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RESOURCES FOR SHABBAT TZEDEK/ MLK DAY

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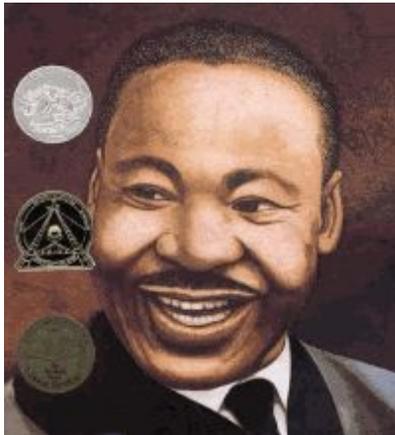
Books are available from our library, in physical format, and, when available as ebooks , this information is noted.

[Resources for Talking With Kids About Racism from PJ Library.](#) For families with young children.

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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN . PHYSICAL AND EBOOKS.

Martin's big words, by Doreen Rappaport. Kindergarten and up.



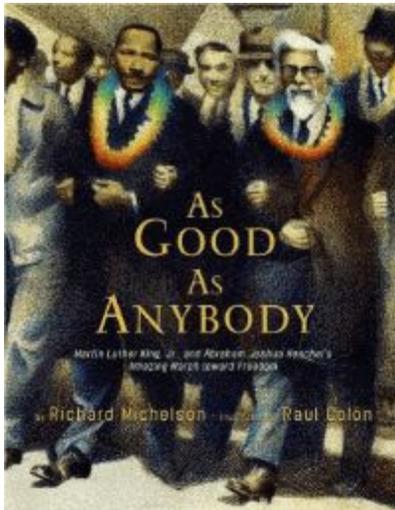
<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/doreen-rappaport/martins-big-words>

E-book available through Hoopla.

Martin Luther King, by Rosemary Bray. Grade 2 and up.

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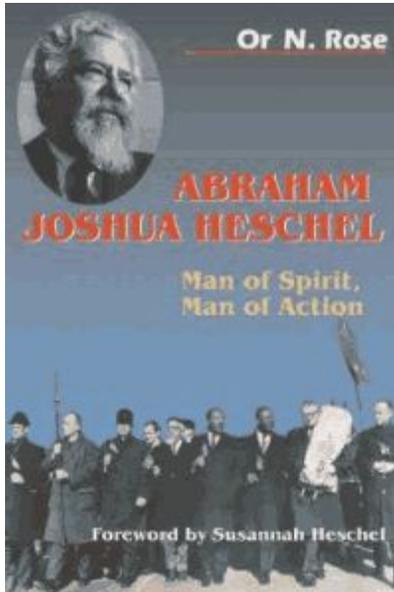
As good as anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's amazing march toward freedom, by Richard Michelson. Grade 2 and up.



A well-illustrated fictionalized biography that draws parallels between Martin Luther King Jr.'s and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's childhood experiences of prejudice and the way it influenced their adult lives, culminating in their work together on civil rights. One of the author's better "feel good" books, it over-simplifies the events and experiences that motivated both men and exaggerates some of them (e.g., why would it have taken Heschel months to cross the ocean to America?). Despite this, it is an acceptable introduction for younger children to the civil rights era and to the intersection of two remarkable lives.

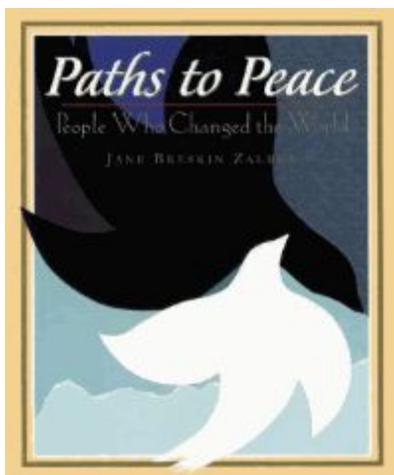
Ebook available via LIBBY (Public library) and Kindle.

Abraham Joshua Heschel: Man of spirit, man of action, by Rabbi Or N. Rose. For grade 3 and up.



An overview of the life of one of the most influential Jewish thinkers of modern times, this brief biography covers Rabbi Heschel from birth to death, 1907-1972. While avoiding an in-depth discussion of Heschel's philosophy and major writings, the author mentions his theory of "radical amazement" and his belief that nature is a pathway to the Divine. His impassioned activism on behalf of civil rights and his involvement with Vatican II concerning Jewish issues are also explored. A good introduction that includes a foreword by Heschel's daughter, a glossary, a chronology of his life, an index, and photographs.

