



HANUKKAH BOOKS AT THE BETH SOLOM LIBRARY December 2008



FOR ADULTS:

FICTION:

Schneider, Ilene. *Chanukah Guilt*. (Swimming Kangaroo Book, 2007; ISBN: 978-1934041314). Rabbi Aviva Cohen is a 50-something, twice-divorced rabbi living a rather uneventful life in South Jersey. True, she has a family that is rather unconventional. And her first ex-husband is moving to her town. But her life takes a truly interesting - and sinister - turn when she agrees to officiate at the funeral of an unpopular land developer. She doesn't expect to be told by two different people that he had been murdered. Nor does she expect that the first funeral will result in a suicide. Her search for the story behind the suicide (or was it murder?) will lead her to discover the truism "appearances can be deceiving" is accurate, while putting her life in jeopardy.

NON-FICTION:

Goodman., Philip. *The Hanukkah Anthology*. (JPS, 1976; ISBN: 0-8276-0080-1). "This book seeks to convey the story and message of Hanukkah. Included are the biblical intimations of the festival, the historical sources in post biblical books, appropriate selections from the Talmud and the Midrash, pertinent excerpts from medieval writings, the home liturgy, and laws and customs. There are also readings from modern writers, descriptions of Hanukkah observances in many countries, stories and poems for both children and adults, recipes, music, dances, and suggestions for activities."

Isaacs, Ronald H. *Every Person's Guide to Hanukkah*. (Every Person's Guide to...). (Jason Aronson, 2000; ISBN: 0-7657-6044-4. Section headings include Hanukkah in Jewish History; Celebrating in the Home and in the Synagogue; Basic Hanukkah Laws and Customs; Hanukkah Songs; Hanukkah Oddities and Curiosities; Hanukkah in Talmud and Jewish Legend; Notable Hanukkah Questions; Hanukkah Games; and Hanukkah in the Short Story. Includes a glossary of terms, an index, and a list of books for further reading.

Rosenblum, William F. and Robert J. *Eight Lights: The Story of Chanukah*. Illustrated by Shraga Weil. (Doubleday & Company, 1967; LC: 67-12543). "Unfolding as memories of eight individuals who witnessed the Miracle, *Eight Lights* also accentuates the significance of the Chanukah story for all men involved in the contemporary struggle for light and faith and freedom."

Scherman, Nosson; Goldwurm, Hersh; and Zlotowitz, Meir. *Chanukah—Its History, Observance and Significance*. (Mesorah Publications, 1985; ISBN: 0-89906-185-0. "This book looks at the true Chanukah of Jewish history, tradition, and ritual.

Schram, Peninnah and Rosman, Steven M. *Eight Tales for Eight Nights: Stories for Chanukah*. Illustrations by Tsirl Waletzky. (Jason Aronson, 1990; ISBN: 0-87668-234-4). "Eight traditional tales from around the world introduce the customs and meanings of Chanukah."

Wolfson, Dr. Ron. *The Art of Jewish Living: Seder Hanukkah*. (Jewish Lights Publishing, 1990; ISBN: 1-879045-97-4). This book is helpful to the family that strives to induct its members into the spirituality and joys of Jewishness and Judaism, and includes storytelling, recipes, and theology.

Zion, Noam and Spectre, Barbara. *A Different Light: the Hanukkah Book of Celebration*. (Devora Publishing, 2000; ISBN: 1-930143-25-7). "The rituals, retelling and celebration of Hanukkah found within

this volume cover every aspect of both the traditional and contemporary Hanukkah experience. It will empower you to celebrate in old and new ways, and to reinvigorate the candle lighting ceremony for adults, teenagers, and school children."

Zion, Noam and Spectre, Barbara. *A Different Light: The Big Book of Hanukkah*. (Devora Publishing, 2000; ISBN: 1-930143-34-6). "A new kind of holiday anthology that caters to adults. Each chapter illuminates a different angle of the holiday, engaging readers interested in politics, history, science, Kabbalah, philosophy or biography."

FOR YOUNGER READERS:

BOARD BOOKS:

Benjamin, Alan. *Hanukkah* (A Chubby Board Book). Pictures by Ellen Appleby. (Simon & Schuster, 1993; ISBN: 0-671-87069-6).

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *Biscuit's Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Pat Schories. (Harper Festival, 2005; ISBN: 978-0060094690).

My First Hanukkah Board Book. (DK Publishing, 2001; ISBN: 978-0-7566-1105-7).

