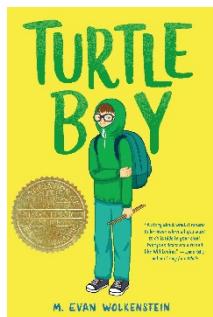
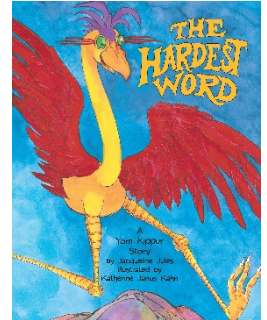


TESHUVAH RESOURCES

Teshuvah (Repentance) is a core Jewish value often associated with Yom Kippur, but obviously relevant throughout the year. Below is a list of resources in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. Be sure to check out our full list of Teshuvah-related titles [here](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

Two of the best picture *teshuvah*-related books in our collection are linked to the High Holidays. Susan Schnur's *Tashlich at Turtle Rock* is an excellent introduction to that ritual. The kid favorite, *The Hardest Word: A Yom Kippur Story*, by Jacqueline Jules, features the friendly Ziz to illustrate the concept of repentance. *The Peddler's Gift*, by Maxine Schur, is a classic folk tale that earned a Sydney Taylor Award. A second book by Jacqueline Jules, *Benjamin and the Silver Goblet*, is an excellent retelling of the Bible story that fits this subject as well.



Chapter Books for Older Children

There are many juvenile fiction titles that cover the concept of repentance, but two in particular are worth noting. *Turtle Boy*, by Evan Wolkenstein, is a Sydney Taylor Award winner from 2020. It features twelve-year-old Will and his experience with teasing and bullying at school. *The Many Mysteries of the Finkel Family*, by Sarah Kapit, is a brand-new addition to our collection. Sisters, Lara and Caroline, get into difficulties when they start their own detective agency. Kid favorite, Rabbi Harvey, also addresses the concept of repentance in his second book, *Rabbi Harvey Rides Again*, by Steve Sheinkin. This well-liked series of graphic novels adapts Jewish folktales for middle-grade readers.

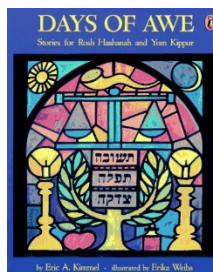
Books for Teens and Young Adults

If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say: A Novel, by Leila Sales, is a perfect illustration of *teshuvah* for teen readers. Seventeen-year-old Winter Halperin posts offensive remarks that go viral and deals with the consequences. A contrasting title by Sonia Levitin, *The Singing Mountain*, follows seventeen-year-old Mitch on a summer trip to Israel. He grapples with thoughts of pursuing orthodox Judaism in this Sydney Taylor Award-winner.



Adult Titles

For those interested in the scripture and Jewish texts related to *teshuvah*, our collection includes the *Laws of Teshuvah-Repentance* by Moses Maimonides, translated by Avraham Yaakov Finkel. *Teshuvah: A Guide for the Newly Observant Jew*, by Adin Steinsaltz, is a guide to applying Jewish principles to everyday life.



Stories for All Ages

The concept of *teshuvah* is expertly illustrated in a long history of Jewish folktales, and our library collection includes dozens of wonderful anthologies for all ages. One of the best is "Rabbi Eleazar and the Beggar: A Story about Repentance," told in Eric Kimmel's excellent collection for the High Holidays, *Days of Awe*. For those who appreciate a good ghost story, "A Roomful of Ghosts" is included in *Invisible Kingdoms*, edited by Howard Schwartz. "The First Tear" tells the story of Adam and Eve's remorse in the Garden of Eden. It is told in Nathan Ausubel's *A Treasury of Jewish Folklore*, and in Grace Maisel's *A Year of Jewish Stories* as "The Gift of Tears." Finally, "The Most Precious Thing in the World" is a story set around Rosh Hashanah. God asks an angel to bring the most precious thing in the world. It can be found in Peninnah Schram's *Chosen Tales* and is also included in the Rabbi Harvey title mentioned above.