

DATABASES

[Ancestry.com](#) is the world's largest online family history resource. While you are at BML, discover your history and start your family tree.

General OneFile Find an article on almost any topic in Jewish history. Go to [brightonlibrary.org](#), choose "Databases," then "News & Research," then "General OneFile." Try typing keywords "Jewish history" to start. The database will offer related terms that might be useful in your search.

Pronunciator is an online language learning program that teaches practical conversation in 100+ languages. Learn Hebrew or Yiddish from home through self-directed lessons, live teachers, movies, music, and more. Go to [brightonlibrary.org](#), choose "Databases," then "Buying/Legal/Language," then "Pronunciator," then "Instant Access," and finally "Launch Pronunciator."

DVDS

Breaking Bread DVD 303.3 BRE

Cinema's Exiles: From Hitler to Hollywood
DVD 791.43 CIN

The Fabelmans DVD FAB

GI Jews: Jewish Americans in WWII
DVD 940.53 GI

The Invisibles DVD FOREIGN INV

Keep the Change DVD KEE

One Life DVD ONE

One Week and a Day DVD FOREIGN ONE

A Radiant Girl DVD FOREIGN RAD

Uncut Gems DVD UNC

Schachnovelle (Chess Story, The Royal Game)
DVD FOREIGN CHE

SELECTED RECENT ELECTRONIC BOOKS & DIGITAL AUDIOBOOKS VIA LIBBY OR HOOPLA

Libby

Where We Keep The Light by Josh Shapiro (E)

When Caesar Was King by David Margolick (E)

Queen Esther by John Irving (A) (E)

Eight Heartbreaks of Hanukkah
by Jean Meltzer (A) (E)

We Need to Talk About Antisemitism
by Rabbi Diana Fersko (E)

Hoopla

Jewish South Shari Rabin (E)

Jewish Roots of American Liberty
by Wilfred McClay (E)

Louis B. Mayer and Irving Thalberg
by Kenneth Turan (A)

SELECTED RECENT MUSIC ON HOOPLA

The best way to find music through Hoopla is to isolate the format (a drop down next to the search box) to music. Then, search by artist or album title or genre, or even search terms like "Jewish American."

SELECTED STREAMING VIDEO ON HOOPLA & KANOPY (for Brighton Residents)

There are numerous films and documentaries offered by both Hoopla and Kanopy. As their collections are ever changing, the easiest way to find videos is to use the search box functions of each service or to browse by collection or subject.

FOR FUN:

Listen to "The Goldbergs," one of the earliest radio programs to authentically explore Jewish life in America. Search for "Goldbergs radio" in UCLA's F&T Archive. [youtube.com/@UCLAFTVArchive](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES

From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America (Library of Congress)
[loc.gov/exhibits/haventohome](#)

Jewish American Heritage Month
[jewishheritagemonth.gov](#)

The Jewish Americans series by David Grubin
[pbs.org/jewishamericans](#)

10 Key Findings About Jewish Americans
[pewresearch.org/short-reads/2021/05/11/10-key-findings-about-jewish-americans](#)

Jewish Book Council
[jewishbookcouncil.org/books/reading-lists](#)

JewishGen -The Global Home for Jewish Genealogy
[jewishgen.org](#)

Judaism 101, An Online Encyclopedia of Judaism
by Tracey R. Rich [jewfaq.org](#)

PJ Library (Books, music, stories, holidays, recipes, and more for families and children)
[pjlibrary.org/home](#)

Lane Dworkin Authors & Innovators Festival
[jccrochester.org/arts-culture/jewish-book-festival](#)

Ames Amzalak Rochester Jewish Film Festival
[jccrochester.org/arts-culture/jewish-film-festival](#)

"75 Years After Auschwitz's Liberation..." by Patrice Taddonio, January 27, 2020 (Article with links to four FRONTLINE documentaries)
[pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/four-documentaries-about-the-holocaust](#)

"Top 100 Jewish Books" by Rabbi Miriam T. Spitzer
[myjewishlearning.com/article/top-100-jewish-books](#)

Yiddish Book Center [yiddishbookcenter.org](#)

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JEWISH HERITAGE RESOURCES



Books and More!

Ask a BML librarian for help locating these and other resources on Jewish American History & Life.

