

ISRAELI RESOURCES

BOOKS

ADULT NONFICTION

- *Bahat Carta, Dan. **The Illustrated Atlas of Jerusalem**. Ref. 912.176 (1996).
- *Collins, Larry and Lapierre, Dominique. **O Jerusalem!** 909.824 (1972).
- Dershowitz, Alan. **The Case for Israel**. 956.94 (2003).
- Dershowitz, Alan. **What Israel Means to Me**. 956.94 (2006).
- *Feiler, Bruce. **Walking the Bible: A Journey Through the Five Books of Moses**. 915.6 (2001).
- *Flusser, David **Jewish Sources in Early Christianity**. 225.66 (1989).
- *Friedman, Thomas L. **From Beirut to Jerusalem**. 956.92 (1989).
- Gilbert, Martin. **Israel: A History**. 956.94 (2008).
- *Hertzberg, Arthur. **The Zionist Idea: A Historical Analysis and Reader**. 320.54 (1997).
- Hoffman, Lawrence A. **Israel a Spiritual Travel Guide**. 915.694 (1998).
- Laqueur, Walter. **A History of Zionism**. 956.94 (2003).
- *Meir, Golda. **My Life**. 920.0 (1975).
- *Oren, Michael B. **Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East**. 956.04 (2002).
- *Oz, Amos and de Lange ,Nicholas. **A Tale of Love and Darkness**. 892.4 (2004).
- *Sachar, Howard M. **A History of Israel from the Rise of Zionism to Our Time**. 956.94 (1996).
- *Sasson, H.H. Ben ed. **A History of the Jewish People**. 296.09 (1976).
- *Senesch, Hannah. **Hannah Senesh: Her Life and Diary**. 920.0 (2004).
- Strober, Deborah Hart and Gerald S. **Israel at Sixty: An Oral History of a Nation Reborn**. 956.94 (2008).

ADULT FICTION

*Michener, James. **The Source**. (1965).

*Shalev, Meir. **A Pigeon and a Boy: A Novel**. (2007).

*Uris, Leon. **Exodus**. (1986).

The birth of Israel is at the center of this epic story. One of the best-selling novels of all time.

*Weisel, Elie **Dawn**. (1972).

*Wouk, Herman. **The Hope**. (1993).

Israel's first 20 years told through the lives of three military families

*Wouk, Herman. **The Glory**. (1994).

A sequel to The Hope.

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT

Wolfman, Marv et al. **Homeland: The Illustrated History of the State of Israel**. 956.94 W. (2007)

A graphic depiction of the highlights of Israel's history. Gold Medal for Non-fiction. Young Adult Moonbeam Book Award winner.

Feiler, Bruce. **Walking the Bible: And Illustrated Journey for Kids through the Greatest Stories Ever Told**. 915.6 (2004)

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Burstein, Chaya M. **A Kid's Catalog of Israel**. 956.94 (1988) YA.

Packed with facts about Israel, its people, history, geography, culture and archaeology, as well as recipes, crafts, and stories.

Gresko, Marcia J. **Ticket to Israel**. (2000) J.

Slavik, Diane. **Daily Life in Ancient and Modern Jerusalem**. 956.94 S., 2001 YA.

A brief introduction to Jerusalem and its history.

YOUNG CHILDREN

Abraham, Michelle. **My Cousin Tamar Lives in Israel!**. (2001), picture book, JP.

Sydney Taylor Book Award winner.

Bacon, Josephine ed.. **All Israel: A Catalog of Everything Israel!**. (1988) 915.694 YA.

Dietrick Ellen. **It's Israel's Birthday!** PK, JP.
Children take an imaginary trip to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha-atzmaut.

Fontes, J. Justine and Ron. **A to Z Israel!**. (2003) J.

Gresko Marcia S. **A Ticket to Israel!**. (2000) J.

A lively Look at Israel's landscape, people, culture and history

Groner, Judy. **Let's Visit Israel!**. 2004 JP
PK

Brightly illustrated board book introducing young children to visiting Israel

Groner, Judy. **My First Hebrew Word Book!**. (2005) J.

Rivlin, Lilly. **Welcome to Israel!**. (2000) 956.94, ages 4-8.

Israeli children teach about Israel's history, geography, and political, commercial and cultural life.

Rouss, Sylvia A. **Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel!**. (2002) J.
Everyone's favorite Spider travels to Israel.

