

**Librarians and Teachers:
Integrating Modern Jewish Literature into Jewish Education**
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Description: Librarians, teachers, and administrators in day schools, community centers, and synagogues will explore the benefits of integrating modern Jewish literature at the middle and high school level. We will look at stories and poems that invite students to ask big questions and join in a global conversation about Jewish and human struggles. The focus will be on how librarians can support making modern Jewish literature an integral part of school culture, and on generating ideas for fruitful collaborations between librarians and teachers. Participants will be introduced to an excellent resource for teaching modern Jewish literature, as well as to professional development opportunities for those wanting to learn more about the subject.

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