

## Celebrating Religious Diversity - Judaism

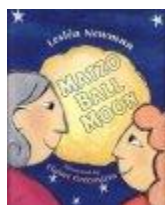
### Introduction

These books have been specially selected for families to share with young children to develop an appreciation of the religious diversity in our community. This booklist was developed in cooperation with Surrey's Neighbouring Faiths Program. To learn more about SNFP and the 9 affiliated faith groups, please visit <http://snfp.ca>

### ***Matzo ball moon***

**By Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Elaine Greenstein**

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Eleanor's grandmother, Bubbe, makes chicken soup with matzo balls every Passover, and this year is no exception. With Eleanor's help, Bubbe makes some of the lumpiest, bumpiest, yummiest-looking matzo balls Eleanor has ever seen. These matzo balls are so delicious that no one in Eleanor's family can resist sneaking a taste, each thinking one or two matzo balls will never be missed. But when it comes time to serve the soup at the Passover meal, there aren't enough matzo balls for everyone-until Eleanor find one last matzo ball in a very unexpected place! Expressive, cheerful illustrations complement this warm story of a family's celebration of the Passover holiday and their rediscovery of its true meaning.

### ***Judaism***

**By Holly Wallace**



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Yoni Marcus, a young Jewish boy who lives in New York City, explains his religion, discussing its main beliefs, symbols, places of worship, holidays, and sacred sites in Israel.

## ***Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur*** **By Deborah Heiligman, consultant, Shira Stern**



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Examines how these Jewish High Holy Days are celebrated worldwide. Rosh Hashanah, known as the Jewish New Year, is a time for reflection and resolution. On Yom Kippur, also called the Day of Atonement, Jews fast, pray, and ask God's forgiveness for their sins.

Deborah Heiligman's lively first-person text introduces readers to the sounding of the shofar, the holidays' greeting cards, prayers, and special foods. Rabbi Shira Stern's informative note puts the High Holy Days into wider historical and cultural context for parents and teachers.

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## ***Passover!*** **By Roni Schotter, illustrated by Erin Eitter Kono**

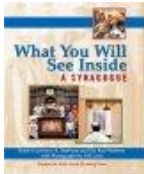
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In a rhyming text, Schotter describes the joys, activities, food, and other items that relate to this Jewish holiday. The family is ready and they have prepared everything for the evening seder. Young children will learn how the holiday is celebrated, and they will also learn why it is celebrated when they read the note at the end of the book.

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## ***What you will see inside a synagogue*** **By Lawrence A. Hoffman and Ron Wolfson, with photographs by Bill Aron**

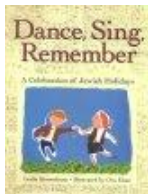


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*What You Will See Inside a Synagogue* features full-page pictures and concise descriptions of what is happening, the objects used, the spiritual leaders and laypeople who have specific roles, and the spiritual intent of the believers. Ideal for children as well as teachers, parents and leaders who want to demystify the celebrations and ceremonies of Judaism, as well as encourage understanding and tolerance among different faith traditions.

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## ***Dance, sing, remember : a celebration of Jewish holidays*** **By Leslie Kimmelman, illustrated by Ora Eitan**

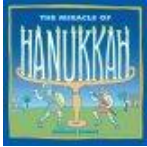


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Do you know what holiday to sound the shofar for? Or when to build a sukkah? Now you can learn, in this celebration of eleven Jewish holidays, from Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, to Shavuot, the accepting of the Torah. There's even a section on Shabbat, the Sabbath. The meaning and story behind each holiday are explained. There are also activities, music, and recipes for adults and children to work on together.

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## ***The miracle of Hanukkah*** **By Seymour Chwast**

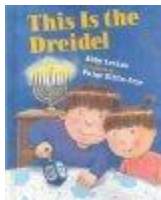


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A fresh retelling of the Hanukkah story, *The Miracle of Hanukkah* comes in a new innovative format designed and illustrated by award-winning artist Seymour Chwast. Not only are the pages different sizes, but the background scene changes gradually from one page to the next. Set in 165 B.C., the story tells how Hanukkah began: the fight to restore the temple, the role played by Judah the Maccabee, and the miracle of the oil lamp whose flame burned for eight days.

## ***This is the dreidel*** **By Abby Levine, illustrated by Paige Billin-Frye**

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A simple introduction to the Festival of Lights, told in rhymed couplets. Max and his little sister, Ruth, are getting ready for the celebration by shining the menorah and choosing the candles. They proceed to participate in a wide variety of traditional activities, including playing dreidel, singing songs, eating latkes, and listening to Grandpa read the story of Hanukkah. Includes nonfiction information..

