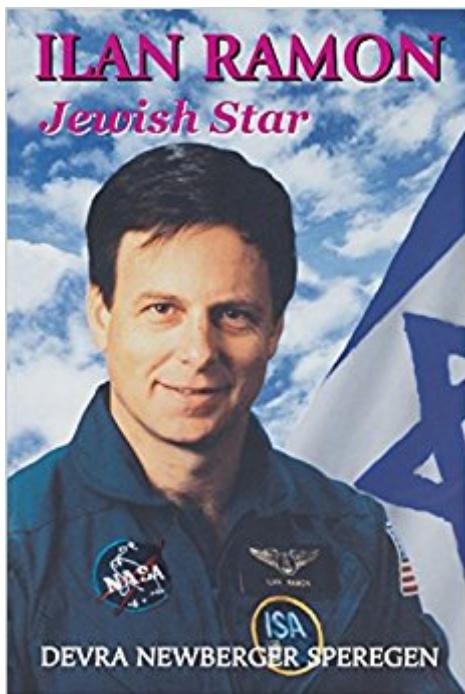


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Ilan Ramon was Israeli astronaut who was part of the two-week, ill-fated voyage of the space shuttle Columbia. Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star is the biography of this genuine national hero specifically written by Devra Speregen for young adults and tells 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.

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