

TORAH FUND BOOK CLUB

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Ask for a Convertible: Stories by Danit Brown

Leaving Tel Aviv to move with her family to Michigan, Osnat Greenberg, the thirteen-year-old daughter of an American father and Israeli mother, finds herself in a confusing new world in which she is an outsider who seems doomed never to fit in.

FURTHER READING

Available in the Gray Cultural & Learning Center

How to Ruin a Summer Vacation by Simone Elkeles (TF)

How to Ruin My Teenage Life by Simone Elkeles (TF)

How to Ruin Your Boyfriends Reputation by Simone Elkeles (TF)

A trilogy of novels about a Chicago teen who visits Israel, falls in love with an IDF soldier, and learns to embrace her Jewish identity.

Every House Needs a Balcony by Rina Frank (F)

A sweeping historical novel traces the life of Rina, from her childhood as an impoverished young Jewish girl in the new country of Israel, to her married life in a luxury apartment in Barcelona, to the longing for her home country that makes her risk everything to move back.

The Importance of Wings by Robin Friedman (JF)

Although she longs to be an all-American girl, Roxanne, a timid, Israeli-born thirteen-year-old who idolizes Wonder Woman, begins to see things differently when the supremely confident Liat, also from Israel, moves into the "cursed house" next door and they become friends. Winner of the 2010 Sydney Taylor Book Award for Older Readers.

The Last Chicken in America: A Novel in Stories by Ellen Litman (F)

A collection of linked stories features Russian immigrants living in a suburban neighborhood of Pittsburgh, who are caught between the collision of cultures, religions, social customs, and generational attitudes.

The Pale of Settlement: Stories by Margot Singer (F)

In this collection of linked short stories a young woman is trapped between youth and adulthood, familial roots in the Middle East and a typical American existence, the pull of Jewish tradition and the independence of a secular life. Singer explores the borderland between Israelis and American Jews, emigrants and expatriates, and vanished homelands and the dangerous world in which we live today.