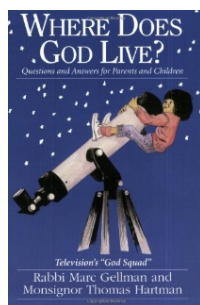
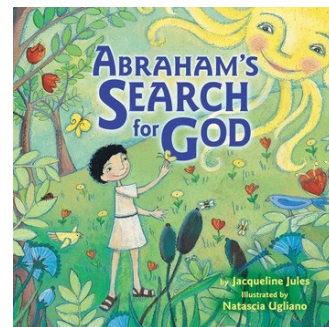


# B'TZELEM ELOHIM TITLES

*B'Tzelem Elohim – honoring the image of God in ourselves – encompasses several key Jewish values. Not only does it address the concept of God, B'Tzelem Elohim includes values such as service, inclusion, social justice and body image. This list will focus on the concept of God, body image and diversity and inclusion. Service and social justice resources will be covered in another list. Check out our full catalog of related titles [here](#).*

## Picture Books for Younger Readers

One of the most effective picture books at exploring the nature of God is *Abraham's Search for God*, by Jacqueline Jules. This Sydney Taylor Notable book not only tells the story of Abraham but addresses a child's curiosity about the idea of God. Lawrence Kushner's *Because Nothing Looks Like God*, is another excellent title for younger readers. Several board books on the topic by the same author are available for our youngest audience. Two titles by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, *God's Paintbrush*, and *In God's Name*, are recommended for exploring the nature of God. Most of these titles take a non-denominational view of God, celebrating diversity and unity. Other books celebrating the diversity of humanity include *We Are Jewish Faces*, by Debra Darvick, and *Faith*, by Maya Ajmera. Both books feature dozens of photographs of a wide array of children accompanied by simple text. The first concentrates on Jewish children, while the second is a multi-faith title. *God's Dream*, by Desmond Tutu, is another multi-faith picture book for young children with a focus on empathy and loving your neighbor.

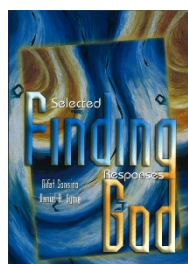
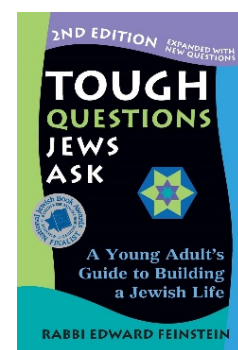


## Chapter Books for Older Children

In Bradley Artson's *I Have Some Questions About God*, six leading rabbis address the concept for middle-grade readers with stories covering twelve important questions. Although not specifically Jewish, the classic Judy Blume novel, *Are You There God? It's Me Margaret*, is a very relevant title in our juvenile fiction collection. Molly Cone's story collection, *Hello, Hello, Are You There, God?* illustrates the Jewish concept of God. *Where Does God Live? Questions and Answers for Parents and Children* by Marc Gellman is written at a level for chapter book readers. Rabbi Gellman and Thomas Hartman, a Catholic Monsignor, compare their views of God in answer to questions from children.

## For Young Adults and Teens

*Tough Questions Jews Ask*, by Edward Feinstein, is a Sydney Taylor Honor book and National Jewish Book Award finalist that asks many of the tough questions about God specifically for young adults. "What is God Anyway?" is just one of those questions. Encompassing a diversity of opinions, Marc Gellman's *How Do You Spell God?: Answers to the Big Questions from Around the World*, provides a discussion of these tough questions from a variety of religious viewpoints. Finally, two classics by Harold Kushner, *Who Needs God*, and *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, are ageless titles appropriate for young adult readers.



## For Adults

From *Our Religious Brains*, by Ralph Mecklenberger, to Baruch Spinoza's *The Book of God*, we have a huge range of titles in our adult collection. Elliot Dorff's *Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices: Body* explores Jewish ethics related to caring for our bodies. *Judaisms: A Twenty-First-Century Introduction to Jews and Jewish Identities*, by Aaron Tapper, reveals the diversity of the Jewish people. *Finding God*, by Rifat Sonsino, uses a variety of sources to explore the nature of God. For parents, Harold Kushner's *When Children Ask About God*, and David Wolpe's *Teaching Your Children About God*, are two good titles to start with when addressing the topic with children.