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JEWISH BOOK MONTH

A Selected List of Recent Books and DVDs for Adults For 2013

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FICTION BOOKS

Anton, Maggie. **Rav Hisda's Daughter, Book 1**. 2012. Anton fictionalizes the life of the daughter of a Talmudic sage.

Ausubel, Ramona. **No One Is Here Except All of Us**. 2012. The residents of a small Romanian village set up an imaginary town to escape the Holocaust.

Berry, Steve. **The Columbus Affair**. 2012. An investigative journalist and an unscrupulous zealot square off searching for lost treasures from the Jerusalem Temple.

Brumm, Anne-Marie. **Honor Killing**. 2012. A Mossad agent is sent into the West Bank to work a case, then winds up dead. Many are suspected of doing the deed.

Chabon, Michael. **Telegraph Avenue**. 2012. Chabon's latest considers two Oakland families, one white, one African-American, whose lives intertwine while they own a record store together.

Corwin, Miles. **Midnight Alley**. 2012. The son of a Holocaust survivor, now a Los Angeles police detective, solves a murder.

Drew, Cynthia. **City of Slaughter**. 2012. Follow two sisters in the early 1900's as they escape the pogroms of Eastern Europe to make a life for themselves in New York.

Eisenberg, Deby. **Pictures of the Past**. 2011. An elderly woman claims a piece of art in the Art Institute of Chicago was stolen by Nazis during the Holocaust.

Englander, Nathan. **What We Talk About When We Talk about Anne Frank**. 2012. Eight powerful short stories by a celebrated author focus on modern Jewish themes.

Henry, Deborah. **The Whipping Club**. 2012. What sacrificial secrets do we keep to protect our loved ones? Discover the impact revealed secrets have on a mixed marriage.

Hoffman, Alice. **The Dovekeepers**. 2011. An historical novel of Masada arrives through the eyes of four women who survived.

Kolpan, Gerald. **Magic Words**. 2012. Julius, a Jewish immigrant, captured by an Indian tribe, becomes an interpreter and falls in love with the chief's daughter. But his life unravels after his magician cousin begins an affair with a murderous prostitute.

Mossanen, Dora Levy. **The Last Romanov**. 2012. An orphan living with the Romanovs seeks her true identity while working for the doomed rulers and hiding a Jewish romance.

Oz, Amos. **Scenes from Village Life**. 2011. The renowned Oz examines life in a century old pioneer village in Israel.

Rich, Roberta. **The Midwife of Venice**. 2011. Set in Venice, this edgy novel weighs a midwife's dilemma: earn enough money to free her captive husband or break a Papal decree forbidding Jews to render medical aid to Christians punishable by death.

Richman, Alyson. **The Lost Wife**. 2011. A married couple, separated during the Holocaust, each thinking the other dead, find each other years later in New York.

Segal, Francesca. **The Innocents**. 2012. A man, about to marry a woman he's loved for years, meets her younger cousin and suddenly he questions everything he believes in.

Silva, Daniel. **The Fallen Angel**. 2012. Gabriel Allon solves a new case on the q.t. at the Vatican where he is restoring a Caravaggio, currently the star of an exhibit at LACMA.

Solomon, Anna. **The Little Bride**. 2011. A mail order bride from Odessa winds up with an older Orthodox man and his family in South Dakota.

NON-FICTION BOOKS

Abram, Judith Z. **The Other Talmud**. 2012. This introduction to the Jerusalem Talmud explains what it is, how it is used and how our lives as contemporary Jews would be different if this, not the Babylonian, was the Talmud used today.

Albright, Madeleine Korbel, Woodward, Bill. **Prague Winter**. 2012. Share Madeleine Albright's memoir about growing up in war torn Czechoslovakia, then, later in life when she discovers she is actually Jewish.

Bar-On, Mordechai. **Moshe Dayan.** 2012. Try this new biography of the legendary Israeli military man.

Ben Zvi, Hava. Editor. **Portraits in Literature: The Jews of Poland**. 2011. A Polish native offers a comprehensive anthology of literature portraying Jewish life in Poland.

