



Holiday Resources

in the Pinosof Children's Reading Room

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot & Simchat Torah

Rosh Hashanah:

Avram's Gift by Margie Blumberg (J240.2)

When Mark finds an old framed portrait of a stern-looking old man, he does not wish to look at it, but on Rosh Hashanah, he learns about the importance this man holds in his and his family's lives.

Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride by Deborah Bodin Cohen (E240.2)

Observing Rosh Hashanah, Engineer Ari apologizes for his boastful ways as he drives the very first train from Jaffa to Jerusalem in 1892.

How the Rosh Hashanah Challah Became Round by Sylvia B. Epstein (E240.2)

Yossi's terrible tumble turns out to be a terrific triumph . . . and a possible explanation for why we eat round challah on Rosh Hashanah!

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by Cathy Goldberg Fishman (E240.2)

As she and her family celebrate these two Jewish holidays, a young girl contemplates their meaning in her life.

The World's Birthday by Barbara Diamond Goldin (E240.2)

Daniel is determined to have a birthday party for the world to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

The Secret Shofar of Barcelona by Jacqueline Dembar Greene (J240.2)

In the late 1500s, while the conductor of the Royal Orchestra of Barcelona prepares for a concert to celebrate Spain's colonies in the New World, his son secretly practices playing the Shofar to help Jews, who must hide their faith from the Inquisition, to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur by Deborah Heiligman (E240.2)

Describes how the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are celebrated around the world.

Today Is the Birthday of the World by Linda Heller (E240.2)

On the birthday of the world, God asks all of the creatures whether each has been the best giraffe, or bee, or child they could be, helping to make the world a better place.

Apples and Honey by Joan Holub (E240.2)

A lift-the-flap book depicting a happy family picking apples, decorating New Year's cards, getting ready for Temple, hearing the shofar, blessing the challah and wine, and wishing everyone a "L'Shanah Tovah!"

Gershon's Monster: A Story for the Jewish New Year by Eric A. Kimmel (J240.2)

When his sins threaten the lives of his beloved twin children, a Jewish man finally repents of his wicked ways. See also: *Days of Awe: Stories for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur*.

Sound the Shofar! by Leslie Kimmelman (E240.2)

Uncle Jake gets to blow the Shofar twice within ten days, as the family celebrates first Rosh Hashanah and then Yom Kippur.

***Happy Birthday, World: A Rosh Hashanah Celebration* by Latifa Berry Kropf (E240.2)**

This simple board book compares a birthday celebration for people to the things people do to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world.

***It's Shofar Time!* by Latifa Berry Kropf (E240.2)**

Children in a Jewish preschool class do traditional activities for Rosh Hashanah, such as baking challah, blowing the shofar, and performing tashlich.

NEW! *Talia and the Rude Vegetables* by Linda Elovitz Marshall (E240.2)

City-girl Talia misunderstands her grandmother's request that she go to the garden for "root vegetables" for a Rosh Hashanah stew.

***Sophie and the Shofar* by Fran Manushkin (E240.2)**

After describing some of the traditions of Rosh Hashanah to her cousin from Russia, Sophie learns about trust and forgiveness.

***Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah* by Rahel Musleah (J240.2)**

A seder for Rosh Hashanah based on a traditional Sephardic service featuring seasonal foods that symbolize abundance. Also includes folk tales and holiday activities.

NEW! *What's the Buzz? Honey for a Sweet New Year* by Allison Ofanansky (E240.2)

A class in Israel tours a farm to learn how honey is made and used to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

***Toby Belfer and the High Holy Days* by Gloria Pushker (E240.2)**

Toby Belfer tells her non-Jewish friend Donna all about celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

***Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashanah* by Sylvia Rouss (E240.2)**

A young spider wants to join in as he watches a family prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

***When the Chickens Went on Strike* by Erica Silverman (E240.2)**

A Jewish boy learns a lesson from the village chickens at the time of Rosh Hashanah.

***Even Higher* by Richard Ungar (E240.2)**

Curious over the disappearance of his beloved rabbi every year on the day before Rosh Hashanah, Reuven decides to follow him to get the answers he and the villagers seek, and learns a great deal in the process. See also: *Even Higher* by Eric Kimmel.

***New Year at the Pier* by April Wayland (E240.2)**

On Rosh Hashanah, Izzy and his family make lists of the wrongs they have committed over the past year, and after they have apologized, they throw pieces of bread into the water for tashlich.

NEW! *Sliding into the New Year* by Dori Weinstein (J240.2)

Fifth-grader Ellie plans to visit a water park with her friend until her twin brother Joel tells her it conflicts with Rosh Hashanah.

***Happy New Year Beni* by Jane Zalben (E240.2)**

After constantly fighting with his cousin Max, Beni discovers that the New Year is an opportunity to put his mistakes behind him and start over.

***Apples and Honey* by Jonny Zucker (E240.2)**

Provides simple introductions to the customs of Rosh Hashanah for young children.

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Yom Kippur:

***Yussel's Prayer* by Barbara Cohen (E240.2)**

A boy's simple but sincere Yom Kippur prayer is instrumental in ending the day's fast.

***The Hardest Word* by Jacqueline Jules (E240.2)**

The Ziz, a huge bird that is clumsy but good-hearted, learns the importance of apologizing.

***The Magic of Kol Nidre* by Bruce Siegel (E240.2)**

The magic of the Kol Nidre prayer is explored from the viewpoint of three generations.

