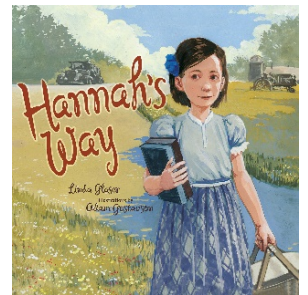


GEVURAH RESOURCES

Gevurah, or inner strength, is a Jewish value that addresses the courage needed to stand up to bullying, follow your own path, and more. The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom has a collection of resources for all ages. that can help. Check out our full catalog of Gevurah-related titles [here](#).

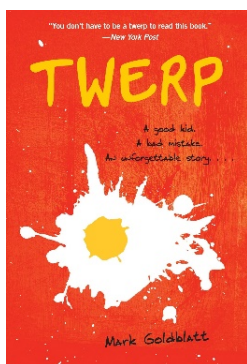
Picture Books for Younger Readers

Regina Persisted: An Untold Story, by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, is the story of the first woman Rabbi, Regina Jonas. A National Jewish Book Award finalist, it is a great example of the strength and persistence it takes to follow your dreams. A Sydney Taylor Honor Book, *Drop by Drop: A Story of Rabbi Akiva*, by Jacqueline Jules, is the story of the now-famous rabbi and scholar who didn't learn to read until he was forty years old. *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Maker's Strick of 1909*, is the winner of several awards. It shows the strength and courage needed in the pursuit of justice. Jean Marzollo's *Daniel in the Lion's Den*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book, is a re-telling of the Bible story, a great example of all kinds of strength and courage. We have Marzollo's adaptation of *David and Goliath* as well. *Hannah's Way*, by Linda Glaser, is a Sydney Taylor Award winning story of a young orthodox Jewish girl in rural Minnesota in 1938. She struggles to fit in without losing her Jewish heritage. *Marven of the Great North Woods*, by Kathryn Lasky, is a similar story, of a boy sent to a Minnesota logging camp during the flu epidemic of 1918. It has received numerous awards, including the National Jewish Book Award. Finally, the immigration experience definitely requires inner strength. *When Jessie Came Across the Sea*, by Amy Hest, is one of several in our collection that illustrates this story for slightly older picture book readers. It has won numerous awards.



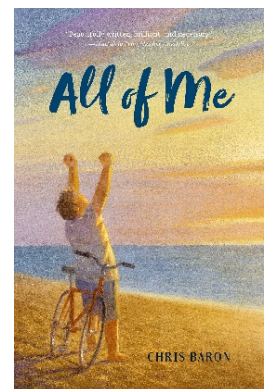
Chapter Books for Older Children

Many titles for this age group addressing strength and courage are Holocaust-related. Those will be addressed in another list. Perhaps the favorite among middle grade readers, *Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword*, the first of the three-book series by Barry Deutsch, is an award-winning graphic novel featuring the courage of an eleven-year-old Orthodox Jewish girl. *Twerp*, by Mark Goldblatt, is a popular title with middle school readers which addresses bullying. *Vive La Paris*, by Esme Codell, is a wonderful Sydney Taylor Award winning book about a fifth grader named Paris and her piano teacher, Mrs. Rosen. There is no character that better illustrates strength than Superman. Marc Nobleman's *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*, is an award-winning biography of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, the creators of the superhero.



For Teens

Even more than those for middle-graders, titles that reflect *gevurah* for teens are largely Holocaust-related. Those will be covered in a separate list. Anna Levine's *Freefall* is a Sydney Taylor Honor Book set in Israel in 2006. 18-year-old Aggie copes with her compulsory military service. *Rachel's Secret*, by Shelly Sanders, is the first of a trilogy beginning in Russia in 1903. It features a Jewish girl, Rachel, who wants to become a famous writer, but struggles with being both Jewish and a woman. *All of Me*, by Chris Baron, is a noteworthy title addressing bullying and body image. Those looking for an immigration story can check out Donna Jo Napoli's *The King of Mulberry Street*, a Sydney Taylor Notable Book set in New York in 1892.



For Adults

Adults looking for some strength and inspiration might check out *How to Get Up When Life Gets You Down* by two rabbis, Lionel Blue and Jonathan Magonet. Commentaries and translations of the Book of Daniel are also available.