



Balsley, Tilda. **Shalom Everybodeee! Grover's Adventures in Israel**. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2016.

Grover takes a trip to Israel to visit Brosh and Avigail. While he's there, he writes emails to his friends on Sesame Street telling them about the many things he sees and does while on his trip. (Preschool, Primary)

Blumenthal, Scott. *The Great Israel Scavenger Hunt*. Springfield, N.J.: Behrman House, 2003.



Following the cryptic instructions in a letter from their grandfather, two cousins – American Daniel and Israeli Rivkah – travel across Israel in search of special objects. They learn about the major cities and extraordinary sites of Israel, the diversity of Israel's people and cultures, our biblical and modern ties with the Jewish homeland, and the geography of Israel. They also learn key Hebrew terms that are linked to chapter content. (Primary, Elementary)



Burstein, Chaya M. *A Kid's Catalog of Israel*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1998.

Examines the history, customs, language, crafts, recipes, geography, and music of Israel. (Elementary)

Carlson, Claudia. *Avi the Ambulance Goes to School*. Springfield, NJ: Apples & Honey Press, 2015.



Avi the ambulance, the youngest member of a family of emergency response vehicles, learns how to zig-and-zag, zoom-and-stop, treat patients well, and drive gently. Includes author's note on Magen David Adom, Israel's ambulance, blood services, and disaster relief organization. Other books in this series include *Avi the Ambulance to the Rescue* and *Avi the Ambulance and the Snowy Day*. (Primary, Elementary)



Carmi, Giora. *And Shira Imagined*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1988.

A young girl visits Israel and envisions the history of the sites she sees. (Preschool, Primary)



Dietrick, Ellen. It's Israel's Birthday! Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2008.

Photographs and easy-to-read text portray children in a Jewish preschool as they celebrate Israel's birthday by taking an imaginary journey to the country where they visit a kibbutz, shop in a market, see Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, and march in a parade. (Preschool, Primary)





Cohen, Deborah Bodin; illustrated by Yael Kimhi Orrelle. *Engineer Arielle and the Israel Independence Day Surprise*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2017.

Engineer Arielle drives her train through Jerusalem on Israel Independence Day, greeting friends and waiting to celebrate with her brother Ezra, who is the lead pilot in the Israeli Air Force's special air show. (Preschool, Primary)



Edwards, Michelle. *Chicken Man*. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1991.

Each time Chicken Man is moved into a new job on the kibbutz, someone else wants to take that job instead, and the chickens suffer as a consequence. Reissued in 2007 by Junebug Books. (Preschool, Primary)



Friedman, Maya. *3 Falafels in My Pita: A Counting Book of Israel*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2015.

This board book teaches the numbers one through ten using Israeli foods and other aspects of life in Israel. (Preschool)



Gehl, Laura. *Hare and Tortoise Race Across Israel*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2015.

A classic fable is retold – but in a unique environment! Two good friends, Hare and Tortoise, race from Tel Aviv to the Dead Sea, enjoying the unique culture and geography of Israel along the way. (Preschool, Primary)



Gilbert, Martin. *The Story of Israel from Theodor Herzl to the Roadmap for Peace*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2003.

Special edition to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Contains over 200 photographs and over 30 rare and newly researched removable facsimile documents of historic importance. (Elementary and up)



Greenfeld, Howard. *A Promise Fulfilled: Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, David Ben-Gurion, and the Creation of the State of Israel*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2005.

Spanning nearly ninety years and many significant world events, this concise history tells the tale of the creation of the state of Israel through the lives of three men. (Elementary and up)



Gresko, Marcia S. A Ticket to Israel. New York: Dutton Books, 2003.

Briefly describes the people, geography, government, religion, language, customs, and lifestyles of Israel. (Primary, Elementary)





Grossman, Laurie M. *Children of Israel*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2000.

Introduces the history, geography, and culture of Israel through the daily lives of children who live there. (Primary, Elementary)

Herman, Charlotte; illustrated by Kathryn Mitter. *First Rain*. Chicago: Albert Whitman, 2010.



Abby and her parents have moved to Israel, where they've always dreamed of living. Abby's excited about her new home, but she misses her grandma. As they exchange letters and emails, Abby tells about her new life—learning Hebrew, eating falafel, and floating in the Dead Sea. And through the long dry summer, as she looks forward to the first rain of autumn, she misses how she and Grandma used to splash and play on rainy days. Finally, one morning, Abby hears the long-awaited ping ping ping on the roof. And then something even more wonderful happens. (Primary)



Kimmelman, Leslie; illustrated by Talitha Shipman. *Everybody Says Shalom*. New York: Random House, 2015.

