIE).

Bisson, Michelle. **Hedy's Journey: The True Story of a Hungarian Girl Fleeing the Holocaust** (940.5318 BIS).

Boxer, Elisa. **Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust** and **The Tree of Life: How a Holocaust Sapling Inspired the World** (940.5318 BOX).

Churnin, Nancy. **Dear Mr. Dickens**** (823 CHU).

Dauvillier, Loïc. **Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust** (Graphic Novel 940.5318 DAU).

Dronfield, Jeremy. **The Boy Who Followed His Father Into Auschwitz: A True Story Retold for Young Readers** (940.5318 DRO).

Epstein, Nadine. **RBG's Brave & Brilliant Women: 33 Jewish Women to Inspire Everyone** (920.72 EPS).

Frank, Anne. **Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation** (Graphic Novel Bio).

Hood, Susan. **Harboring Hope: The True Story of How Henny Sinding Helped Denmark's Jews Escape the Nazis** (940.5318 HOO).

Hopkinson, Deborah. **We Had to Be Brave: Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport** (940.53 HOP) and **We Must Not Forget: Holocaust Stories of Survival and Resistance** (940.531 HOP).

Kander, Beth. **Do Not Eat This Book!: Run with Jewish Foods & Festivals** (641.567 KAN).

Kor, Eva Mozes. **I Will Protect You: A True Story of Twins Who Survived Auschwitz** (940.5318 KOR).

Levine, Karen. **Hana's Suitcase: The Quest to Solve a Holocaust Mystery** (940.5318 LEV).

Leyson, Leon. **The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible on Schindler's List** (940.5318 LEY).

Lowell, Barbara. **Behind the Bookcase: Miep Gies, Anne Frank, and the Hiding Place** (940.5318 LOW).



Markel, Michelle. **Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909** (331.892 MAR).

Mazzeo, Tilar J. **Irena's Children: A True Story of Courage** (940.5318 MAZ).

Merberg, Julie. **"Nice" Jewish Girls** (920.72 MER).

Michelson, Richard. **The Language of Angels: A Story about the Reinvention of Hebrew*** (492.4 MIC).

Rappaport, Doreen. **Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust** (940.5318 RAP).

Rosen, Michael. **On the Move: Home is Where You Find It** (821 ROS).

Sarnowski, Claire. **Remember My Story: A Girl, a Holocaust Survivor, and a Friendship That Made History** (940.531 SAR).

Sis, Peter. **Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued** (940.5318 SIS).

Stelson, Caren. **Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport** (940.5318 STE).

Stiefel, Chana. **The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs*** (940.5318 STI).

Strauss, Linda Leopold. **Everybody's Book: The Story of the Sarajevo Haggadah** (296.453 STR).

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Fiction

Auxier, Jonathan. ***Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster***.* When Nan gets stuck in a chimney fire, she fears the end has come. Instead, she wakes to find herself unharmed and with a creature—a golem—made from soot and ash.

Baron, Chris. ***The Gray***. Sasha has been bullied at his middle school and his anxiety, which he calls the Gray, is growing, so his parents and therapist suggest a summer in the country with his aunt might help him.

Behar, Ruth. ***Across So Many Seas***. Spanning over five hundred years, a novel telling the stories of four girls from different generations of a Jewish family.

Blankman, Anne. ***The Blackbird Girls***.** On a spring morning, neighbors Valentina Kaplan and Oksana Savchenko wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work—Chernobyl—has exploded.

Blume, Judy. ***Starring Sally J. Freedman as Herself***. While spending the winter of 1947-1948 in Miami Beach with her family, ten-year-old Sally makes up stories, casts herself in starring roles in movies, and encounters a sinister stranger.

Bowen Cohen, Emily. ***Two Tribes*** (Graphic Novel). Mia is still getting used to living with her mom and stepfather, and to the new role their Jewish identity plays in their home. Mia finds herself thinking more and more about her Muscogee father, who lives with his new family in Oklahoma.

