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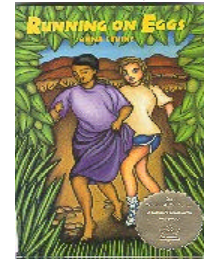
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## ì àøùé (Israel)

**Running On Eggs, by Anna Levine (Chicago, IL: Front Street/Cricket Books, 1999).**

This is an engrossing novel about the friendship between an Israeli girl and her Arab schoolmate. The girls compete together on a track team and as their friendship becomes closer, they are challenged by their communities and by history to find a way to continue their friendship. The sports features of the story will attract more than the usual number of middle school readers.



**Foods and Festivals: Israel, by Ronne Randall (Austin, TX: Raintree/Steck Vaughn, 1999). – AND -  
Faces and Places: Israel, by Elma Schemenauer (The Child's World, 2000).**



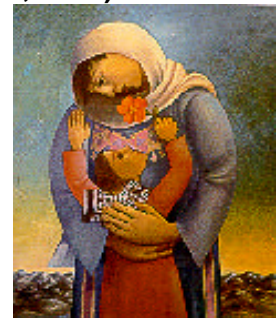
These informational books are characterized by large and boldly illustrated pages, short fact sections, maps, charts, photographs, and indexes. They are useful for reports and projects – giving an overview of life in Israel, Israeli culture and some basic ÚéØáð (Ivrit, Hebrew). Recommended for grades 3-6.



**The Space Between Our Footsteps: Selected Poems and Paintings from the Middle East by Naomi Shihab Nye. (NY: Simon and Schuster Books for Young People, 1998).**

This is a handsome and thought-provoking collection of poems and paintings from the Middle East. It is a combination of works from well-known artists, as well as children. Recommend for grades 7 – 12.

*“Expectation” by Fouzi El-Asmar*  
*The well shall not*  
*Dry up*  
*The river shall not*  
*Stop running*  
*So long as we are clouds*  
*And our hopes are drops of rain.*



*Mother Palestine*  
by Suleiman Mansour

**Documentors of the Dream: Pioneer Jewish Photographers in the Land of Israel 1890-1933, by Vivienne Silver-Brody (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1998).**

This book is a magnificent and historically important collection of photographs, with commentary, depicting nineteenth-century photography in the Holy Land. This book also includes the history of Jewish photography in Israel. Recommended for high school and adults.

-- These books are reviewed by Linda R. Silver, JECC Librarian

# Jerusalem Dominoes

Young students will enjoy learning about Israel by playing **Jerusalem Dominoes**, **Israel Lotto**, and the “**We Love Israel and America**” puzzle.

All these activities have beautiful pictures of Israel and are easy to assemble. Teacher Center staff is available to help you create other materials and games to complement your Israel studies.

-- by **Ronna Fox and Marci Rogozen**,  
*Teacher Center Co-directors*



## Videos

**Israel: Land of Strife, Land of Promise. Distributed by Knowledge Unlimited, 1997**  
(30 minutes in color and b&w).

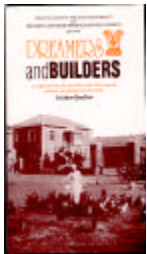


This video offers an excellent overview of Jewish history in relation to Zionism. It begins with an explanation of why Israel is so important to the Jewish people and introduces students to Israel's complex society and her multi-partied government. The video recounts the many wars Israel has fought and tells about the peace process. It covers recent history, including: the Oslo Accords, Rabin's assassination, Benjamin Netanyahu's election to Prime Minister and the withdrawal from יְבֵרָה (*Hebron*). Recommended for ages 12 and up. This video also has a teacher's guide.

**Sam for Knesset. Distributed by the Bureau of Jewish Education in Boston, 1998 (8 minutes in color).**

This video is a quick-paced, whimsical and informative look at what it takes to win a seat in the *Úñðë* (*Knesset*). It shows how bigger parties make pacts with smaller parties to develop a coalition. Israeli election laws and regulations, including financing and T.V. air-time requirements are also explained. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

**Dreamers and Builders. Distributed by the National Center for Jewish Film, 1999**  
(60 minutes in b&w).



The early builders of the Zionist vision, pioneers of the third and fourth *Aliyah* of the 1920s, are captured on this fascinating video using archival film footage. It features people who later became household names, such as Moshe Dayan, Henrietta Szold, and some rare footage of Chief Rabbi Avraham Hacoheh Kook. This video provides a flavor of what it must have been like to be in the holy land, when the ideal of the Jewish state was a dream. Recommended for middle school students and up.

-- *These videos are reviewed by Bonnie Shapiro, Ratner Media & Technology Center Associate*

## Websites

New technologies allow us access to information (text, photographs, video, audio) about Israel of which previous generations could only dream. On the JECC web site you will find lists of on-line curricula, WebQuests, virtual field trips, and other resources that will help our students gain a more up-to-date, realistic view of life in Israel. (<http://www.jecc.org/edres/medtech/ortjecc.htm>)

-- by **Maury Greenberg**, *Director of Technology Resources*