Text and illustrations offer young readers a trip through Israel and includes historical information about the places visited. (Preschool, Primary)



Kirschen, Ya'akov. *What a Country! Dry Bones Looks at Israel*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1996.

More than 300 cartoons from the famous Dry Bones comic strip which appeared in The Jerusalem Post. The book takes an often witty, always heartfelt, and sometimes biting look at life in Israel and shows the flow of Israeli history. (Elementary and up)

Lehman-Wilzig, Tami. Stork's Landing. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2014.



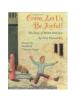
When a migrating stork gets tangled in a net in the fish ponds on Maya's kibbutz, Maya wonders whether she and her father can find a way to nurse it back to health and send it back into the wild. Set in Israel, one of the bird capitals of the world with the highest number of migrating birds anywhere, this story brings the beauty of nature in Israel to life and highlights an unusual part of Israeli life—the kibbutz. (Primary, Elementary)



Lehman-Wilzig, Tami. *Zvuvi's Israel*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2009.

With clever text and colorful pictures, Zvuvi the fly takes readers on a tour of the country of Israel, buzzing through the modern cities, ancient ruins, and nature preserves from north to south. (Primary, Elementary)





Manushkin, Fran. *Come, Let Us Be Joyful! The Story of Hava Nagila*. New York: UAHC Press, 2000.

Provides the story behind the creation of the traditional Hebrew song, and information about Moshe Nathanson, the songwriter. (Primary, Elementary)



Michelson, Richard; illustrated by Karla Gudeon. *The Language of Angels: A Story About the Reinvention of Hebrew*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2017.

In 1885, few Jews in Israel used the holy language of their ancestors, and Hebrew was in danger of being lost – until Ben-Zion and his father got involved. Through the help of his father and a community of children, Ben modernized the ancient language, creating a lexicon of new, modern words to bring Hebrew back into common usage. (Primary, Elementary)



Rauchwerger, Diane Levin. *Dinosaur Goes to Israel*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2011.

Enthusiastic but accident-prone Dinosaur accompanies a young boy on a visit to Israel. (Preschool, Primary)





Showcases the many vibrant and beautiful colors of the land of Israel, from the red double-decker train in Akko to the white dome of the Shrine of the Book, from pink postage stamps to orange beach umbrellas in Tel Aviv. Includes the English, Hebrew, and transliterated words for all the colors along with color photographs. (Preschool, Primary)



Rose, Lisa. *Shmulik Paints the Town*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2016.

Shmulik, a town artist, is commissioned to paint a mural for Yom Ha'atzma'ut but can't think of what to paint. Luckily, he gets some help from an unlikely collaborator - his dog! (Preschool, Primary)



Rosenbaum, Andria Warmflash. *Meg Goldberg on Parade*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2015.

New York City's Israel Parade is extra special this year for 'timid and small' Meg Goldberg. This shy little girl with a big imagination finds plenty of ways to join the fun—and maybe, just maybe, earn the Grand Marshal's crown. (Preschool, Primary)



Rouss, Sylvia A. Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2002.

Sammy Spider joins the Shapiro family on a vacation, and he uses his five senses to experience Israel. (Preschool, Primary)





Shem-Tov, Tami and Rachella Sandbank; illustrated by Avi Ofer. *A Concert in the Sand*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2017.

In 1936 Tel Aviv, a boy accompanies his grandmother on a walk along the beach, buying seltzer, looking in shops, talking with friends, and following men with strange-shaped cases. They end by meeting violinist Bronislaw Huberman and seeing the first performance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. (Preschool, Primary)



Stampler, Ann Redisch. The Cats on Ben Yehuda Street. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2013.

Mrs. Spiegel loves her two cats while her grumpy neighbor, Mr. Modiano, claims they are useless but when Ketzie goes missing, it is Mr. Modiano who searches the streets of Tel Aviv all night to find her. (Preschool, Primary)



Vogel, Carole Garbuny. *The Man Who Flies with Birds*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2009.

When Israeli army planes collide with birds in the air, ornithologist Yossi Leshem finds a remarkable way to save the pilots, the planes, and the birds. Leshem helps the Israeli military navigate the skies with his radar monitoring system, and begins a peace program to bring children of the Middle East together to help with bird migration projects. (Elementary and up)



Wolfman, Marv. *Homeland: The Illustrated History of the State of Israel*. Skokie, IL: Nachshon Press, 2007.

In graphic novel format, presents 4,000 years of Jewish history culminating in the modern state of Israel. (Elementary and up)



Yanofsky, Tsivia. *Take Me to the Holy Land: A Youngster's Tour of Eretz Yisrael*. Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications, 2000.

A travelogue containing some history, some *midrashim*, some personal feelings – all illustrated by full-color photographs. (Elementary and up)