Illions, Yehudis. *Things I Like to See on Hanukah*. (Feldheim)

Katz, Karen. *Where Is Baby's Dreidel?* (Little Simon, 2007).

Kress, Camille. *Let There Be Lights!* (UAHC Press, 1997).

Lemelman, Martin. *Chanukah Is...* (UAHC Press; ISBN: 0-8074-0424-1).

Shostak, Myra. *Rainbow Candles: A Chanukah Counting Book*. Pictures by Katherine Janus Kahn. (Kar-Ben, 1986; ISBN: 0-930494-59-8).

PICTURE BOOKS:

1. Adler, David A. *Chanukah in Chelm*. Illustrated by Kevin O'Malley. (Lothrop, 1997). "When the rabbi tells Mendel to get a table for the Chanukah menorah, Mendel makes the task more difficult than it should be." (ages 5-10)
2. Adler, David. *Malke's Secret Recipe*. Illustrated by Joan Halpern. (Kar-Ben, 1989). "In the foolish town of Chelm, Berel the shoemaker attempts to duplicate the secret recipe of Malke's potato pancakes, but his wife's interference makes his plan go awry." (ages 5-10)
3. Adler, David A. *One Yellow Daffodil*. Illustrated by Lloyd Bloom. (Harcourt, 1995). "During Hanukkah, two children help a Holocaust survivor to once again embrace his religious traditions." (ages 8-12)
4. Adler, David A. *A Picture Book of Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Linda Heller. (Scholastic, 1982). Retelling of the story of Hanukkah with expressive illustrations. (ages 5-10)
5. Aleichem, Sholom. *Hanukah Money*. Illustrated by Uri Shulevitz. (Greenwillow Books, 1978). "Two young brothers wonder how much money they will receive from their relatives for Hanukkah." (ages 5-10)
6. Backman, Aidel. *One Night, One Hanukkah Night*. (JPS, 1990). "Each night for eight nights a candle is added to the great silver menorah. Illustrations depict the celebrations in homes past and present." (ages 5-10)
7. Bearman, Jane. *The Eight Nights*. (UAHC, 1978). A Hanukkah counting book with rhyming verse accompanying the count of latkes, dreidels, and candles. The book includes blessings, songs, and a glossary. (ages 4-8)

8. Ben-Zvi, Rebecca Tova. *Four Sides, Eight Nights: A New Spin on Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Susanna Natti. (Roaring Brook Press, 2005). A chapter book that includes a history of the holiday and the dreidel, songs, customs, and interesting facts and stories. (ages 8-12)
9. Bloom, Daniel Halevi. *Bubbie and Zadie Come to My House: A Story for Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Claudia Julian. (Donald I Fine, Inc., 1985). "Bubbie and Zadie, two magical characters, bring the spirit of Hanukkah to a Jewish family on the first night of the holiday." (ages 4-8)
10. Bloom, Daniel Halevi. *Bubbie and Zadie Come to My House: A Story for Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Alex Meilichson (Square One Publishers, 2007). Reprint of 1985 book with beautiful color illustrations. (ages 4-8)
11. Brodmann, Aliana. *The Gift*. Illustrated by Anthony Carnabuci. (Simon & Schuster, 1993). "In post-World War II Germany, a young girl visits various shops before deciding how to spend the money her father has given her for Hanukkah." (ages 5-10)
12. Bunting, Eve. *One Candle*. Illustrated by K. Wendy Popp. (Harper Collins, 2002). Grandma ritualistically makes a candle from a hollowed-out potato in memory of the time she and Great-Aunt Rose spent in Buchenwald. The repeated story unites the family as they celebrate the present and remember the past. (ages 8-12)
13. Burstein, Chaya. *Hanukkah Cat*. Illustrated by Judy Hanks-Henn. (Kar-Ben, 1985). "On the night of Hanukkah, a stray orange kitten appears and despite its mischievous antics, endears itself to the family." (ages 4-8)
14. Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *Happy Hanukkah Biscuit!* (Harper Festival, 2002). An open-the-flap book where Biscuit finds many surprises. (ages 3-6)
15. Cleary, Brian P. *Eight Wild Nights: A Family Hanukkah*. Illustrated by David Udovic. (Kar-Ben, 2006). This rhyming story depicts a family celebration that includes: cleaning the house, inviting friends and neighbors, spills, a new method of winning gelt, the miracle of toilet paper, a broken VCR, a scary side dish, presents that were not on the wish list, donuts, singing, and finally quiet and calm; in other words, an exaggerated version of what many Jewish families experience! (ages 4-10)
16. Codell, Esme Raji. *Hanukkah, Shmanukkah*. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham. (Hyperion, 2005). An adaptation of Dickens' Christmas Carol with protagonist Scroogemacher visited by three ghostly rabbis who take him back in time to the Maccabees, to present day tenements (early 20th century) and then on to the future. Will he get the message? (ages 5-10)
17. da Costa, Deborah. *Hanukkah Moon*. Illustrated by Gosia Mosz. (Kar-Ben, 2007). A little girl spends the last days of Hanukkah with her Aunt Luisa, who has recently moved from Mexico. Aunt Louisa shares her customs and practices with the little girl, which include hanging a banner over the fireplace; a dreidl piñata; a hanukkiah that "looks like a boat with birds, squirrels, raccoons, and deer;" baking cookies; putting out food for the animals; and inviting Louisa's photography students for a dinner. When the little girl cannot see the moon, Aunt Luisa explains Rosh Hodesh and why it is a special day for Jewish women. (ages 5-10)
18. Drucker, Malka. *Grandma's Latkes*. Illustrated by Eve Chwast. (HBJ, 1991). "Grandma explains the meaning of Hanukkah while showing Molly how to cook latkes for the holiday." (ages 4-8)
19. Edwards, Michelle. *Papa's Latkes*. Illustrated by Stacey Schuett. (Candlewick Press, 2004). "On the first Hanukkah after Mama died, Papa and his two daughters try to make latkes and celebrate without her." (ages 5-10)
20. Ehrlich, Amy. *The Story of Hanukkah*. Paintings by Ori Sherman. (Dial Books, 1989). Vibrant illustrations accompany the story of the Maccabee's fight against Antiochus for religious and cultural freedom. (ages 5-10)