Boteach, Shmuel. **Kosher Jesus**. 2012. The author examines the life and teachings of the man that inspired Christianity.

Cohen, Rich. **The Fish that Ate the Whale**. 2012. Cohen provides his usual rich biography, here of Samuel Zemurray, mogul of the United Fruit Company who aided Israel's creation and had a hand in the rise of Che Guevera and Fidel Castro.

Dosick, Wayne D. **The Real Name of God**. 2012. This analysis of the different names of God explains how and why only the name "Anochi" embodies all of God's attributes.

Elkins, Dov Peretz. **Simple Actions for Jews to Help Green the Planet**. 2011. Elkins examines the relationship between nature, God, and the Jewish people and describes ways for Jews to protect the environment.

Felder, Leonard. **Here I Am**. 2011. Living a spiritual life really does help reduce stress.

Fields-Meyer, Thomas. **Following Ezra**. 2011. Follow the relationship over a ten year period of a father with his autistic son from age three through thirteen.

Frank, Ben G. **The Scattered Tribe**. 2012. A noted travel writer, describes his visits to various known and not so well known Jewish communities around the world.

Friedman, Matti. **The Aleppo Codex.** 2012. Here is the true story of how the Aleppo Codex, the world's oldest and most perfect Bible, was smuggled out of Syria and into Israel including what happened on its journey.

Goldstein, Phyllis. **A Convenient Hatred**. 2012. Study a comprehensive analysis of the history of anti-semitism.

Goodman, Hirsh. **The Anatomy of Israel's Survival**. 2011. Examine the Israeli-Arab conflict and Israel's ability to survive.

Gornick, Vivian. **Emma Goldman**. 2011. A woman delivers the biography of the famous female Jewish activist who fought for ideals of freedom and equality.

Hammer, Reuven. **The Torah Revolution**. 2011. Consider the 14 concepts of God and the Biblical dictates on human behavior.

Harris, Maurice D. **Moses**. 2012. This new biography of Moses provides a way to gain greater insight into ethics and spirituality.

Hartman, David and Buckholtz Charlie. **The God Who Hates Lies**. 2011. The co-authors examine traditional Jewish philosophy and put it in a modern context.

Hoffman, Lawrence A. **One Hundred Great Jewish Books**. 2011. A widely respected author and lecturer offers 100 of the greatest Jewish books of all time on various topics.

Kaufman, Marie. Editor. **How We Survived**. 2011. Share 52 personal stories by child survivors of the Holocaust.

King, David. **Death in the City of Light**. 2011. Shiver through this true story of a brutal serial killer who unleashed his own reign of terror in Nazi-occupied Paris.

Lagnado, Lucette. **The Arrogant Years**. 2011. This autobiography details the author's childhood in Egypt and her life in New York after her family escapes following the fall of King Farouk.

Levine, Amy-Jill and Zvi, Marc, Editors. **The Jewish Annotated New Testament**. 2011. Jewish scholars and New Testament experts examine the Jewish content in the Bible’s New Testament.

Levy, Michael. **Kosher Chinese**. 2011. Readers will find delight in this autobiography of an American who went to China in 2005 to teach English.

O’Connor, Anne-Marie. **The Lady in Gold.** 2012. This detailed book organizes the true story of artist Gustav Klimt, the Jewish model in his most famous painting, Jewish life in pre-Nazi Austria, and a famous contemporary court case about who owned this art piece.

Pekar, Harvey; Buhle, Paul; Hartman, Hershl; Editors. **Yiddishkeit**. 2011. This comics anthology traces the influences and history of the Yiddish language and culture.

Peres, Shimon and Landau, David, Editors. **Ben-Gurion**. 2011. Israel's current President offers a biography of Israel's first Prime Minister.

Raviv, Dan. Yossi Melman. **Spies Against Armageddon**. 2012. Once again, a strong volume investigates a history of Israel's intelligence community from 1948-2012.

Sarna, Jonathan D. **When General Grant Expelled the Jews**. 2012. A renowned historian recounts General Ulysses S. Grant's Civil War decision to order the expulsion of all Jews from the territory under his command.

Spiegelman, Art. **MetaMaus**. 2011. Art Spiegelman analyzes *Maus*, his prize winning creation.