## ***Miriam's cup : a Passover story*** **By Fran Manushkin, illustrated by Bob Dacey**



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It's Passover at the Pinsky home. Before the seder, Mama tells a very important story to Elijah and Miriam-- how the Jewish people were led out of Egypt by Moses. But this year, Mama includes another part to the story: the part about Miriam, Moses's sister. This beautifully illustrated, deeply spiritual book celebrates a beloved prophet and reminds us of the magic of holidays and remembrance.

## ***Celebrate Hanukkah*** **By Deborah Heiligman**

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In *Celebrate Hanukkah* Deborah Heiligman welcomes readers to a holiday celebrated by Jewish communities around the world. The vivid photography of National Geographic illustrates the joyous celebrations of Jewish people around the world—including Ghana, Uganda, India, Israel, Peru, the United States and Poland, as they light menorahs, spin dreidels, and make latkes.

## ***Celebrate Passover : With Matzah, Maror, And Memories*** **By Deborah Heiligman, consultant, Shira Stern**

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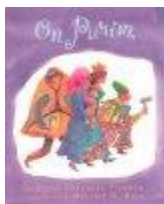


The most celebrated holiday in the Jewish year, Passover commemorates the Exodus of Hebrew slaves from Egypt to freedom over 3,500 years ago. This colorful book explores the many forms that this weeklong celebration takes worldwide. Deborah Heiligman's rich text details the long lavish meals called *seders*, at which Exodus is recalled in ritual, prayer, song, and story. The historical significance of the food at these Passover feasts is also explained, and delicious recipes encourage readers to experience the full flavors of this internationally observed holiday. Rabbi Shira Stern's informative note provides parents and teachers with a historical and cultural background of the celebration of Passover.

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## ***On Purim*** **By Cathy Goldberg Fishman, illustrated by Melanie W. Hall**

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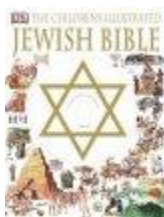


As her family sits down to make masks, a young girl knows it's time for Purim, the holiday that celebrates how Queen Esther saved the Jewish people. It's time for making *hamantashen*, pastries filled with poppy seeds and honey. Time for the Purim carnival, for playing games and watching the Purim parade. And, of course, time to put on their new costumes and masks. But this year the girl can't help but wonder *why* they wear masks on Purim. As her family acts out the Purim story, she discovers not only the story behind the masks, but the place of God in their lives.

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## ***The Children's illustrated Jewish Bible*** **Stories retold by Laaren Brown and Lenny Hort, illustrated by Eric Thomas**

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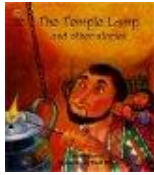


In this Children's Illustrated Jewish Bible, more than 70 of the greatest stories from the Bible are retold for young readers. Text by Jewish authors Laaren Brown and Lenny Hort tells the stories of the Creation, Noah's Ark, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, the Exodus, the Ten Commandments, Samson, Ruth and Naomi, Solomon, Daniel, and many, many more. Lavish illustrations by Eric Thomas add to the rich experience, while maps plus glowing full-color photographs of places and artifacts help children understand biblical events in historical context. A bonus audio CD, featuring read-alongs of sixteen best-loved stories, is perfect for bedtime or any time.

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***The Temple lamp and other stories***  
**By Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Ruth Rivers**

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*The Temple Lamp and Other Stories* gives young children a first introduction to classic stories from the Jewish faith. Four beautifully illustrated tales introduce key beliefs and festivals, while commentaries for parents and teachers explain the content and meaning of each story.

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***Judaism***  
**By Sue Penney**



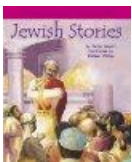
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Judaism explores typical places of worship for Jews, as well as major sites and places of pilgrimage around the world. There are clear explanations of Judaism's holy books, symbols, teachings and forms of worship, and how these affect moral and social issues. The significance of major festivals and life's rites of passage is also covered, backed up with personal accounts from young people from all over the world.

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***Jewish stories***  
**By Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Rachael Phillips**

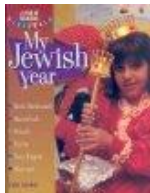
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Presents stories from the Jewish faith, including some from the Bible.

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***My Jewish year***  
**By Cath Senker**



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Following the calendar year, this book explores the ways in which the main festivals that highlight a Jewish child's year are celebrated. The ceremonies, food, clothing, stories, and other customs associated with such festivals as Rosh Hashanah, Purim, Pesach, Yom Kippur, and Hanukkah are detailed in simple terms and colourful photos. Look inside eight-year-old Adam's diary to see a child's perspective on what it's like to be involved in each of the festivals.

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