Brown, Monica. Lola Levine: ***Drama Queen*** (Early Chapter series). Lola Levine is given a non-speaking part after getting stage fright during her class play audition. She saves the play after a couple of obstacles with the help of her grandmother.

Cohen, Emi Watanabe. ***The Lost Ryū***. Running out of time to make his grandfather smile once again before it's too late, Kohei searches for a ryū—a dragon of legend—in this story about the lengths to which people will go to protect those they love.

Cohen, Tziporah. ***No Vacancy***. Buying and moving into the run-down Jewel Motor Inn wasn't eleven-year-old Miriam Brockman's dream, but at least it's an adventure. Miriam befriends Kate, whose grandmother owns the diner next door, and finds comfort in the company of Maria, the motel's housekeeper, and her Uncle Mordy, who comes to help out.

Colman, Dani. ***The Unfinished Corner*** (Graphic Novel). Jewish mythology says that when the universe was created, a tiny corner of it was left unfinished. Opinion is divided on why, but everyone agrees that it's a dangerous place full of monsters. Twelve-year-old Miriam neither knows nor cares until a peculiar angel appears, whisking her, her two best friends, and her worst frenemy off to this monstrous land with a mission: finish the Unfinished Corner.

Coming of Age: 13 B'nai Mitzvah Stories. What does it mean to become an adult in your faith? Join thirteen diverse characters as they experience anxiety, doubt, and self-discovery while preparing for their b'nai mitzvah. And whether celebrating with a lavish party or in a reception room with an accordion player, the Jewish rite of passage remains the same.

Deutsch, Barry. ***Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword*** (Graphic Novel series). Eleven-year-old Mirka Herschberg dreams of fighting dragons and spends her days honing her skills, but when she accepts a challenge from a mysterious witch, Mirka just might win her dragon-fighting sword after all.

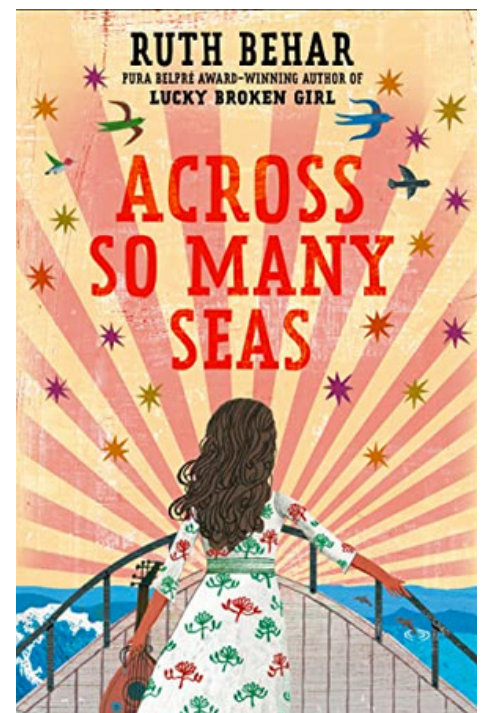
Drazin, Meira. ***Honey and Me***. When eleven-year-old Milla's best friend Honey joins her school for sixth grade, Milla finds herself in her friend's shadow. But as the year progresses through the Jewish holidays, Milla tries to cope with the tensions and the dramas of school—including the death of a beloved teacher.

Ehrenberg, Pamela. ***Detour Ahead***. Brought together by a bicycle accident, Gilah and Guillermo forge a friendship. He's Salvadoran-American and a poet, while she's a neurodivergent Jewish girl who loves breakdancing.

Faruqi, Saadia. ***A Place at the Table***. Sixth-graders Sara, a Pakistani American, and Elizabeth, a Jewish girl, connect in an after school cooking club and bond over food and their mothers' struggles to become United States citizens.

