DVD'S

Scherfig, Lone. **An Education.** 2010. This sophisticated coming of age story about a teenage girl in 1960's suburban London and a playboy nearly twice her age was a big hit.

American Experience/Frontline. **God in America.** 2010. A PBS documentary explores how religion and belief in God shaped the history of the United States.

Infantolino, Joseph. **Helena from the Wedding.** 2010. Newlyweds throwing a New Year's Eve party must deal with another couple's humorous issues in a warm company.

Guit, Graham. **Hello Goodbye.** 2010. A Parisian couple in their fifties move to Tel Aviv to get in touch with their Jewish heritage.

Colla, Richard A. **Hidden in Silence.** 2010. Set in 1939 Poland just before the German invasion, this tense film shows how one city's residents react to the Nazi occupation.

Miller, Peter. **Jews and Baseball**. 2010. Trace Jewish involvement in baseball in this new documentary

Sundberg, Annie. **Joan Rivers, A Piece of Work.** 2010. Discover secrets in a year in the life of comedian Joan Rivers.

Bodon, Jean. **Leon Blum.** 2010. This documentary uncovers the moving story of Leon Blum, a Holocaust survivor who became Prime Minister of France.

Asner, Matthew, and Gold, Danny. **One Hundred Voices.** 2011. This moving film chronicles the mission to Poland of world famous cantors. They travel throughout the country, and then conduct a memorial service at the gates of Auschwitz.

Goodman, Arnold. **Plain Pine Box.** 2011. This film offers an interesting look at the Jewish practice of Taharah, preparation of the body for burial.

Mason, Ruth. **These are My Names.** 2010. Documentary about the significance of names for Ehiopian Israelis.

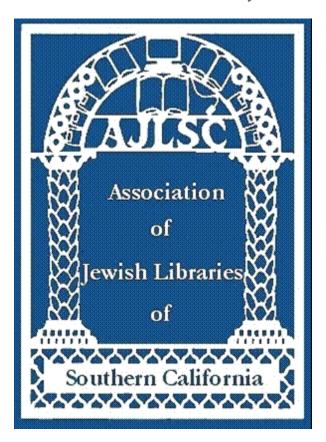
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A Selected List of Recent Books and DVDs for Adults For 2012



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FICTION BOOKS

Appelfeld, Aharon. Jeffrey M. Green, Trans. **Blooms of Darkness.** 2010. A young boy survives the Holocaust because he is protected by a prostitute in this daring novel.

Bezmozgis, David. **The Free World.** 2011. In Rome in 1978, a Jewish family, recently escaped from Russia, faces trials and tribulations as they resettle in freedom.

Cook, Thomas H. **The Quest for Anna Klein.** 2011. War is brewing in Europe as the son of a wealthy importer in New York sets out to find a missing person in 1939.

Dershowitz, Alan M. **The Trials of Zion.** 2010. Israel is the setting of this thriller balancing the relationship between the daughter of a famous criminal defense attorney and a just arrested Palestinian being defended by her famous father.

Dreifus, Erika. **Quiet Americans.** 2011. A collection of seven short stories by this promising debut author follows American Jews touched by the Holocaust in some way.

Fallenberg, Evan. **When We Danced on Water.** 2011. An 85 year old world famous choreographer and a Tel Aviv waitress develop a relationship and share their secret pasts.

Goldberg, Myla. **The False Friend.** 2010. Returning to her home town for the first time in 20 years, a young woman starts to remember parts of her past that she had forced herself to forget.

Grossman, Paul. **The Sleepwalkers.** 2010. Why is a Jewish detective being treated differently then he was before? Find out in this page turner set in Germany in 1932.

Hegi, Ursula. **Children and Fire.** 2011. A teacher, seduced by Nazi propaganda, encourages her ten year old students to join the Hitler Youth in Germany at the very start of Hitler's regime.

Jacobson, Howard. **The Finkler Question.** 2010. In this dark comedy which won England's prestigious Booker Prize, three men, friends since boyhood, grapple with Jewish identity. The one who is not Jewish imagines his life in London as if he were.

Kacer, Kathy. **Restitution: A Family's Fight for their Heritage Lost in the Holocaust.** 2010. This is a fictional account of a true, dramatic story of a family trying to recover artwork stolen from them during the Holocaust.

Kalman, Nadia. **The Cosmopolitans.** 2010. Have fun with this humorous novel about an immigrant Jewish family that moves to Stamford Connecticut.

Leegant, Joan. **Wherever You Go.** 2010. Sharp observations, empathetic, flawed characters and fine writing deliver religious life in Jerusalem through a group of observant Jews living in a West Bank settlement.

Lukas, Michael David. **The Oracle of Stamboul.** 2011. In late 19th century Turkey a gifted eight year old girl seeks adventures in a magical tale of loss, love and redemption.

Ozick, Cynthia. **Foreign Bodies**. 2010. A 50 year old divorced school teacher reconnects with her family in the United States and in France in a gripping series of events.

Polins, Wendy Dubow. **Fare Forward.** 2011. Combining modern science and ancient mysticism, a grandfather transcends time. He is about to win the Nobel Prize in physics for his shocking discovery: a cure for aging.

Pomerantz, Sharon **Rich Boy.** 2010. Follow the rise to wealth and power of a Jew from Philadelphia in the 1970's.

Roth, Philip. **Nemesis.** 2010. Set in 1944 New Jersey, our famous American author recalls a community facing a terrifying Polio epidemic in a novel tender and precise.