***K'tonton's Yom Kippur Kitten* by Sadie Weilerstein (E240.2)**

After allowing a small kitten to take the blame for something he did, K'tonton, a thumb-sized young boy, feels guilty when he goes to the synagogue on Yom Kippur.

Sukkot & Simchat Torah:

***Engineer Ari and the Sukkah Express* by Deborah Bodin Cohen (E240.3)**

When the friends he has made on the new railroad line give Engineer Ari things to help build and decorate a sukkah in his courtyard, he is sad that they cannot come and enjoy it with him.

***Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen (JF)**

This endearing story links Sukkot and Thanksgiving through the school experiences of an immigrant child. Also available on DVD.

***Gittel and the Bell* by Roberta Goldshlag Cooks (E240.3)**

Since everyone scolded eight-year-old Gittel in the past for ringing the town bell on unimportant occasions, she is not sure what to do when she finds the missing Torah.

***On Sukkot and Simchat Torah* by Cathy Goldberg Fishman (E240.3)**

Beautifully illustrated, this story brings together and explains three holidays associated with the fall festival season: Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah.

***Tamar's Sukkah* by Ellie Gellman (E240.3)**

Tamar calls on her older and bigger friends in the neighborhood to help her complete the Sukkah she has built to celebrate Sukkot.

***Night Lights* by Barbara Diamond Goldin (E240.3)**

A young boy learns about the meaning of Sukkot while overcoming his fear of the dark.

***The Mysterious Guests* by Eric A. Kimmel (E240.3)**

Three mysterious guests appear at generous but impoverished Ezra's table on Sukkot and bless him, while they bring curses upon his rich but selfish brother Eben.

NEW! *Sadie's Sukkah Breakfast* by Jamie Korngold (E240.3)

Two siblings plan a special breakfast in their family's sukkah during the holiday of Sukkot.

***It's Sukkah Time* by Latifa Berry Kropf (E240.3)**

Color photographs and simple text depict preschoolers celebrating in a Sukkah.

***Hillel Builds A House* by Shoshana Lepon (E240.3)**

A young boy, who loves to build houses, learns that Sukkot is the perfect holiday for him.

***Sukkot Treasure Hunt* by Allison Ofanansky (E240.3)**

In Israel, a young girl and her family go on a scavenger hunt to find the “four species” of Sukkot.

***Tikvah Means Hope*. by Patricia Polacco (E240.3)**

After a devastating fire in the hills of Oakland, California during Sukkot, a Jewish family and their neighbors find symbols of hope amidst the ashes.

***When Zaydeh Danced on Eldridge Street* by Elsa Okon Rael (E240.3)**

While staying with her grandparents in New York City in the mid-1930s, eight-year-old Zeesie joins in the celebration of Simchat Torah and sees a different side of her stern grandfather.

***Sammy Spider's First Simchat Torah* by Sylvia Rouss (E240.3)**

Sammy Spider's mother explains to him the holiday of Simchat Torah, when Jews eat candied apples and celebrate the importance of reading the Torah.

***Sammy Spider's First Sukkot* by Sylvia Rouss (E240.3)**

Sammy Spider learns about the festival of Sukkot by watching the Shapiro family build their Sukkah.

***Bubbe Isabella and the Sukkot Cake* by Kelly Terwilliger (E240.3)**

Bubbe Isabella invites many animal guests to spend Sukkot with her, but they are more interested in eating the Sukkah than her lovely lemon cake.

***The Sukkah That I Built* by Rochel Groner Vorst (E240.3)**

With the help of his family, a young Jewish boy builds a sukkah.

***Leo & Blossom's Sukkah* by Jane Breskin Zalben (E240.3)**

Brother and sister bears, Leo and Blossom, celebrate Sukkot by building a sukkah.

DVDs:

A Whale of a New Year (Alef Bet Blast-Off)

Puppets David and Rachel, with the help of Mitzvah Mouse, learn about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippor, as well as the story of Jonah and the whale.

Molly's Pilgrim

Based on the book by Barbara Cohen, this live-action film carries a message about religious tolerance, Thanksgiving, Sukkot, and growing up.

NEW! *Monsters in the Sukkah (Shalom Sesame)*

Avigail and Brosh's plans to welcome their guests come crashing down with their Sukkah. But, with a little help from their friends, they can rebuild it in time for Sukkot.

NEW! *The Sticky Shofar (Shalom Sesame)*

Grover, Avigail and Brosh learn a valuable lesson in friendship and forgiveness, just in time to start the new year right!

Music CDs:

***Sing Shalom: Songs for the Jewish Holidays* by Peter & Ellen Allard**

Singing in a host of engaging musical styles, the Allards provide a reason to celebrate with songs like "L'Shanah Tovah," "The Roof of Our Sukkah," and "One by One" (for Simchat Torah).

***Shirim Al Galgalim: Songs on Wheels* by Debbie Friedman**

This album contains a dozen intelligent but accessible children's songs including "L'Shana Tovah for Rosh Hashanah" and "What's Inside the Sukkah."

***Amazing Songs for Amazing Jewish Kids* with Judy Caplan Ginsburgh**

Sixteen bouncy children's songs including "In My Sukkah" and "Lulav Shake."

***Shalom Yeladim* with Judy Caplan Ginsburgh**

An extensive collection of thirty-two fun, simple songs and blessings including "Tapuchim Ud'Vash," "L'Shanah Tovah," and "Torah Tzeevah Lanu Moshe."