

Jewish Books 101

Looking Beyond Holiday & Holocaust Books To Find
Meaningful Jewish Books to Support Your Library
and Classroom Curriculum

What makes a book Jewish?

Jewish books will...

- Portray Jewish beliefs in an authentic way
- Promotes a respect for and understanding of Judaism
- Promotes positive Jewish values
- Remember: books that are meaningful to your collection may not fit the criteria.

Sydney Taylor Book Award

Who Was Sydney Taylor?

- Sarah Brenner was born on October 30, 1904.
- Grew up on the Lower East Side in a large Jewish Family
- She began sharing stories of her childhood with her daughter, Jo.
- Manuscript won a contest sponsored by Follett
- Four more books in the series.
- Award began in 1978, after her death

Her poor but happy childhood is the basis for the stories.

All-of-A-Kind-Family



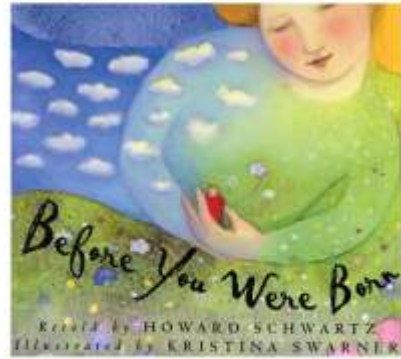
Life Cycles Events

Births

New Traditions

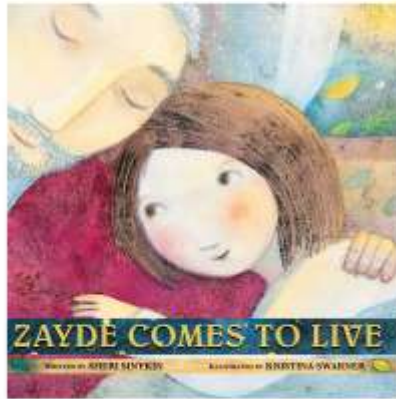


Folktales

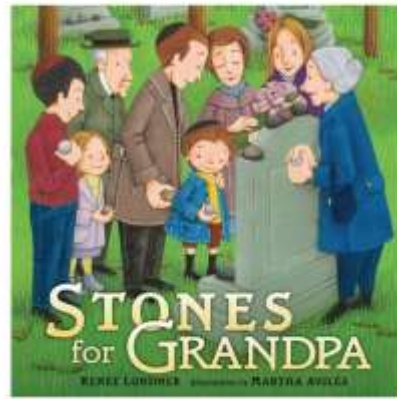


Explaining Death to Children

Hospice

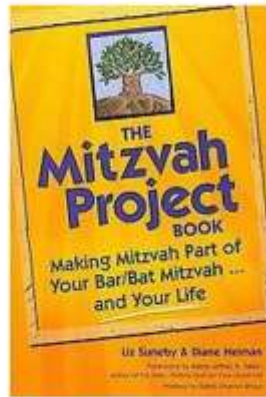


Customs



Celebrating B'nai Mitzvah

Creative Projects



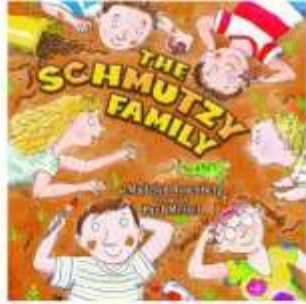
Spirituality



Storytime Ideas and Extension Activities

Storytime Ideas

Dirty/Clean



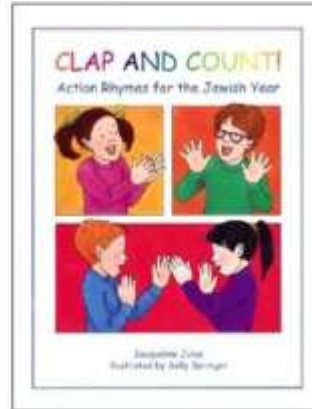
Bedtime or Pajama



Food or Counting



Action Rhymes



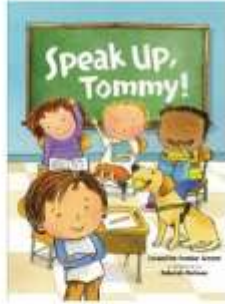
Other Ideas

- Puppet Shows & Readers Theater
- Writing letters to the authors
- Creating bookmarks