Paths to Peace: People that changed the world, by Jane Breskin Zalben. Grade 3 and up.



A collective biography that contains sixteen one-page biographical sketches of people who tried to make the world a better place. Each sketch gives basic facts about the person's life and highlights the actions that characterize each person as a peacemaker. The symbolic illustrations are excellent.

This is your time, by Ruby Bridges. Middle School students.

Written as a letter from civil rights activist and icon Ruby Bridges to the reader, *This Is Your Time* is both a recounting of Ruby's experience as a child who had to be escorted to class by federal marshals when she was chosen to be one of the first black students to integrate into New Orleans' all-white public school system and an appeal to generations to come to effect change

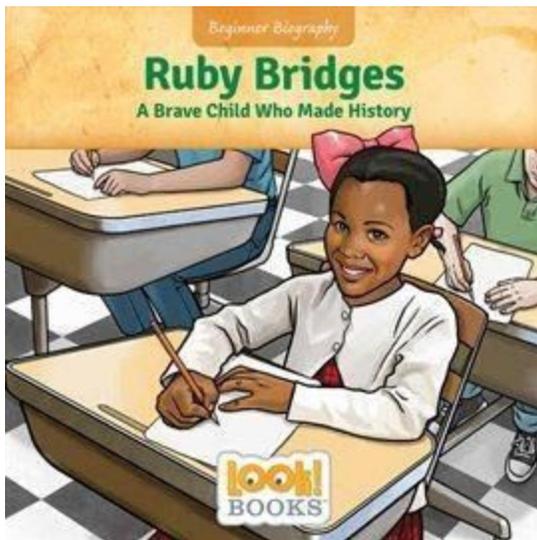
Recommended for middle-school students.

Ebook available on Kindle.

See, Online Resources, below, for audio and video interviews with author, Ruby Bridges, including a description of the context of the Civil Rights Movement.

Ruby Bridges, by Jeri Cipriano.

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A Brave Child Who Made History

Ruby Bridges just wanted to go to a good school. She did not ask to be a hero, but she knew how to be strong. Her bravery made it possible for classrooms today to be safe places for children of all races.

Ebook, available on Hoopla

BOOKS FOR ADULTS FROM THE DR. ARNOLD. L. SEGEL LIBRARY CENTER.

King's Dream, by Eric J. Sundquist.



<https://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/18/books/chapters/chapter-kings-dream.html>

Ebook available on Hoopla and Kindle.

Moral resistance and spiritual authority: our Jewish obligation to social justice, edited by Rabbis Seth Limmer and Jonah Pesner.

https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50435

Ebook available on Kindle.

Shared dreams: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Jewish community, by Mark Schneier.

<http://www.jewishlights.com/page/product/978-1-58023-273-9>

Ebook available on Kindle

ONLINE RESOURCES.

[Information about Shabbat Tzedek, 2021](#), at Temple Israel.

[Temple Israel's racial justice work.](#)

[Dr. King at Temple Israel. By Helaine Klein, a 10th grader at Temple Israel, in 1965.](#)

From *Torchbearer* (Yearbook of Temple Israel Religious School) 1965.

[The Religion Action Center](#) (RAC) always has great resources for Shabbat Tzedek.

The RAC has information on the [Reform movement's current campaigns for racial justice.](#)

[The RAC also has information on Jews and the Civil Rights Movement.](#)

[Information about the MLK Memorial in Washington, DC](#)

[A short biography of Dr. King, and his 1964 Nobel lecture, on the Nobel Prize website.](#)

[Ruby Bridges discusses her third book, This is your time, a letter to children about her role in the Civil Rights Movement.](#) Video November, 2020. Four minutes.

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[Dr. Arnold L. Segel Library Center Catalog](#) Catalog for the Temple Israel Library!

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[Biblio Books](#) – an independent used book vendor.

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Call me at 617-566-3960, email: aabrams@itsrael.org or write me a letter*, c/o Temple Israel,
477 Longwood Ave. Boston, MA 02215. I will write back!

Hang in there, we WILL get through this!

Ann Abrams, Librarian

*Letter. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letter_\(message\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letter_(message))

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