

# books

if a suggested list of readings were to be limited to books pertaining strictly to hanukkah, it would be embarrassingly short. fortunately the significance of hanukkah lies not only in the ceremonials of its celebration, but in the historical event and the sociological phenomena which it commemo-

**THE WALL** . . . . . john hersey  
a dramatically gripping novel, narrating the heroic warsaw ghetto uprising through the experiences of its heterogeneous participants.

**BLESSED IS THE MATCH** . . . . . marie syrkin  
an inflaming account of the underground fighters who made possible the jewish state.

rates. in that it describes the jewish people's dauntless will to resist its oppressors, hanukkah presents a picture entirely pertinent to our times. the books below have been selected because of their close connection with the hanukkah-concept of the jewish resistance to oppression.

**JERUSALEM EMBATTLED** . . . . . harry levin  
recent eye-witness account of the latest jewish resistance against an invading oppressor.

**THE MACCABEES** . . . . . howard fast  
first novel of hanukkah that is as fascinating as it is realistic and compatible with contemporary thought.

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