Vinick, Barbara and Reinharz, Shulamit. **Today I Am a Woman**. 2012. Enjoy these recollections of Bat Mitzvot from communities around the world.

DVD'S

Richman, Bob. **Ahead of Time**. 2011. A film maker documents the noted Jewish journalist, foreign correspondent and feminist, Ruth Gruber.

Madden, John. **The Debt**. 2011. Using flashbacks, this political thriller assesses the lifelong fallout on three Mossad agents who tracked down a Nazi war criminal in 1966.

Daldry, Stephen. **Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close**. 2011. Based on the novel set in New York after the September 11 attack, the movie follows a young boy seeking his missing father.

Cedar, Joseph. **Footnote**. 2011. A father and son are rivals and Talmudic Studies teachers. Their relationship strains even farther when they learn the father will be recognized for his excellence in teaching. In Hebrew with English subtitles.

Holland, Agnieszka. **In Darkness**. 2011. The award winning director dramatizes one man's rescue of Jewish refugees in Nazi occupied Lvov. In Polish with English subtitles.

Freilich, Toby Perl. **Inventing Our Life**. 2011. Examine the 100 year history of the kibbutz movement.

Anjou, Erik Greenberg. **The Klezmatics**. 2011. Tap your feet to this full length documentary on the noted, Grammy winning music group, *The Klezmatics*.

Goldman, Eric. **Legendary Voices**. 2011. Sing along to this documentary of eight legendary cantors: Mordechai Hershman, Adolph Katchko, Samuel Malavsky, Moishe Oysher, David Roitman, Yossele Rosenblatt, Josef Shlisky and Leibele Waldman.

Thomas, Michael Tilson. **The Thomashefskys**. 2012. This documentary captures the Thomashefskys, the driving force behind the Yiddish Theater in America.

Nevins, Sheila. **Triangle**. 2011. The 1911 fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory burns again in this documentary capturing the conditions surrounding the disaster.

Siegel, Beverly. **Women Unchained**. 2011. Follow the experiences of modern day women whose husbands refuse to grant them a "get"-- a Jewish divorce.

ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOGS

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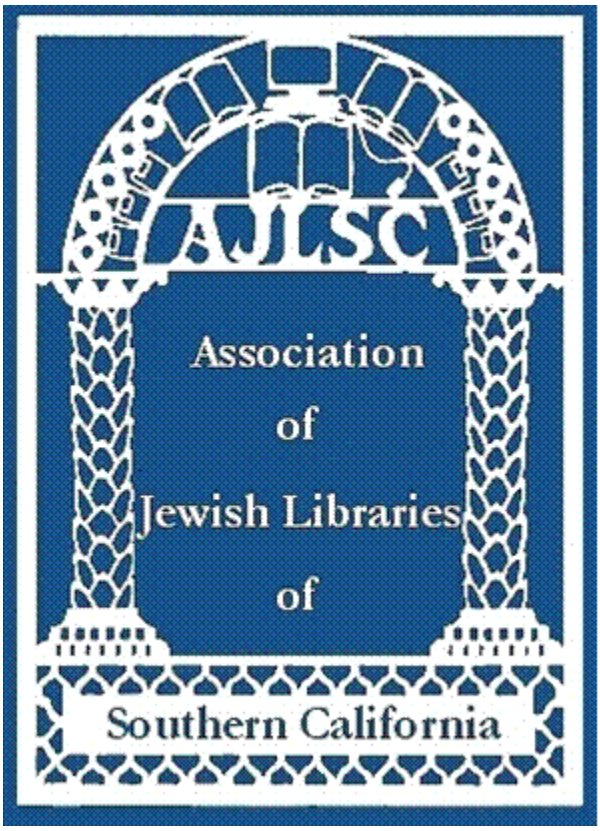
(Ostrow Library at the American Jewish University)
http://innopac.ajula.edu/

Sinai Temple Blumenthal Library
library.sinaitemple.org

Valley Beth Shalom Sheila Sporn Library
www.vbs.org/library

Simon Wiesenthal Center Library and Archives
www.wiesenthal.com/library



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