Fipps, Lisa. ***Starfish***. Told in verse, Ellie lives by Fat Girl Rules to avoid being bullied, but with the support of her dad, her therapist and her neighbor Catalina, can Ellie set aside these rules and just be herself?

Gidwitz, Adam. ***Max in the House of Spies***. Max Bretzfeld doesn't want to move to London. He's alone for the first time in his life, but not for long. Max is surprised to discover that he's been joined by two unexpected companions, one on each shoulder, a kobold and a dybuk. Germany is becoming more and more dangerous for Jewish families, but Max is determined to find a way back home to his parents.



Gratz, Alan. ***Refugee***.* Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge.

Greenwald, Lisa. ***Ellie's Deli: Wishing on Matzo Ball Soup!*** When Ellie accidentally overhears that her family deli is most likely going to close, she makes a wish on matzo ball soup!

Hiranandani, Veera. ***How to Find What You're Not Looking For***.* Twelve-year-old Ariel Goldberg's life changes when her big sister elopes following the 1967 Loving v. Virginia decision, and she is forced to grapple with both her family's prejudice and the antisemitism she experiences, as she defines her own beliefs.

Ignatow, Amy. ***The Mighty Odds*** (series). A bus crash gives four very different middle schoolers odd super powers, and although they wouldn't normally be caught dead together, they must pool their powers to find out what happened to them.

Jordan, Anna E. ***Shira & Esther's Double Dream Debut***. Shira and Esther look just alike, but couldn't be more different. Shira dreams of singing and dancing onstage, but her father thinks Shira should be reading prayers, not plays. Esther dreams of studying Torah, but her mother, a glamorous stage performer, wishes Esther would spend more time rehearsing and less time sneaking off to read books. If only the two could switch places...

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Fiction, cont.

Josephson, Kalyn. **Ravenfall** (series). Annabella's family uses their psychic abilities to help run the Ravenfall Inn, a magical B&B at the crossroads of the human world and the Otherworld. When fourteen-year-old Colin arrives searching for his missing older brother and the supernatural creature who killed their parents, Anna jumps at the chance to help.

Kacer, Kathy. **Call Across the Sea**. Henny has grown up with her father's boat, the Gerda III, as a home away from home, sailing the waters between Denmark and Sweden. But when Nazi rule tightens in Copenhagen, Henny joins the resistance.

Kapit, Sarah. **Second Chance Summer**. When former best friends Maddie and Chloe arrive at camp and discover they are cabin mates, they must decide if they want to continue staying mad at each other or give their friendship another go.

Korman, Gordon. **Linked**.** Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone vandalizes their school with a swastika.

Levine, Gail Carson. **A Ceiling Made of Eggshells**. From age seven, Loma relishes traveling with her grandfather across fifteenth-century Spain, working to keep the Jews safe, but soon realizes she must also make sacrifices to help her people.

Levy, Joshua S. **The Jake Show**. Jake is caught between the worlds of his divorced parents—with an orthodox mother and secular father, Jake must concoct a web of lies to go to camp with his friends.

Libenson, Terri. **Becoming Brianna** (Graphic Novel). As her bat mitzvah inches closer, Bri wonders if it's all worth it—learning a new language, giving a speech, helping to organize a party, and juggling drama at school and home.

Lowe, Mari. **The Dubious Pranks of Shaindy Goodman**.*** Helping her popular next-door neighbor Gayil set up what she thinks are harmless pranks, 12-year-old Orthodox Jewish girl Shaindy must figure out how to stop them before she becomes the next target.

Marks, Allison. **The \$150,000 Rugelach**. Jack Fineman dreams of becoming the greatest pastry chef, but his plans are thrown off course when his brownies are upstaged by a simple plate of chocolate rugelach baked by Jillian—the new girl at school who wants to be left alone.

Mercado, Yehudi. **Chunky** (Graphic Novel series). Hudi would rather do anything else than try out for sports, but then he meets Chunky, his imaginary friend and mascot.

