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I love creating unit studies to help provide a rich world to explore. I don't view learning as something finite, or that has an end, so I don't worry about finishing or doing everything. But I love finding a lot of resources for my kids to explore, without the worksheets or quizzes. If you're looking for worksheets, you're going to be disappointed, but if you want diverse lists of resources: books, movies, documentaries, TV shows, websites, and subscriptions, then this unit study is for you. Please do not feel that your child needs to read every book or watch every movie. There are picture books, comic books, early readers, and chapter books of a variety of lengths, so some books will not be appropriate for your child. The same goes for the rest of the resources. Pick and choose what is available to you, what you think your child will enjoy, and what will help the unit study be successful for you. At the same time, don't be afraid to substitute; this is by no means an exhaustive list. Also note that the books can be read by the child, either in print or on an e-reader, read by the caregiver to the child, or listened to by the child as an audiobook. Whatever works for your child is fine.

Some subscriptions my family has used during our country unit studies, and what I think of them:

Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels - this is by far my favorite subscription we've gotten. It's a monthly letter that comes with four different recipes, each from a different country or location.

Little Passports - We got this for two years and kept everything, so you'll see I include it in some of the unit studies. It's not my favorite, but it might be a great fit for you. There is a letter, but also a worksheet and one recipe. Each month is from a different country and comes with a small toy or activity and access to a website with more information about the country.

Around the World Stories - If you have auditory learners, this is excellent! Four ~30-minute stories from each of the countries they feature. However, they seem to have stopped creating new stories part way through Asia, so you might want to be cautious about purchasing the Asia stories.

Letters from Afar - we do not have this subscription service, but I have included them in my unit studies, as I have heard nothing but amazing things about them.

Parts Unknown is a TV show, and I really like it. There is some language, so you may want to pre-watch for young learners. It is available to purchase streaming rights on Amazon. It is mostly about food in different areas but also goes into some social and political issues.

Curiosity Stream is all documentaries, and they regularly have sales for just \$12/year! This is one of my family's favorite resources.

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Israel

Book List:

Title	Author	# Pgs	Illustrated	Fiction/ Nonfiction
Israel	DuBois, Jill	144	color	nonfiction
Israel Rising	Hershey, Douglas W.	207	color	nonfiction
Everybody Says Shalom	Kimmelman, Leslie	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Ronit & Jamil	Laskin, Pamela	183	no	fiction
Jingle Squirrels	Nawrocki, Michael	123	yes	fiction
Itzhak: a boy who loved the violin	Newman, Tracy	unpaged	color	nonfiction
The Song of the Whales	Orlev, Uri	108	no	fiction
I'm Sorry, Grover!: a Rosh Hashanah tale	Balsley, Tilda	23	color	fiction
Once More With Chutzpah	Neil, Haley	277	no	fiction
Sitti's Secrets	Nye, Naomi Shihab	unpaged	color	fiction
Gal Gadot: soldier, model, Wonder Woman	Sherman, Jill	48	color	nonfiction
The Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew, and the heart of the Middle East	Tolan, Sandy	196	no	nonfiction
Hare and Tortoise Race Across Israel	Gehl, Laura	unpaged	color	fiction
The Middle East Peace Process	Opposing Viewpoints Series	187	no	nonfiction
Mother Night	Vonnegut, Kurt	268	no	fiction
Daily Life in Bible Times: what archeology tells us	Gaber, Pamela	31	yes	nonfiction
Yuvi's Candy Tree	Simpson, Lesley	unpaged	color	fiction

A Bottle in the Gaza Sea	Zenatti, Valerie	149	no	fiction
A Dusty Donkey Detour	Nawrocki, Mike	121	yes	fiction
Risky River Rescue	Nawrocki, Mike	123	yes	fiction
Sara Berman's Closet	Kalman, Maira	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Squirreled Away	Nawrocki, Mike	110	yes	fiction
No Time to Lose: the fifth journey through time	Stilton, Geronimo	310	color	fiction
Showdown with the Shepherd	Hering, Marianne	117	yes	fiction
The Ring of Solomon	Stroud, Jonathan	398	no	fiction
The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen: 70 ways to have fun with your kids and make your family's celebrations special	Nathan, Joan	157	color	how-to
Hanukkah Around the World	Lehman-Wilzig, Tami	48	color	nonfiction
The Story Travelers Bible	Badder, Tracey	354	color	nonfiction
Judaism	Hessel-Mial, Michael	32	color	nonfiction
Mesopotamia and the Bible Lands	Morris, Neil	48	color	nonfiction
RBG's Brave and Brilliant Women: 33 Jewish women to inspire everyone	Epstein, Nadine	202	color	nonfiction
Passover: festival of freedom	Polak, Monique	71	color	nonfiction
Arab-Israeli Conflict	Firme, Tom	128	color	nonfiction
Goldie Takes a Stand: Golda Meir's first crusade	Krasner, Barbara	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Merle of Nazareth	Nawrocki, Mike	113	yes	fiction
The Bronze Bow	Speare, Elizabeth George	254	no	fiction
Israel	Fontes, Justine	40	color	nonfiction