21. Fishman, Cathy Goldberg. *On Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Melanie W. Hall. (Aladdin, 2001; ISBN: 978-0689845796). "With the voice of a young girl participating in the nightly rituals of Hanukkah, Cathy Goldberg Fishman introduces children to the history and beliefs behind this eight-day Jewish celebration." (ages 4-8)
22. Freedland, Sara. *Hanukkah: A Three Dimensional Celebration*. Illustrated by Sue Clarke. (Candlewick Press, 1999). Pop-ups bring the menorah, the Temple, the Maccabee battles, and Hanukkah customs to life in a richly illustrated book with detailed explanations. (ages 5-10)
23. Gellman, Ellie. *Jeremy's Dreidel*. Illustrated by Judith Friedman. (Kar-Ben, 1992). "Jeremy signs up for a Hanukkah workshop to make unusual dreidels and creates a clay dreidel with Braille dots for his dad, who is blind." (ages 5-10)
24. Glaser, Linda. *The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes*. Illustrated by Nancy Cote. (Albert Whitman & Co., 1997). "A young girl finds a way to include her elderly neighbor in her family's Hanukkah celebration." (ages 4-8)
25. Glaser, Linda. *Mrs. Greenberg's Messy Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Nancy Cote. (Albert Whitman & Co., 2006). Although it's the first night of Hanukkah, Rachel's parents tell her there won't be any latkes until the relatives come to visit next week. Undeterred, the child goes over to the exceedingly tidy house of her neighbor, Mrs. Greenberg who she convinces to make latkes with her. Rachel proceeds to spill the grated potatoes, drop the egg, and more, resulting in a terrible mess. Her parents arrive home in time to help clean up, and they all celebrate the first night of Hanukkah together. (ages 4-8)
26. Goldin, Barbara Diamond. *The Best Hanukkah Ever*. Illustrated by Avi Katz. (Marshall Cavendish, 2007). "When the Knoodle family tries to follow their rabbi's advice about giving the perfect gift, everything goes wrong and their Hanukkah seems ruined until the rabbi comes to straighten things out." (ages 4-8)
27. Goldin, Barbara Diamond. *Just Enough Is Plenty*. Illustrated by Seymour Chwast. (Viking, 1988). "With Hanukkah about to begin, Malka is worried because her family is so poor, but when a poor stranger comes to the door, her generous family cannot turn him away." (ages 5-10)
28. Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. *Nathan's Hanukkah Bargain*. Illustrated by Judith Hierstein. (Pelican, 2008). Reprint of 1986 version: "Nathan's unsuccessful search for a Hanukkah menorah takes a new turn when his Grandpa teaches him about old-fashioned bargaining." (ages 5-10)
29. Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. *Nathan's Hanukkah Bargain*. Illustrated by Steffi Karen Rubin. (Kar-Ben, 1986). "Nathan's unsuccessful search for a Hanukkah menorah takes a new turn when his Grandpa teaches him about old-fashioned bargaining." (ages 5-10)
30. Hesse, Karen. *The Stone Lamp*. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. (Hyperion, 2003). "In a series of eight powerful and evocative free-verse poems, Hesse captures the resilient spirit of the Jewish people through the imagined voices of eight children" from different historical periods and places." (ages 9-12)
31. Hirsh, Marilyn. *Potato Pancakes All Around*. (Bonim Books, 1978). "A wandering peddler teaches the villagers how to make potato pancakes from a crust of bread." (ages 5-10)
32. Holland, Cheri. *Maccabee Jamboree: A Hanukkah Countdown*. Illustrated by Roz Schanzer. (Kar-Ben, 1998). "A counting book describing how the Maccabees have fun during the eight nights of Hanukkah: making cards, exchanging gifts, chanting blessings, and singing songs." (ages 4-8)