Meyer, Susan Lynn. **A Sky Full of Song**. After fleeing persecution in the Russian Empire, eleven-year-old Shoshana and her family, Jewish immigrants, start a new life on the North Dakota prairie in 1905.

Moulton, Deke. **Don't Want to Be Your Monster**. Adam and Victor fight just like any other brothers, even though they're vampires. But is a hunter after them?

Nimrodi, Noa. **Not So Shy**. Twelve-year-old Shai hates having to move to America and is determined to find a way get back home to Israel—until she starts opening up to new experiences and friendships.

Nockowitz, Stacy. **The Prince of Steel Pier**.** While helping out at his Jewish family's struggling Atlantic City hotel in 1975, thirteen-year-old Joey Goodman gets a summer job working for a mobster and faces a life-or-death decision.

On All Other Nights: A Passover Celebration in 14 Stories. 14 authors each reimagine a different step of the seder with historical and contemporary fiction, verse and prose, fiction and nonfiction.

Panitch, Amanda. **The Two Wrong Halves of Ruby Taylor**. Ruby fears her Grandma Yvette prefers her “perfectly Jewish” cousin Sarah. But when Sarah starts acting out, Ruby is convinced Sarah is possessed by a dybbuk, an evil spirit...that Ruby may have released from Grandma's basement.

Pasternack, Sofiya. **Black Bird, Blue Road**. Ziva and her twin Pesah run away to find doctors who can cure him of leprosy. But when they meet and accidentally free a half-demon boy, he suggests paying his debt by leading them to the fabled city of Luz, where no one ever dies.

Pinkwater, Daniel Manus. **Mrs. Noodlekugel** (Early Chapter series). Nick and Maxine have a new babysitter—the eccentric Mrs. Noodlekugel who lives in the funny little house behind their apartment building along with her feline butler, Mr. Fuzzface.

Preus, Margi. **Village of Scoundrels: A Novel Based on a True Story of Courage During WWII**. In the 1940s, remote Les Lauzes, France houses Jews, unregistered foreigners, forgers, and others who take great risks to shelter refugees and smuggle them to safety in Switzerland.

Ravel, Edeet. **A Boy is Not a Bird** (series). A young boy named Natt finds his world overturned when his family is uprooted and exiled to Siberia during the occupation of the Soviet Ukraine by Nazi Germany.

Rosenberg, Madelyn. **Not Your All-American Girl**. Friends Lauren and Tara try out for their school musical. Tara gets the lead role because their teacher thinks Lauren, half-Jewish and half-Chinese, does not fit the image of an “all-American girl.”



Ruby, Lois. **Eddie Whatever**. Thirteen-year-old Eddie's Mitzvah Project takes him to Silver Brook retirement home, where his assumptions about the elderly are upended by a ghost, a thief, long-running disagreements, and unexpected romance.

Sass, A. J. **Ellen Outside the Lines**. Ellen, an autistic thirteen-year-old, navigates a new city, shifting friendships, a growing crush, and her queer and Jewish identities while on a class trip to Barcelona, Spain.

Snyder, Laurel. **The Witch of Woodland**. While preparing for her bat mitzvah, Zippy finds a mysterious book and casts a spell, conjuring a girl with wings and no memory.

Sternberg, Julie. **Summer of Stolen Secrets**. Catarina has never met her strict Jewish grandmother. Now she's spending three weeks in Baton Rouge to get to know the woman who has always been a mystery and still seems to be full of secrets.

Weissman, Elissa Brent. **The Length of a String**. Twelve-year-old Imani, the only black girl in Hebrew school, is preparing for her bat mitzvah and hoping to find her birthparents when she discovers the history of adoption in her own family through her great-grandma Anna's Holocaust-era diary.

Wolkenstein, M. Evan. **Turtle Boy**.* Seventh grade is not going well for Will Levine, but things get interesting when he starts his bar mitzvah community service project—visiting RJ, a boy struggling with incurable disease and an ambitious bucket list.

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