

הקשר היהודי שלך

Your Jewish Connection

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Finding a Good Winter's Read

At Temple Beth Abraham, we are fortunate to have BABKA, our monthly book club that encourages us to read Jewish books (author and/or subject). But if a book club is not your thing, or you're looking for something different, what do you do? Well, let me tell you...

If you're looking for family and children books, there are several places to search:



- [Behrman House](#) is a classic publisher, providing resources for educators and parents; check out their web site for a variety of items
 - [Hachai Publishing](#) is devoted to children's literature with Jewish themes promoting values and teaching Jewish history and tradition, specializing in ages 3 to 6
 - [Jewish Lights Publishing](#) also offers a good selection of children's books, along with many titles of interest to adults
 - [Kar-Ben Publishing](#) labels themselves as "a growing Jewish library for children"; see what they have to offer from holidays to history to fun
 - [KTAV Publishing House](#) has some Jewish software games for children; they also offer many items for adults
- Looking for something out of the ordinary? Check out [Ergo Media, Inc.](#) which has over 300 videos about Jewish life and culture, Israel, the Holocaust, Jewish tradition, and World Jewry. They also have some Israeli and Yiddish film classics, educational programs, and music/art videos.

How about Jewish genealogy? [Avotaynu, Inc.](#), publishes books of interest to those researching Jewish genealogy, from surnames to family histories to lost buildings.

[Schocken Books](#), part of Knopf Doubleday, has a broad selection of books for adults by contemporary authors, such as Meir Shalev, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, and Daniel Gordis. And don't forget the adult books at Jewish Lights Publishing and KTAV Publishing House.

Religious and scholarly works can be found at:

- [The Conservative/Masorti Movement](#) list of publications, periodicals, and magazines
- [The Jewish Publication Society](#)
- [Rowman & Littlefield](#), under Religion and Spirituality > Judaism

So go find a good read to keep you company this winter!



BABKA NEWS

Our next meeting is February 1 where we will discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*. Bestselling author Atul Gawande tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending. This book is full of eye-opening research and riveting storytelling, *Being Mortal* asserts that medicine can comfort and enhance our experience even to the



end, providing not only a good life but also a good end.

Then, on March 1 the Babka book discussion group will change its pace as we read *In The Shadow of God*, a collection of poetry, written by Chaya Rosen.

Chaya Rosen is the daughter of Holocaust survivors. She explores what she calls, "silent sounds and shadows" as the legacy inherited



by the children of the post Holocaust era. This is her third book of poetry which she uses to weave her journey through the shadows of loss and healing as a child of survivors.

Two very different styles of literature, something interesting to read, think about and join a discussion about. Babka always welcomes new members. Come join us for any of our book discussions.

Ellie Schwartz