



United Synagogue Youth Publications

Any Topic • Any Setting • Any Style

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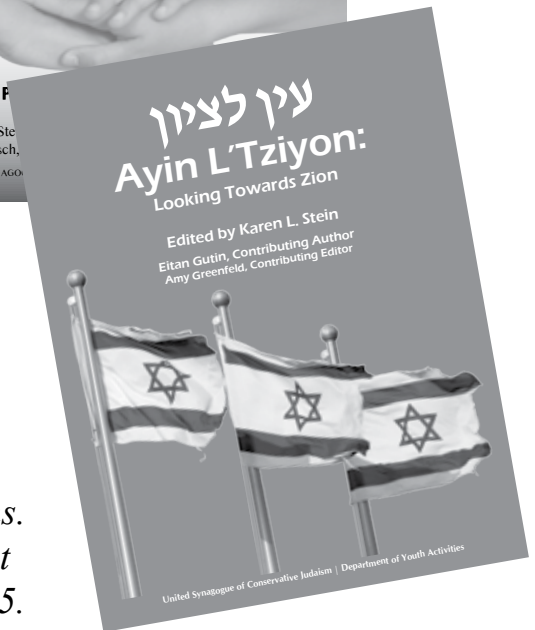
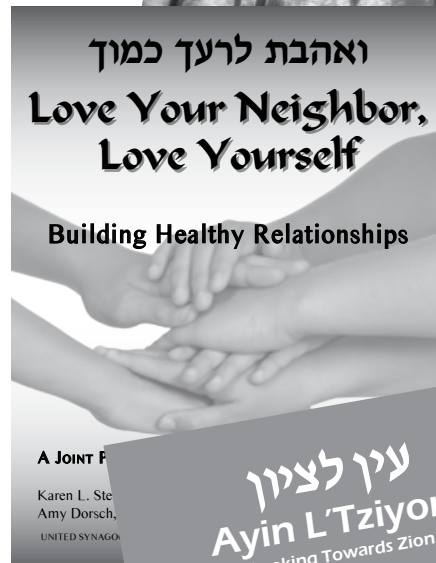
Since 1972, the Department of Youth Activities of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism has annually published a sourcebook for high school students (adaptable for middle school and adult populations), on a variety of Jewish topics.

These sourcebooks have received widespread acclaim and have been used in a variety of settings from Hebrew High programs, adult education classes, conversion classes, day schools, and youth activities. There is nothing else like these publications for interactive, personalized learning.

Each sourcebook includes:

- Background information on the topic
- Topical Jewish, texts discussion, questions and activities for further thought
- Activities for textual interaction and personal meaning
- Exercises for small group and partnered interaction
- Format aids the reader in making Jewish text, mitzvot and Jewish values relevant to today's modern world and their own personal lives

All sourcebook orders qualify for complementary lesson plans. To view sample pages or to receive your lesson plans, contact Amy Dorsch at dorsch@uscj.org or (212) 533-7800, ext. 1115.



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Songsters

B'kol Echad Songster

Edited by Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz

Originally published in 1986, this best selling songster was updated in 2010.

The popular songster can be found in homes and congregations throughout the world. Included are Shabbat and holiday blessings, Z'mirot, songs of Israel, Grace After Meals, and Wedding blessings. The compact size and easy-to-read typeset make this a perfect choice! Personalized covers are available for your organization or family celebration. Personalized orders may be placed online at: <https://secure.uscj.org/usy/bencherorder.asp>



Shir Chadash: an Educational Companion to the B'kol Echad

Edited by Karen L. Stein (2004)

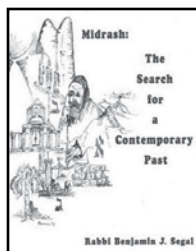
This educational sourcebook serves as a companion to the B'kol Echad songster. Background information and questions for personal meaning and further thinking aid the learner in understanding the songs they sing each day and week. This companion features insight into the Birkat Hamazon, Songs of Israel and Shabbat Z'mirot.

