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Dear Friend,

Chanukah greetings from your JBI librarians! It's time for delicious latkes, sufganiyot (donuts), and celebrations. We hope you have a festive holiday and find time to read some of the wonderful books that are available to you through the JBI library. We are here to help you discover great reads and to provide you with prayer books and other liturgical materials you need for use at home or in synagogue. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or requests.

Click on the following link for a special audio message from our librarians.

<https://jbilibrary.org/holiday-2024-message>

**Below we've listed a few recommended Chanukah reads. To access a more comprehensive list of Chanukah materials or to download or request Chanukah candlelighting prayers, please visit our curated Chanukah website page at the following link: <https://jbilibrary.org/chanukkah>.**

- **“Josh & Alisha Celebrate Chanukah” by Kay Greenberg (braille read along book)**

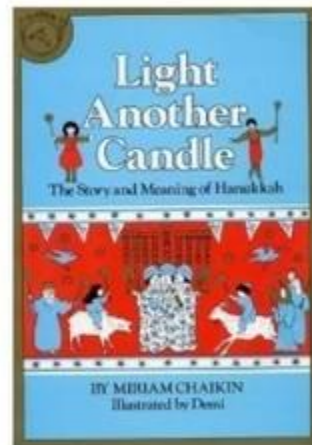
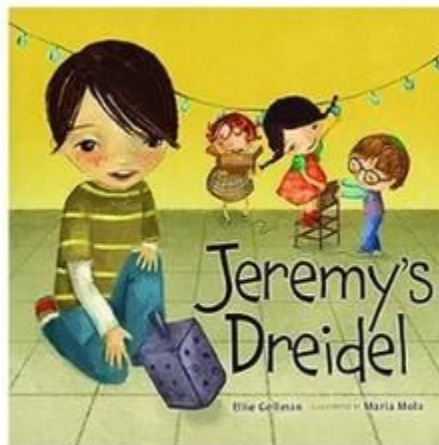
Josh and Alisha celebrate Chanukah by lighting candles on a menorah each night for eight days, sharing stories about the holiday's historical significance, and eating festive foods like latkes and sufganiyot.

- **“Jeremy’s Dreidel” by Ellie B. Gellman and Maria Mola (braille and large print)**

At the dreidel-making workshop, Jeremy’s friends think he’s molding a secret code on his clay dreidel. But he’s really making a special gift for his father, who is blind. How will he get his friends to appreciate his special dreidel?

- **“Light Another Candle: The Story and Meaning of Hanukkah” by Miriam Chaiken (braille, audio, and large print)**

“Light Another Candle” retells the story of Chanukah and explains its symbols by describing high points in Jewish history, worship, and culture.



### **Upcoming Winter programs at JBI**

The next few months will be very busy as JBI is planning some exciting programs that you can attend over Zoom, either using your phone or a computer. You will be receiving details in newsletters and notifications on the JBI website. Here are some of our upcoming events, which will all take place over Zoom.

### **Chanukah 101**

**Tuesday, December 17 at 4:30pm ET via Zoom**

Whether you're new to Judaism, curious to know more about Chanukah, or just looking to share the holiday with others, JBI welcomes you to discuss miracles, perseverance, light, and other themes in this special holiday edition of our Judaism 101 series. Register at <https://jbilibrary.org/catalog/judaism-101/> or by contacting JBI's program team at 646-616-3929.

## **Poetry Series Part Two: Poetic Resilience & The Art of Bouncing Back**

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm ET via Zoom**

This virtual poetry program features poets Jessica Greenbaum and Daniel Meltz. Greenbaum and Meltz will read and discuss poems that pertain to personal and collective resilience, followed by a Q&A.

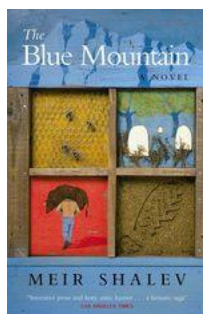
Register at <https://jbilibrary.org/catalog/jewish-poetry-workshops/> or by contacting JBI's Operations team at 646-616-3929.

## **Book Clubs**

All our book clubs are led by facilitators and take place over Zoom. We discuss books from a variety of genres and our January book club dates are:

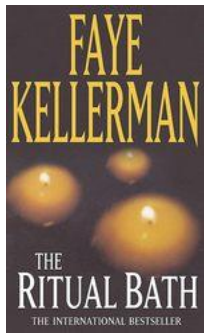
**Wednesday, January 8th at 4pm ET with Joan**

We will be discussing *The Blue Mountain* by Meir Shalev.



**Wednesday, January 15th at 2pm ET with Lori**

We will be discussing *Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman.



Contact us at [library@jbilibrary.org](mailto:library@jbilibrary.org) or 212-545-8025 to register for our books clubs or for more information.

Chag Chanukah Sameach,

Sarah Feldman, Inna Suholutsky and Arlene Arfe

**P.S. We are pleased to tell you that JBI Executive Director Livia Thompson and Xavier Society Executive Director Malachy Fallon were interviewed for the podcast “Eyes on Success”. Their episode can be found at**

**[http://www.EyesOnSuccess.net/eos\\_2449\\_podcast.mp3](http://www.EyesOnSuccess.net/eos_2449_podcast.mp3)**

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