

Literary Recommendations for Jewish American Heritage Month

This is a non-exhaustive list of books that celebrate various aspects of Jewish identity or Jewish historical figures and Jewish authors who write about both Jewish identity and other subject areas.

Please share this list with your school librarians or your local community libraries to create a display of books that center Jewish American identities and peoplehood and a display of famous Jewish authors!

Elementary

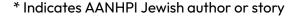
- A Perfect Fit: How Lena "Lane" Bryant Changed the Shape of Fashion by Mara Rockliff
- A Poem for Peter by Andrew Davis Pinkney
- A Queen to the Rescue: The Story of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah by Nancy Churnin
- Abuelita's Secret Matzahs by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- All of a Kind Family (series) by Syndney Taylor
- Always an Olivia: A Remarkable Family History by Carolivia Herron
- Amazing Abe, by Norman H. Finkelstein
- As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson and Raul Colon
- Brave Girl by Michelle Markel
- Can Sophie Change the World? By Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
- Castle on Hester Street by Boris Kulikov
- Dear Mr. Dickens by Nancy Churnin
- Elan, Son of Two Peoples by Heidi Smith Hyde and Mikela Prevost
- Emma's Poem, by Claire Nivola
- Gittel's Journey, by Leslea Newman
- Hammerin' Hankby Yona Zeldis McDonough
- Hank on First, by Stephen Krensky
- Hannah's Way by Linda Glaser
- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsberg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy, Elizabeth Baddeley
- Jalapeño Bagels by Natasha Wing
- Molly's Pilgrim, by Barbara Cohen

- Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco
- My Name is Aviva by Leslea Newman
- Naming Liberty by Jane Yolen
- Not This Turkey! by Jessica Steinberg
- Pavel and the Tree Army by Heidi Smith Hyde
- Rivka's First Thanksgiving by Elsa Okon Rael
- The Legend of Freedom Hill by Linda Jacobs Altman
- The Memory Coat by Elvira Woodruff
- The Only One Club by Jane Naliboff
- Tía Fortuna's New Home: A Jewish Cuban Journey by Ruth Behar
- Two New Years by Richard Ho*
- What Jewish Looks Like by Liz Kleinrock and Caroline Kusin Pritchard*
- What Makes Someone A Jew? By Lauren Seidman*
- When Ruth Bader Ginsberg Chewed 100 Sticks of Gum, by Mark Weakland and Daniela Volpari
- You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax? By Jonah Winter

Middle School Grades

- Alma Presses Play by Tina Cane
- Aviva vs. the Dybbuk by Mari Lowe
- Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros
- Hidden Powers: Lise Meitner's Call to Science by Jeannine Atkins
- Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar
- Music Was It: Young Leondard Bernstein by Susan Goldman Rubin
- My Basmati Bat Mitzvah by Paula J. Freedman*
- RBG's Brave and Brilliant Women: 33 Jewish Women to Inspire Everyone by Nadie Epstein
- Saint Ivy: Kind at All Costs by Laurie Morrison
- The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen by Isaac Blum
- The Whole Story of Half a Girl by Veera Hiranandani*
- The Length of a String by Elissa Brent Weissman
- This Is Just a Test by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg*
- Two Tribes by Emily Bowen Cohen
- What Jewish Looks Like by Liz Kleinrock and Caroline Kusin Pritchard*
- Women Who Broke the Rules: Judy Blume by Kathleen Krull
- Biographies in the Who Is/Who Was book series including:

Ruth Bader Ginsberg Harry Houdini Stephen Spielberg
Judy Blume Ralph Lauren Gloria Steinem
Charlie Chaplin Stan Lee R.L. Stine
Bob Dylan Harvey Milk Levi Strauss





Young Adult

- A Million Quiet Revolutions by Robin Gow
- All I Could Never Be by Anzia Yezierska
- Alma Presses Play by Tina Cane*
- As if on Cue by Marisa Kanter
- Chloe Leiberman (Sometimes Wong) by Carrie Rosten*
- Color Me In by Natasha Diaz
- From Dust, a Flame by Rebecca Podos
- From Sarah to Sydney: The Woman Behind All-of-a-Kind Family by June Cummins and Alexandra Dunietz
- How Yiddish Changed America and How America Changed Yiddish by Ilan Stavans and Josh Lambert
- Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love by Dani Shapiro
- Koshersoul: The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew by Michael Twitty
- Kugel and Frijoles: Latino Jews in the United States by Laura Limonic
- Lessons in Fusion by Primrose Madayag Knazan*
- My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok
- Measure of a Man: From Auschwitz Survivor to Presidents' Tailor by Martin Greenfield
- Once we were Slaves: The Extraordinary Journey of a Multi-Racial Jewish Family by Laura Arnold Leibman
- Snow in August by Pete Hamill
- Speaking Yiddish to Chickens: Holocaust Survivors on South Jersey Poultry Farms by Seth Stern
- Strange Creatures by Phoebe North
- The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay by Michael Chabon
- *The Chosen*. Chaim Potok
- The Confidante: The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shaped Modern America by Christopher Gorham
- The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- The Jewish Deli: An Illustrated Guide to the Chosen Food
- They'll Never Catch Us by Jessica Goodman
- We Are Inevitable by Gayle Forman
- Whistle: A New Gotham City Hero by E. Lockhart



Jewish Authors

Sholem Aleichem Eric Kimmel Maurice Sendak

Hannah Arendt Liz Kleinrock Dr. Seuss Isaac Asimov Nicole Krauss Ari Shapiro

Judy BlumePrimo LeviShel SilversteinMel BrooksJames McBrideArt SpiegelmanMichael ChabonArthur MillerGertrude SteinAnita DiamantLesléa NewmanGloria Steinem

Nora Ephron Boris Pasternak R.L. Stine

Anne Frank Patricia Polacco Barbara Streisand

Neil GaimanChaim PotokSydney TaylorDaniel HandlerAyn RandMichael Twitty

Joseph Heller Michael Rosen Leon Uris

Alice Hoffman Philip Roth Judith Viorst

Franz Kafka Jonathan Safran Foer Elie Wiesel

Ezra Jack Keats J.D. Salinger Jane Yolen

Isaac Bashevis Singer