Schmahmann, David. **Ivory from Paradise.** 2011. This powerful story of betrayal, family legends and fickle history concerns a pair of Jewish siblings from South Africa currently living abroad who seek to retrieve artifacts belonging to their late parents.

Silva, Daniel. **Portrait of a Spy.** 2011. Evil in the form of terrorist bombings, comes to Gabriel Allon, lover of beauty, angel of vengeance, and detective extraordinaire.

Toynton, Evelyn. **The Oriental Wife.** 2011. Two children who immigrated to the United States before the Holocaust reconnect in New York. Their destinies reflect survivor guilt.

Waldman, Amy. **The Submission.** 2011. When a Muslim architect wins a blind contest to design a Ground Zero Memorial, people in New York respond in surprising ways.

Wex, Michael. **The Frumkiss Family Business.** 2010. A humorous novel shares four generations of a Yiddish speaking Canadian Jewish family that first arrived in 1947.

NON-FICTION BOOKS

Abramson, Lorraine Lotzof. **My Race.** 2011. Readers find an intriguing autobiography of a gifted Jewish athlete growing up under the Apartheid system of South Africa.

Avner, Yehuda. **The Prime Ministers.** 2010. Sound research offers accounts of Israeli leaders, including Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin.

Beckerman, Gal. When They Come For Us We'll Be Gone. 2010. Comprehensive examination of the struggle to save Soviet Jewry.

Berman, Irene Levin. We are Going to Pick Potatoes. 2010. Learn about the little known history of the Holocaust in Norway.

Boxerman, Burton A, and Boxerman, Benita W. **Jews and Baseball**. 2010. Re-live the drama of Jews in baseball from 1949-2008.

Braude, Joseph. **The Honored Dead.** 2011. Be prepared to burn the midnight oil following this murder investigation in a thriving, wealthy Jewish community in Morocco.

Carroll, James. **Jerusalem**, **Jerusalem**. 2011. Carroll's latest informative book examines historical and modern day Jerusalem in clear language.

Chasnoff, Joel. **The 188th Crybaby Brigade**. 2010. A different and humorous autobiography by a young Jewish man from Chicago who spent a year in the Israeli army.

Colorni, Angelo. Avi Katz, Illus. **Israel for Beginners.** 2011. Share the fun as the author and illustrator take a humorous look at Israelis and their mentality.

Cooper, Jack. **Who Knew?!** 2010. This collection of unusual, but true, stories comprises Jewish history from Biblical times through to the 21st century.

De Waal, Edmund. **The Hare with Amber Eyes**. 2010. A biography of a famous Jewish European banking family, told from an unusual point of view, traces the family's rise and fall through the objects they collected and passed to future generations.

Fishkoff, Sue. **Kosher Nation.** 2010. Don't miss this comprehensive, startling examination of the kosher food industry.

Fletcher, Martin. **Walking Israel.** 2010. Part memoir, part travelogue from the former NBC News Bureau Chief, Tel Aviv, who details his walk along the entire coast of Israel.

Friedman, Richard Elliott, and Dolansky, Shawna. **The Bible Now.** 2011. Study an insightful analysis of where the Bible stands on various modern issues.

Gilbert, Martin. **In Ishmael's House.** 2010. A respected historian examines the history of Jews in Arab lands from Biblical times to the 21st century.

Gottlieb, Robert. **Sarah, The Life of Sarah Bernhardt**. 2010. Learn the secrets of a bona fide Jewish star in this new biography of the legendary French actress.

Kalechofsky, Roberta, and Schiff, Roberta. **The Vegetarian Shabbat Cookbook.** 2010. Try any one of over 150 vegan recipes for Shabbat.

Kurlansky, Mark. **Hank Greenberg.** 2011. A gifted writer offers a new biography of one of the first Jewish baseball superstars.

Kushner, Lawrence S. **I'm God, You're Not.** 2010. A noted scholar offers personal examples of how to live a more spiritual life.

Levinson, David T. **Everyone Helps, Everyone Wins.** 2010. This volume offers traditional and offbeat ways to give back to the community and to aid the less fortunate.

Levy, Naomi. **Hope Will Find You**. 2010. A Los Angeles rabbi shares how she gained wisdom and faith in God through a personal tragedy.

Mogel, Wendy. **The Blessing of a B Minus.** 2010. The popular psychologist's latest work uses Jewish teachings to offer advice to parents on how to raise teenagers.

Nextbook Series: Five new volumes offer stunning looks at intriguing issues as Schocken Publishers renowned collection continues. Authors and topics are: Hillel Halkin's biography of Yehuda Halevi; Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole's Sacred Trash on ancient Jewish history discovered in an Egyptian synagogue attic; Rodger Kamenetz' Burnt Books plotting similarities in the lives of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav and Franz Kafka; Deborah E. Lipstadt's comprehensive look at the The Eichmann Trial; and Joseph Telushkin's study of Hillel the Elder and his influence on Jewish life.

Pearlman, Edith. **Binocular Vision**. 2011. Gifted author gifts us with her newest collection of short stories that shine with her famous wit and lapidary language.

Silver, Linda R. Best Jewish Books for Children and Teens. 2010. Don't miss this excellent, comprehensive, accessible bibliography analyzing the best Jewish children's books by a nationally respected expert.

Simnegar, Reyna. **Persian Food from the Non-Persian Bride**. 2011. Cook up a storm with this new collection of kosher Sephardic and Persian recipes.

Smiles, Shira. Torah Tapestries. 2010. Study a new commentary on Genesis.

Visotzky, Burton L. **Sage Tales.** 2011. Learn legends and wisdom from Talmudic rabbis.