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Shoshana's Song

Jerry Marcus. 📖 Brittany Publications, 2012. 271p. \$19.00, paperback. 📖 ISBN: 978-0-941394-08-6. 🌐 www.brittanypublications.com 📖 Fiction Orthodox Jews—Fiction. Coming of age—Fiction.

Shoshana is a beautiful teenager, a senior at Beth Jacob Yeshiva High School. She has grown up in a strict Jewish Orthodox home in New York. When her parents follow the traditional practice of arranging for their daughter to marry after graduation, Shoshana rebels. She wants to study, mature, explore her

faith, and learn how she connects with Jewish women of the past. Shoshana separates herself from her family by moving to Chicago. She shares an apartment with Kate, an Irish Catholic, and the two girls pursue their dreams and attempt to honor their religious traditions while attending college.

This masterfully told coming-of-age story follows Shoshana as she matures both intellectually and spiritually. Shoshana seeks deeper meaning in her Jewish roots. Jerry Marcus interweaves discussions of faith, marriage, intellectual freedom, and the roles of women throughout their lives. Marcus's characters get involved in lively and thought-provoking debates.

Shoshana's Song is a fantastic crossover book for young adults and adults. It will help both young and mature readers explore how women gain strength in their faith journey.

—Mary Lou Henneman