Israel

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

A Glimpse of Israel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzZ_kWFnidY
The Best of Israel: https://www.ricksteves.com/watch-read-listen/video/tv-show/israel
The Israel-Palestine Conflict, a Brief, Simple History: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRYZjOUUnlU&t=203s

Geography Now, Israel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWKmazrRlwA
Amazing Facts about the Dead Sea: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qr2kysS0GnQ
Jerusalem, Israel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9zujnEd--g
The History of the Star of David: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_2JUp90fPA
Israel Diversity and the Druze: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDOINIQENrA
The Kibbutz, Israel’s Collective Utopia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIf2f77tJ8
Israel, Advance Farming Technology for the Future: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7VZDRcpQ2g
Musical Instruments of Israel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qD23I_l7cg
Israeli Folk Dance for Beginners: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSdMnMcGL3c
Jewish Wedding Dance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGEGpXosjWI
Street Food in Israel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beHlBmqpmjU
Folktales of Israel Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZK32WRAa3OzQ
Israel, Wildlife in Motion: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlnjmvDZc7g
Websites:

Countries and their Cultures, Israel: https://www.everyculture.com/Ge-It/Israel.html

The 12 Tribes of Israel: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Tribes_of_Israel

Religions in the Holy Land: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Land

Israel’s Vibrant Jewish Ethnic Mix: https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/israels-vibrant-jewish-ethnic-mix/

The Druze in Israel: http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/druze-in-israel/


Music of Israel: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_of_Israel

Masada, Desert Fortress: https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/masada-desert-fortress

Traditional Jewish Dress in Israel http://israeliculture12.blogspot.com/

Palestinian Traditional Dress: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_costumes


Intro to the Hebrew Language: http://www.omniglot.com/writing/hebrew.htm


Israel’s 10 most Beautiful Animals: https://www.fromthegrapevine.com/nature/israels-10-beautiful-animals

Lesson Plans:

Modern Israel: http://www.jewishteacher.org/modern-israel/

A Trip to Israel:
https://www.boulderjcc.org/clientuploads/Lesson%20Plans/2TriptoIsrael_3-6.pdf

Israel, Home School Mom: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_of_Israel

Israeli Folkdance Instructions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qu-LaDQtwMg

Jerusalem, Teachers Pay Teachers:
https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:jerusalem

Hebrew Alphabet, Lesson 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BubU0qL9y8o
# Children’s Books:

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<th>Title: Everybody Says Shalom</th>
<th>Author: Leslie A. Kimmelman</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grade: PreK-5th</td>
<td>Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers</td>
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<td>ISBN: 9780375982439</td>
<td>Summary: A spirited picture-book tour of Israel takes readers to the Old City of Jerusalem and modern Tel Aviv, the desert and the sea, Roman ruins, the Biblical Zoo, a kibbutz, and much more. Lively, rhyming text and vibrant, colorful illustrations offer young readers a trip through this old-new land of many contrasts, cultures, and customs. Readers can also look for a mischievous gecko that plays hide-and-seek in the scenes. The end pages include interesting historical information and other facts about the places visited.</td>
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<th>Title: Recipe and Craft Guide to Israel</th>
<th>Author: Laya Saul</th>
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<td>Grade: 3rd-8th</td>
<td>Publisher: Mitchell Lane Publishers</td>
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<td>ISBN: 9781612280813</td>
<td>Summary: You’ll eat delicious potato latkes and sweet hamantaschen cookies. Make a mask for Purim and paper flowers for Shavuot. Each holiday, full of fragrances and flavors, also carries a message of hope and light. Follow the joyous celebrations of the year as you get to know the people from the land of Israel.</td>
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<th>Title: Israel</th>
<th>Author: Collene Sexton</th>
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<td>Grade: 3rd-5th</td>
<td>Publisher: Bellwether Media</td>
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<td>ISBN: 1600144845</td>
<td>Summary: Israel is a country with deep religious roots. It is considered the homeland of the Jewish people. Young readers will be introduced to Israel's devout people, historic landmarks, and foods that create an interesting and unique cultural heritage.</td>
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| Title: | Itamar Makes Friends  
*also available in Hebrew*  
Author: Josh Hasten  
Grade: K-5th  
Publisher: Gefen Publishing House Ltd.  
ISBN: 9789652295675  
Summary: Eight year old Itamar lives on a yishuv, small village in Israel. He loves to milk goats, shear sheep, and most of all to play soccer. When he goes to visit his cousins in the big city, he meets boys who are totally different from him- or are they? |
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| Title: | Chicken Man  
Author: Michelle Edwards  
Grade: K-5th  
Publisher: New South Books  
ISBN: 9781588382238  
Summary: Rody is in charge of the chicken coop on the kibbutz where he lives in Israel's Jezreel Valley. He loves his job so much and makes the work seem so delightful that everyone wants a chance to tend the brood. When they do, Rody is transferred elsewhere. But as Rody moves from job to job, the kibbutz learns it's not what you do, but how you do it that makes a difference. |
| Title: | Arab Folktales from Palestine and Israel  
Author: Raphael Patai  
Grade: 6th-12th or read aloud  
Publisher: Wayne State University Press  
ISBN: 9780814327104  
Summary: These fables, part of the cultural heritage of a small corner of the Arab world, are translated into an English that remains faithful to the original Arabic text, presenting to foreign readers a sense of the original style and a picture of traditional Arab life and customs, attitudes, social and cultural norms, psychology, and values. Providing insight into Arab culture, Patai offers extensive notes and commentary on particular Arabic phrases and images, as well as the ways of speaking and thinking found among the Arab population, especially the Bedouins, in Palestine and Israel. |
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<td>Israel</td>
<td>Myra Immell</td>
<td>6th-12th</td>
<td>Greenhaven Press</td>
<td>Opposing Viewpoints</td>
<td>Opposing Viewpoints is the leading source for libraries and classrooms in need of current-issue materials. Each title explores a specific issue by placing expert opinions in a unique pro/con format. The viewpoints are selected from a wide range of highly respected and often hard-to-find sources and publications. By choosing from such diverse sources and including both popular and unpopular views, the Opposing Viewpoints editorial team has adhered to its commitment to editorial objectivity. Readers are exposed to many sides of a debate, which promotes issue awareness as well as critical thinking.</td>
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<td>The Book of Trees</td>
<td>Leanne Liberman</td>
<td>8th-12th</td>
<td>Orca Book Publishers</td>
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<td>The Book of Trees by Leanne Liberman features the story of a girl named Mia who wants to deepen her understanding of Judaism. However her plans go astray when she meets a non-Jewish tourist, Andrew and falls for him. The Book of Trees by Leanne Liberman - Unfolds the story of a girl named Mia who goes to Israel to spend the summer</td>
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