33. Jaffe, Nina. *In the Month of Kislev*. Illustrated by Louise August. (Viking, 1992). "A rich arrogant merchant takes the family of a poor peddler to court and learns a lesson about the meaning of Hanukkah." (ages 8-12)
34. Jules, Jacqueline. *The Ziz and the Hanukkah Miracle*. Illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. (Kar-Ben, 2006). "The Ziz, a huge and clumsy bird, helps the Maccabees find enough oil to light the menorah and restore the Temple, leading to the miracle that is celebrated every year at Hanukkah." (ages 3-6)
35. Katz, Bobby. *A Family Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Caryl Herzfeld. (Random House, 1992). "Rachel and Jonathan join their aunts, uncles, and cousins at their grandparents' house for a traditional celebration of Hanukkah." (ages 4-8)
36. Kimmel, Eric. *Asher and the Capmakers*. Illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. (Holiday House, 1993). "On his way to get an egg for his mother the night before Hanukkah, a young boy encounters a group of mischievous fairies who take him on an adventure to Jerusalem." (ages 5-10)
37. Kimmel, Eric A. *The Chanukkah Guest*. Illustrated by Giora Carmi. (Holiday House, 1988). "On the first night of Chanukkah, Old Bear wanders into Bubba Brayna's house and receives a delicious helping of potato latkes when she mistakes him for the rabbi." (ages 4-8)
38. Kimmel, Eric. *The Chanukkah Tree*. Illustrated by Giora Carmi. (Holiday House, 1987). "The foolish people of Chelm are tricked by a peddler into buying and decorating a "Chanukkah tree" on Christmas Eve, but after becoming disillusioned they rediscover its worth and beauty." (ages 5-10)
39. Kimmel, Eric A. *A Hanukkah Treasury*. Illustrated by Emily Lisker. (Henry Holt, 1998). "Presents stories, songs, recipes, and activities related to the celebration of Hanukkah." (ages 8-12)
40. Kimmel, Eric. *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*. Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. (Holiday House, 1985). "Relates how Hershel outwits the goblins that haunt the old synagogue and prevent the village people from celebrating Hanukkah." (ages 6-12)
41. Kimmel, Eric. *The Jar of Fools*. Illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein. (Holiday House, 2000). "Drawing on traditional Jewish folklore, these Hanukkah stories relate the antics of the people of Chelm, thought—perhaps incorrectly—to be a town of fools." (ages 5-10)
42. Kimmel, Eric A. *The Magic Dreidels*. Illustrated by Katya Krenina. (Holiday House, 1996). "When an old lady swindles him out of his magic dreidels, Jacob tries to get them back in time for the family's Hanukkah celebration." (ages 4-8)
43. Kimmel, Eric A. *When Mindy Saved Hanukkah*. Pictures by Barbara McClintock. (Scholastic, 1998). "A tiny Jewish family living behind the wall of a synagogue must battle a frightening cat if they want candles for their Hanukkah menorah." (ages 4-8)
44. Kimmel, Eric A. *Zigazak!* Illustrated by Jon Goodell. (Random House, 2001). When two devils used the word "Zigazak" they cause chaos in Brisk by making dreidels spin and latkes fly. The townspeople rush to the rabbi, whose quick and brilliant thinking makes Hanukkah a jubilant celebration. (ages 5-10)
45. Kimmelman, Leslie. *Hanukkah Lights, Hanukkah Nights*. Illustrated by John Himmelman. (Harper Collins, 1992). "An extended family celebrates the eight nights of Hanukkah" with different activities each night. (ages 4-8)
46. Koons, Jon. *A Confused Hanukkah*. Illustrated by S. D. Schindler. (Dutton Children's Books, 2004). "The villagers of Chelm, in the rabbi's absence, send a messenger to a nearby village in order to be reminded how to prepare for the coming Hanukkah." (ages 5-10)