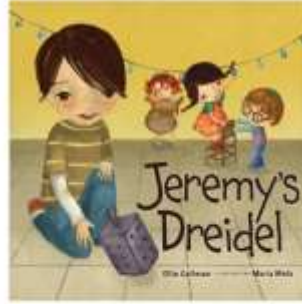
Baxter the Pig Who Wanted to Be Kosher – The Tale of Menshak The Kvetch. The Rabbi and the 29 Witches. Jewish Book Month Book Mark Contest

Reflecting Diversity
Within Our Communities

Immigration – ESL



Physical Disabilities



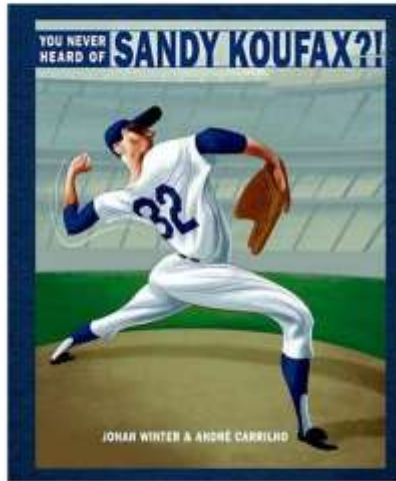
Autism

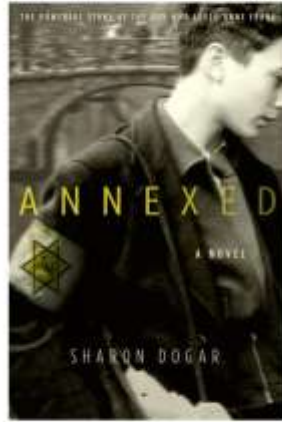
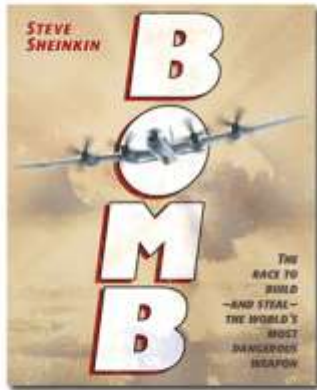


Same Sex Families



Supporting the Common Core

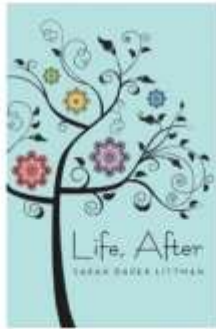




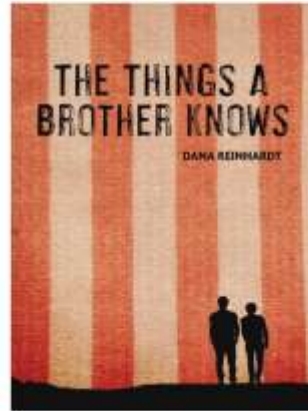
Contemporary Fiction and Graphic Novels

Straight From the Headlines

Post 9/11



War In Afghanistan



Tough Topics

Sexual Abuse

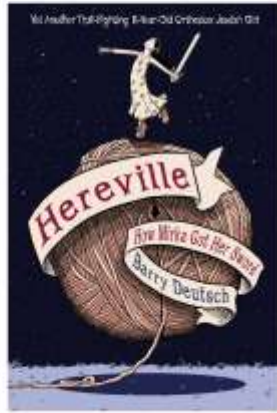


Sexual Identity



Graphic Novels

Fantasy



Historical Fiction



Graphic Biographies

Lily Renee



Anne Frank



Using Jewish Books To Connect Children with Authors

Author Visits

It's easier than you think!

- Skype
- Podcasts from The Book Of Life
- Sydney Taylor Book Award Blog Tour

Barry Deutsch. Amazing!!

Jewish Books Online

Online Resources

- [AJL Wiki](#)
- [Jewish Carnival of Books](#)
- [Jewish Values Finder](#)
- [Pinterest & Good Reads](#)

Blogs

The Whole Megillah

Jewish Books



Thank You!

Questions?