Sasek, M. **This is Israel!**. (2008) reprint,
J.

Reprint from author's "classic" "this is" series, first published in 1962.

Sofer, B. **Kids Love Israel!**. (1996) 915.694.

PERIODICALS

Forward

Newspaper, also online at <http://www.forward.com/>

Commentary

Magazine, also online at <http://www.commentarymagazine.com/>

JVIBE

Magazine for Jewish Teens. See "The Israel Issue" Sept/Oct 2009. Also available online at <http://www.jvibe.com>

VIDEO/DVD

Israel: A Nation is Born. (VHS) Adult, (2003).

Hosted by Abba Ebon, this series chronicles the birth and development of the State of Israel.

Shalom Sesame: The Land of Israel. (VHS).

The Sesame Street Gang travel to Israel.

Tkuma: The First Fifty Years. (VHS), Stephen Edwards, Ed. (1998).

Produced by the Israel Broadcasting Authority, these five episodes traces the story of Israel's first 50 years.

Turn Left at the End of the World. (DVD) (2004), cataloged as Adult. Hebrew with subtitles.

SELECT INTERNET SOURCES ABOUT ISRAEL

There are, of course, numerous websites focused on topics related to Israel. The sites recommended here provide useful information, in English, about Israel's history, geography, society, culture, news, and tourism.

Interactive Maps and Virtual Tours

Eye on Israel www.eyeonisrael.com

Israel Virtual Tour <http://israelvr.net/index.html>

Gems in Israel <http://www.gemsinisrael.com/>

The Jerusalem Mosaic http://www.snunit.k12.il/njeru/open_screen2.htm

Provides a virtual tour of both contemporary and historic Jerusalem.

Jewish Virtual Library www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org

Select the "Virtual Israel Experience."

Not Just a Map www.jafi.org.il/geo/map.htm

3D Israel
www.inisrael.com/3disrael/index.html

History & Culture

Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA>

Provides facts about Israel, its education, culture, economy, society, land, people, health & social services, and science & technology. Select topic of interest from left toolbar.

Israel 21C www.israel21c.com

Created by a California nonprofit organization, this website focuses on Israel's contributions in a number of areas, including culture, healthcare, and technology.

Babaganewz <http://babaganewz.com>

An educational, interactive site designed for Middle School students. Select "Israel Central."

Jewish Webcasting <http://www.jewishwebcasting.com/>

Produced by a California nonprofit organization, this site provides numerous web media links to webcasts, podcasts, radio and TV programs.

ShalomTV <http://www.shalomtv.com/>

Cable television network that offers online access to programs about Israel.

Stephen Spielberg Jewish Film Archives <http://www.spielbergfilmarchive.org.il/>

Hundreds of films accessible online. Select "Virtual Cinema" from the home page, then "State of Israel" after the introduction page.

Tourism

Israel Wonders
www.goisrael.com

The Israel Ministry of Tourism's official site.

The Tel Aviv Guide <http://telavivguide.net/>

Tourist information, including major sites, hotels and restaurants.

***Frommers**

<http://www.frommers.com/destinations/israel/0227010001.html>

The popular travel guide provides free online information about planning a visit to Israel.

***OAG** <http://www.oag.com/travel-guides/destination/israel/jerusalem/visiting-the-city/#content>

Commercial site that includes free tourist information about travel to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

***Hello Israel** <http://www.helloisrael.net/>

Israel travel and hotels guide.

News

Jerusalem Post <http://www.jpost.com/>

Online edition of the English daily newspaper. RSS feeds available. Select "travel guide" from the top tool bar for tourism information.

Haaretz <http://www.haaretz.com/>

Online English edition published in association with the International Herald Tribune. Select "travel" from toolbar for tourism information.

Y-net News <http://www.ynetnews.com>

Israeli news, culture and commentary in English. Content is from the publisher of Yedioth Ahronoth, a Tel Aviv daily newspaper.

Israel Insider <http://israelinsider.ning.com/cover>

Daily English news magazine.

JTA <http://jta.org/>

A nonprofit international news service receiving funding from U.S. and Canadian Jewish community federations.

Israel Radio International <http://israelradio.org/english.html>

Listen to news from Israel Broadcast Authority in English.

JVIBE <http://www.jvibe.com/>

Select link for "Israel."

***Recommended by Rabbi Schwartzman**