47. Kroll, Steven. *The Hanukkah Mice*. Illustrated by Michelle Shapiro. (Marshall Cavendish, 2008). "A family of mice enjoys the doll house and furnishings that Rachel receives as gifts on the eight nights of Hanukkah." (ages 4-8)
48. Krulik, Nancy. *Is It Hanukkah Yet?* (Step Into Reading – Step 1) Illustrated by DyAnne DiSalvo Ryan. (Random House, 2000). "A little girl waits with great anticipation all day until the sun sets and Hannukkah can begin." (ages 6-8)
49. Kuskin, Karla. *A Great Miracle Happened There*. Illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker. (Harper Collins, 1993). "On the first night of Hanukkah, a mother tells her family and a young guest the story of the holiday's origin." (ages 5-10)
50. Lamstein, Sarah Marwil. *Letter on the Wind: A Chanukah Tale*. Illustrated by Neil Waldman. (Boyd's Mills Press, 2007). "When there is no oil for Chanukah, Hayim, the poorest man in the village, sends the Almighty a letter, asking for help." A wealthy merchant picks up the letter, and is happy to do the mitzvah of providing Hayim with a menorah and oil. (ages 8-12)
51. Lanton, Sandy. *Lots of Latkes*. Illustrated by Vicki Jo Redenbaugh. (Kar-Ben, 2003). Rivka Leah invites her neighbors to a Hanukkah party, but a series of mishaps causes each of them to bring the same dish-- latkes. (ages 4-8)
52. Levine, Abby. *This Is the Dreidel*. Illustrated by Paige Billin-Frye. (Albert Whitman, 2003). Max and his sister enjoy the dreidel and other special parts of their family celebration." (ages 4-8)
53. Levine, Anna. *Jodie's Hanukkah Dig*. Illustrated by Ksenia Topaz. (Kar-Ben, 2008). A young girl and her father join an archaeological dig at Modi-in, the home of the Maccabees, when Jodie makes an amazing discovery. (ages 5-10)
54. Levine, Arthur. *All the Lights in the Night*. Pictures by James E. Ransome. (Morrow, 1991). "Moses and his little brother Benjamin find a way to celebrate Hanukkah during their dangerous emigration to Palestine." (ages 8-12)
55. Manushkin, Fran. *Latkes and Applesauce*. Illustrated by Robin Spowart. (Scholastic, 1990). "When a blizzard leaves a family housebound one Hanukkah, they share what little food they have with some starving animals who later return the favor." (ages 6-10)
56. Mazo, Chaim. *The Energizing Hanukkah Story for Children*. Illustrated by Don Channen. (Pitspopany, 1998). Find the hidden objects in zany double spreads that depict Maccabee battles, a "Candle Town," a "Latka Palace," and Hanukkah Presents. Explanations of the holiday and customs are included. (ages 8-12)
57. Melmed, Laura Krauss. *Moishe's Miracle*. Illustrated by David Slonim. (Harper Collins, 2000). "Moishe, a milkman who is kind to everyone in his poor village of Wishniak, receives a magic frying pan that produces an unlimited supply of delicious Hanukkah latkes." (ages 6-10)
58. Newman, Leslea. *Runaway Dreidel!* Illustrated by Krysten Brooker. (Henry Holt, 2002). "In this rhyming tale in the style of "The Night Before Christmas," a family's preparations for Chanukah are disrupted by a wildly spinning dreidel." (ages 6-10)
59. Oberman, Sheldon. *By the Hanukkah Light*. Illustrated by Neil Waldman. (Boyd's Mills Press, 2000). "A grandfather tells his grandchildren his own Hanukkah story from World War II." (ages 8-12)
60. Ofanansky, Allison. *Harvest of Light*. Photographs by Eliyahu Alpern. (Kar-Ben, 2008). The olive harvest in Israel is a special time. Follow the tiny spring flowers blossom into green fruit, then ripen into shiny black olives. Watch as the olives are gathered, sorted, and pressed into oil. Then celebrate Hanukkah with an Israeli family as they use the oil to light their Hanukkah menorah. (ages 6-10)

