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Devra Newberger Speregen : Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. An engaging, informative and highly recommended biography By Midwest Book Review Ilan Ramon was Israeli astronaut who was part of the two-week, ill-fated voyage of the space shuttle Columbia. Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star is the biography of this genuine national hero specifically written by Devra Speregen for young adults and tells the story of a young boy who dreamed of becoming a pilot in the Israeli and as a member of the Israeli air force participated in top secret operations to defend his country. A colonel in the Israel air

force, Ilan was the first Israeli to train with NASA. This is an engaging, informative and highly recommended biography that showcases the personal story of a courageous combat pilot, astronaut, devoted husband and father.

Black and White photographs A Sydney Taylor Awards Notable Book Ilan Ramon was a hero in every sense of the word. As a bold fighter pilot, Air Force colonel in the Israeli army, and payload specialist on the Space Shuttle Columbia, he was a role model for many young Israelis. As Israels first astronaut, he captured the hearts of Jews all around the world and was a national hero and a symbol of hope. Ramons journey into space occurred as Israelis continued to suffer through a horrendous period of violence, and it helped lift the nations spirits. For 16 exciting days, Ramon managed to bring a bit of Jewish culture, tradition, and history to the millions of people who followed the space mission. And then tragedy struck: on February 1, 2003 the Space Shuttle Columbia and all seven brave astronauts were destroyed during re-entry into the Earths atmosphere. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said, The day will come when we will launch more Israeli astronauts into space. I am sure that each and every one of them will carry in his heart the memory of Ilan Ramon, a pioneer in space travel. Young readers will be captivated by this biographywith its rich portrait of Ramon in words and photographsit celebrates the life of an extraordinary man and pays tribute to his enormous courage.

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