Brighton Memorial Library

2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618
585-784-5300 | [brightonlibrary.org](#)



READING FOR CHILDREN

PICTURE BOOKS

An Etrog from Across the Sea
by Deborah Bodin Cohen and Kerry Olitsky

Shabbat Shalom by Douglas Florian (board books)

The Knish War on Rivington Street
by Joanne Oppenheim

Sammy the Spider (series) by Sylvia A. Rouss

The Wooden Sword: A Jewish Folktale from Afghanistan by Ann Redisch Stampler (fairy tales)

A Moon for Moe & Mo by Jane Breskin Zalben

J FICTION

The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

How to Find What You're Not Looking For
by Veera Hiranandani

The Dubious Pranks of Shaindy Goodman
by Mari Lowe

Not So Shy by Noa Nimrodi

Anya and the Dragon by Sofiya Pasternack

All Three Stooges by Erica Perl

Naomi Teitelbaum Ends the World
by Samara Shanker

All-of-a-Kind Family (series) by Sydney Taylor

NONFICTION

Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust by Elisa Boxer j940.548

Write On, Irving Berlin! by Leslie Kimmelman jBIO BERLIN

The Book Rescuer: How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come by Sue Macy jBIO LANSKY

Madame Alexander: The Creator of the Iconic American Doll by Susan Goldman Rubin jBIO ALEXANDER

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality by Jonah Winter jBIO GINSBURG

READING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

FICTION

Amelia, If Only by Becky Albertalli

Leaving the Station by Jake Maia Arlow

The Blood Years by Elana K. Arnold

The Judgement of Yoyo Gold by Isaac Blum

The Forbidden Book by Sacha Lamb

Wide Awake Now by David Levithan

Aviva vs. the Dybbuk by Mari Lowe

A World Worth Saving by Kyle Lukoff

Black Bird, Blue Road by Sofiya Pasternack

Wrath Becomes Her by Aden Polydoros

The Tear Collector by R.M. Romero

Lion's Legacy by Lev A.C. Rosen

A Far Wilder Magic by Allison Saft

Ellen Outside the Lines by A. J. Sass

Courage to Dream: Tales of Hope in the Holocaust
by Neal Shusterman YA GRAPHIC NOVEL SHU

Night Owls by A.R. Vishny

NONFICTION

The Light of Days (Young Reader's Edition)
by Judith Batalion YA 940.5318 BAT

The Girl Who Sang by Estelle Nadel
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL BIO NAD

Heroines, Rescuers, Rabbis, Spies
by Sarah Silberstein Swartz YA 940.5318 SWA

READING FOR ADULTS

FICTION

The Little Liar by Mitch Albom (also LP)

A Reason to See You Again by Jami Attenberg

Defending Britta Stein by Ronald H. Balson (also BOC)

The Adventures of Augie March by Saul Bellow

The Californians by Brian Castleberry

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant (also LP, BOC)

House on Endless Waters by Emuna Elon
Listen to a review at brightonlibrary.org/books-sandwiched-in (2022-2023 series)

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish

The Matchmaker's Gift by Lynda Loigman (also LP)

Novels and Stories by Bernard Malamud

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
(also LP, BOC)

Listen to a review at brightonlibrary.org/books-sandwiched-in (2024-2025 series)

The Chosen by Chaim Potok

The Enemy Beside Me by Naomi Ragen

Songs for the Brokenhearted by Ayelet Tsabari

NONFICTION

Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy 929.1072 AVO

FDR and the Jews
by Richard Breitman & Allan Lichtman 973.917 BRE

All About Me! by Mel Brooks BIO BROOKS (also LP)

Heart of a Stranger by Angela Buchdahl
NEW 296.092 BUC

Here Where We Live Is Our Country: The Story of The Jewish Bund
by Molly Crabapple NEW 331.8808 CRA

KEY: LP = Large Print | BOC = Book on CD

READING FOR ADULTS (CONT.)

NONFICTION (CONT.)

Menachem Mendel Schneerson by Ezra Glinter
296.8332 GLI

People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn
909.0492 HOR

Behold How Good It Is: Jews and Catholics in Rochester by Joseph G. Kelly LH 282 KEL

If All the Seas Were Ink by Ilana Kurshan
296.1206 KUR

America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today by Pamela Nadell 305.4889 NAD

The Jewish Deli by Ben Nadler 641.5676 NAD

My Life in Recipes by Joan Nathan 641.5092 NAT

Antisemitism in America by Chuck Schumer
305.8924 SCH

BOOKS ON THE HOLOCAUST

The Book Smugglers by David Fishman
940.5318 FIS

One Hundred Saturdays by Michael Frank BIO LEV

No Road Leading Back by Chris Heath
940.5318 HEA

The Holocaust Chronicle 940.5318 HOL

Sons and Soldiers by Bruce Henderson
940.5308 HEN

Star Crossed: A True WWII Romeo and Juliet Story in Hitler's Paris by Heather Dune Macadam
940.53 MAC

Survivor Cafe: The Legacy of Trauma and the Labyrinth of Memory by Elizabeth Rosner
155.93 ROS

Some titles listed in this brochure may be available in eBook and eAudiobook formats through the Libby app or Hoopla.