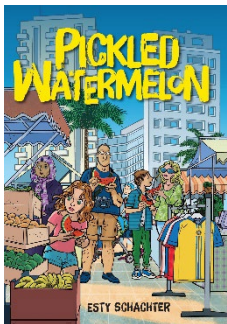
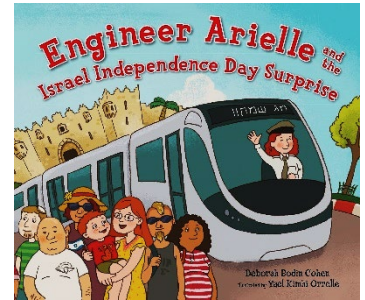


CELEBRATING ISRAEL

Whether you're celebrating Yom Ha'atz ma'ut or just learning about Israel, the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom has hundreds of titles to choose from in our collection. From picture books to adult non-fiction, we have resources for all ages. Check out our full catalog of Israel-related titles [here](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

There are a few picture books specifically written to celebrate Israel's birthday. Ellen Dietrick's *It's Israel's Birthday!* is written for the youngest of readers, with photographs of pre-school children celebrating the holiday. *Engineer Arielle and the Israel Independence Day Surprise*, by Deborah Bodin Cohen, is a great introduction to the holiday, especially for train-lovers. *Shmulik Paints the Town*, by Lisa Rose, and Andria Rosenbaum's *Meg Goldberg on Parade*, also incorporate the holiday into colorful stories. When browsing our shelves, other picture books set in Israel can be found by the flag stickers on their spine. A few titles do stand out. *Chicken Man*, by Michelle Edwards, is a National Jewish Book Award winner and now a classic story about kibbutz life. Leslie Kimmelman's *Everybody Says Shalom* is a wonderful picture-book tour of Israel that stands out amidst many of its kind. Rachel Raz has two beautiful books of photographs of Israel in our non-fiction collection: *The Colors of Israel* and *ABC Israel*. For the slightly older reader, Fan Manushkin's *Come, Let Us Be Joyful!: The Story of Hava Nagila*, is a wonderful story with a bit of history thrown in.

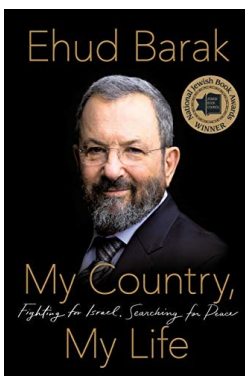
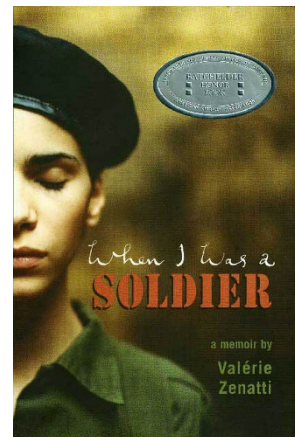


Chapter Books for Older Children

We have several non-fiction titles in our juvenile collection that are full of information and photographs of Israel. These include *Israel*, by Jill DuBois, Mitchell Bard's *Israel Matters*, and two titles by Debbie Smith: *Israel the Land*, and *Israel the People*. For those more interested in fiction, *Pickled Watermelon*, by Esty Schachter is a good place to start. Those who enjoy Kenneth Roseman's Do-it-Yourself Series may enjoy *Jeremiah's Promise: An Adventure in Modern Israel*. *The Dog of Knots*, by Kathy Walden Kaplan, is a novel about a girl and a stray dog, set during the Yom Kippur War.

For Teens and Young Adults

Some of our most interesting non-fiction titles are written for young adults. *When I Was a Soldier*, by Valerie Zenatti, is an ALA Best Book for Young Adults, and is a memoir about a teenager's compulsory military service. *Working Together: Economy, Technology, and Careers in Israel*, by Elisa Silverman, explores an aspect of Israel that is top-of-mind for many teens. *Homeland: The Illustrated History of the State of Israel*, by Marv Wolfman, presents the country's history in graphic novel format, and is a National Jewish Book Award winner. Among the award-winners in teen fiction are *Beni's War* and *The Six-Day Hero*, two novels by Tammar Stein, about the Yom Kippur War, and *Ronit & Jamil*, by Pamela Laskin, a novel written in verse.



For Adults

Whether it's award-winning fiction by Israeli authors, or non-fiction histories and commentaries, we have a more than 200 adult titles in our collection related to Israel. Highlights include *Apeirogon: A Novel*, by Colum McCann, and Ehud Barak's autobiography, *My Country, My Life: Fighting for Israel, Searching for Peace*, and *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*, by Daniel Gordis. All three are National Jewish Book Award winners.