Text Study

Midrash: The Search for a Contemporary Past

By Benjamin J. Segal (1985)

This sourcebook enlightens the learner by teaching Midrashic method and style. Examples of Midrash, often from the Haggadah, are used throughout the book both to illustrate the style and to understand the Passover Haggadah. *(A teachers' guide is available.)*



Reclaiming Our Legacy: The More Torah, The More Life

By Rabbi Dr. Steven M. Brown (2002)

Reclaiming Our Legacy encourages the study of Torah (Talmud Torah) by comparing it with secular study. Topics include: the riches of Talmud Torah; Torah and knowledge; beginning Talmud Torah and creativity and Talmud Torah.



The Environment

Mah Gadlu Ma'asekha: Caring for Creation / Judaism and the Environment

By Joshua Rabin (2010)

A new sourcebook that examines our responsibility for caring for the environment and ways to make positive changes that care for our world.



Jewish Family, Intermarriage and Lifecycle

The Jewish Lifecycle

By Rabbi Sam Kiefer (2003)

This publication provides information, discussion and activities on Jewish lifecycle events and the importance of recognizing life milestones in the Jewish tradition. Topics include: Brit Milah, Simchat Bat, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, death and Shiva and more.

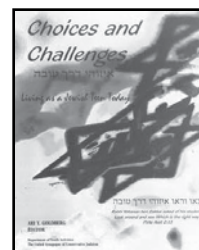


Living as a Jewish Teen

Choices and Challenges: Living as a Jewish Teen Today

Edited By Ari Goldberg (2001)

This is an anthology of selections from USY sourcebooks that address challenges Jewish teens face living in today's society. Topics include faith and love, being different, observing Shabbat and Mitzvot, being part of a people, dating and intermarriage.



Jewish Holidays

A Celebration of Jewish Holidays

By Sheridan Gayer (2006)

This sourcebook is a guide to Jewish holiday customs and celebrations by Hebrew month. Questions and activities for discussion are included on themes, rituals and customs.



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Mitzvot and Ethics

Jewish Dietary Laws: Sanctify Life

By Rabbi James Lebeau (1998)

One of the Department's most popular selections, this book examines and explains the laws of Kashrut and Jewish dietary practices.



Mitzvah Means Commandment

By Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff (1999)

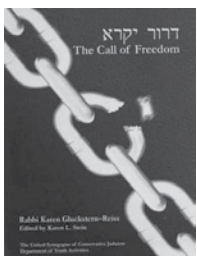
This book provides answers to the question of "why perform Mitzvot?" It traces the various views, from the Biblical to the philosophical, and also includes a section on the viewpoints of the Conservative Movement.



The Call of Freedom

By Rabbi Karen Gluckstern Reiss (2000)

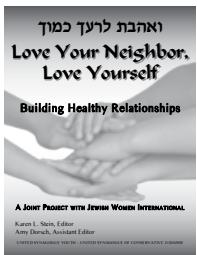
This sourcebook explores the tension between guaranteeing freedom and living a full Jewish life. North American values are juxtaposed with Jewish values on freedom, democracy and social responsibility.



Love Your Neighbor

Edited by Karen L. Stein (2009)

A joint project between USY and Jewish Women International, this book uses Jewish texts and activities to discuss different components of building healthy relationships between self, friends and family.