Israel: a simple guide to the most misunderstood country on earth	Tishby, Noa	333	yes	nonfiction
Israel	Persano, Thomas	32	color	nonfiction
Israel: a concise history of a nation reborn	Gordis, Daniel	546	color	nonfiction
Israel	Spanier, Kristine	24	color	nonfiction
Israel	Young, Emma	64	color	nonfiction
Israel: the historical atlas: from ancient times to the modern nation	New York Times Company	208	color	nonfiction
Israel	Geri, Jeffrey	168	yes	nonfiction
Israel	Gresko, Marcia	48	color	nonfiction
The Israelis: ordinary people in an extraordinary land	Rosenthal, Donna	466	no	nonfiction
Scrolls from the Dead Sea: an exhibition of scrolls and archeological artifacts from the collections of the Israel Antiquities Authority		143	color	nonfiction

TV Shows:

Parts Unknown, S2 E1

The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem (rated TV-MA)

Fauda (rated TV-MA)

The Motive (rated TV-14)

Shtisel (rated TV-14)

Drive Thru History, S3 E1, S4, S5 E8 (religious)

Globe Trekker, S14 E1, 2

Possible Subscriptions:

Around the World Stories (only one story is completed from Israel; no word on when the other three will be completed)

Little Passports (month 14)

Movies:

Name	Length	Rating	Fun/Documentary
Families of Israel	29 mins	N/R	documentary
Visions of Israel	60 mins	TV-G	documentary
Holy Lands	100 mins	N/R	drama
In Search of Israeli Cuisine	94 mins	N/R	documentary
Zero Motivation	101 mins	N/R	foreign
Shalom Sesame. Volume 2, Chanukah, the missing Menorah	28 mins	N/R	fun
The Savior	138 mins	N/R	Religious (filmed in Israel, though)
Israel: the royal tour	60 mins	N/R	documentary
Pillar of Fire: a television history of Israel's rebirth	7 hours	N/R	documentary
Born in Gaza	69 mins	TV-14	documentary
Maktub	105 mins	TV-MA	fun
Sand Storm	118 mins	TV-PG	drama

Documentaries from Curiosity Stream:

It Ain't Necessarily So

Curious Minds: The Middle East, E2, 4

The Solomon Treasures

Terror! E3

Crash Course: World History II

The Biblical Plagues

The Manot Skull

The Mystery of the Shroud

The Secrets of Civilization, E1

Sacred Spaces, E2, 3, 4

Private Moonshot

Promises and Betrayals: Britain and the struggle for the Holy Land

Recipes:

Shakshuka (poached eggs in spicy tomato sauce)

Sabich (pita bread with fried eggplant and boiled egg)

Laffa (flatbread)
Malawach (flaky flatbread)
Hummus
Baba Ganoush (roasted eggplant dip)
Falafel (deep fried balls)
Jachnun (pastry)
Ptitim (couscous salad)
Bourekas (cheese puff pastry)
Shawarma (seasoned, marinated meat grilled on a stick)
Fattoush (salad)
Me'orav Yerushalmi (mixed grill)
Mujadara (lentils and rice with caramelized onions)
Tabbouleh/Tabouli (fresh parsley and bulgur wheat salad)
Latkes (potato pancake)
Ceviche (fresh fish with citrus juices)
Maqluba (chicken and rice)
Musakhan (chicken, onions, and flatbread)
Chocolate Rugelach (pastry)
Challah (braided egg bread)
Knafeh (sweet cheese pastry)
Sufganiyah (jelly doughnuts)
Tahini cookies
Stuffed dates
Malabi (milk pudding)

Websites:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/israel> - a great FREE resource, particularly for younger kids!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWKmazrRIwA&ab_channel=GeographyNow

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-le90ejFjs&ab_channel=GeographyNow

https://online.culturegrams.com/world/world_country.php?cid=79&cn=Israel - an excellent resource for older students!

<http://radio.garden/visit/israel/oBDZ8r8Z> - listen to Israel's radio stations!

<https://israelforever.org/israel/cooking/> - recipes

<https://www.thetasteofkosher.com/category/israeli-food/> - more recipes

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/category/eat/jewish-recipes/israeli-food/> - more recipes

<https://www.olivemagazine.com/travel/asia/cook-like-a-local-tel-aviv/> - more recipes

https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ministry_of_tourism/govil-landing-page - Israel's Ministry of Tourism

<https://israel.travel/>

<https://visit.tel-aviv.gov.il/> - Tel Aviv's official tourism site

Other Resources:

Purple Rocket Podcast, Grandpa's Globe, E8:

<https://purplerocketpodcast.com/2017/12/04/episode-8-a-visit-to-bethlehem/>

Bagels on the Wall (music CD), by Sam Levine

The Little Giant (music CD), by Kathie Lee Gifford (Bible stories)