Conservative Judaism

Conservative Judaism: Our Ancestors to Our Descendants

(updated and revised)

By Rabbi Elliot Dorff (1998)

This is an authoritative sourcebook on the origins and philosophy of the Conservative Movement. Topics include: the structure and development of Conservative Judaism; Jewish Law within the Conservative Movement; the core beliefs of the Conservative Movement and major players. This new edition also takes a look at issues relevant to the future of Conservative Judaism. (*A teachers' guide is available.*)



Being Part of a Community

(Tzedakah, Tikun Olam, G'milut Chassadim)

Tzarchai Tzibur: Community and Responsibility

By Barbara Steinberg

Revised by Dara Gabrielle Zabb (1999)

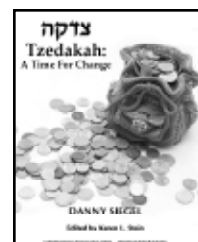
This publication is a compilation of texts, activities and exercises on the theme of being an active member of a community. Objectives aim to sensitize the reader to such concepts as Tzedakah, G'milut Chassadim, Bikur Holim, Hachnasat Orchim (hospitality), K'vod P'nei Zaken (honoring the elderly), K'vod He'ani (honoring the poor), Pidyon Shvuyim (redeeming captives), and honoring the dead.



Tzedakah: a Time for Change

By Danny Siegel (2007)

This interactive sourcebook is a discussion on giving Jewishly. It teaches how to best utilize our Tzedakah funds and how to discuss money issues in realistic and productive ways. This book is complete with fascinating questions and engaging activities.



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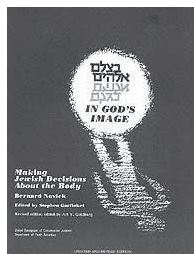
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Body Image, Sexuality, Drugs and Alcohol

In God's Image: Making Jewish Decisions About the Body

By Bernard Novick (1998)

This is both a sourcebook and workbook for discussions on sexuality (including a discussion on HIV), drinking, smoking, drugs, language and profanity, dress and appearance. The discussion is based on Jewish sources, combining traditional Jewish wisdom with modern day relevance. Emphasis is placed upon personal goal setting and decision making.



Prayer, God and Spirituality

Higher and Higher: Making Jewish Prayer Part of Us

By Rabbi Steven M. Brown (1980)

A best selling sourcebook, this compilation is a comprehensive examination of Jewish prayer and the structure of the Siddur, including analysis of individual prayers. Activities and discussion on God are included in examining reasons why Jews pray. (*A teachers' guide is available.*)



Visions of Holiness in the Everyday

By Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin (1997)

This book outlines beliefs, stories, and rituals relating to spirituality and God in Judaism. The publication is laid out in classical rabbinic style, with narrative in the middle of the page and additional thoughts and comments along the sides



Jewish Leadership

Jewish Leadership and Heroism

By Rabbi Jack Moline (1987)

This book provides the learner with an understanding of Jewish values today through an analysis of leaders and heroes throughout Jewish history. The content deals with figures from various time periods, leading up to the modern period and draws on their experience to approach problems of leadership today.



Israel

The People and Its Land

by Simcha Kling (1988)

This book discusses the eternal attachment of the Jewish people to the land of Israel. The book includes conversation and text on the Biblical, Rabbinic, pre-modern, and modern periods. Also included is a special section about Zionism and the Conservative Movement.



Rejoice With Jerusalem

By Jules A. Gutin (1984)

This volume combs a historical survey of Jerusalem over the ages with an examination of the meaning of Jerusalem to modern Jewry.



Celebrating Israel in Our Lives

By Shalom Orzach (1998)

This book highlights the topic of the State of Israel in the lives of American Jewry: historical context, present Israeli issues, Israel and America in Jewish identity, as well as a brief background on Zionist thinkers.



Ayin L'tziyon: A Look Toward Zion

Edited by Karen L. Stein (2008)

Contents of this book include Jewish text sources on Israel, a discussion on modern Zionism and an examination of where Israel fits today in the lives of North American Jews.



Special Needs/Disabilities/Different Abilities

Who Makes People Different

By Rabbi Carl Astor / revised edition

edited by Karen L. Stein (2005)

This text presents traditional sources about those born with disabilities (Biblical, Rabbinic, and Halakhic) and examines modern views, theological implications, and current programs for Jews with disabilities.



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