61. Podwal, Mark. *The Menorah Story*. (Greenwillow Books, 1998). A history of the menorah and its part in the celebration of Hanukkah. (ages 6-10)
62. Polacco, Patricia. *The Trees of the Dancing Goats*. (Simon & Schuster, 1996). "During a scarlet fever epidemic one winter in Michigan, a Jewish family helps make Christmas special for their sick neighbors by making their own Hanukkah miracle." (ages 6-10)
63. Randall, Ronne. *The Hanukkah Mice*. Pictures by Maggie Kneen. (Chronicle Books, 2002). "With each passing night, the Mouse children discover shimmering chocolate coins, sparkling dreidels and delicious donuts, fancy gifts and other Hanukkah traditions, but it isn't until the last night that they glimpse the beautiful menorah with all eight candles illuminated." (ages 5-10)
64. Rauchwerger, Diane Levin. *Dinosaur on Hanukkah*. Pictures by Jason Wolff. (Kar-Ben, 2005). "A dinosaur comes to a young boy's house to join him in celebrating Hanukkah." (ages 3-6)
65. Reudor. *The Young Maccabees*. (Atara Publishing, 1998). The Doodle children go back in time and learn about the Maccabees and the rededication of the Temple. (ages 4-8)
66. Rosen, Michael J. *Our Eight Nights of Hanukkah*. Illustrated by DyAnne DiSalvo Ryan. (Holiday House, 2000). "A child describes how one family celebrates Hanukkah, including polishing the silver menorah, lighting the candles, having a special family dinner, and sharing gifts." (ages 5-10)
67. Rosenfeld, Dina. *A Chanuka Story for Night Number Three*. Illustrated by Harris Mandel. (Hachai, 1989). A young boy celebrates his Hanukkah birthday by making a huge latke and sharing it at the hospital. (ages 5-8)
68. Rothenberg, Joan. *Inside-Out Grandma*. (Hyperion, 1995). "Rosie's grandmother wears her clothes inside out to remind herself to buy oil for making latkes at Hanukkah." (age 4-8)
69. Rouss, Sylvia A. *The Littlest Maccabee*. Illustrated by Greg A. Cohen. (Pitspopany, 2006). A mouse helps the Maccabees battle Antiochus' army by using his small size to his advantage. (ages 4-8)
70. Rouss, Sylvia A. *Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. (Kar-Ben, 1993). "After having watched the Shapiro family celebrate the different nights of Hanukkah, Sammy Spider finds that in the end he gets to share the holiday with them." He also learns about colors and numbers. (ages 3-8)
71. Scharfstein, Sol. *Are You Ready for Hanukkah?* Illustrated by Arthur Friedman. (KTAV, 1992). "A brother and sister climb, gallop, dig, walk on stilts, parachute and fly into outerspace to get everything they need to celebrate Hanukkah. (ages 4-8)
72. Schnur, Steven. *The Tie Man's Miracle*. Illustrated by Stephen T. Johnson. (Morrow, 1995). "On the last night of Chanukah, after hearing how an old man lost his family in the Holocaust, a young boy makes a wish that is carried to God as the menorah candles burn down." (ages 8-12)
73. Schotter, Roni. *Hanukkah!* Illustrated by Marilyn Hafner. (Little, Brown) A family celebrates Hanukkah with candle lighting, singing, homemade gifts and a festive meal. (ages 4-8)
74. Schram, Peninnah. *The Chanukah Blessing*. Illustrated by Jeffrey Allon. (UAHC Press, 2000). "A mysterious visitor rewards a poor family for showing him hospitality on the fifth night of Chanukah." (ages 6-10)
75. Schuman, Burt E. *Chanukah on the Prairie*. Illustrated by Rosalind Charney Kaye. (UAHC Press, 2003). A family moves from Galicia to North Dakota. Their first Hanukkah is celebrated with other Jewish settlers who must also find jobs and learn the language, but appreciate the Jewish community and Yiddish speakers. (ages 6-10)

76. Sidon, Ephraim. *The Animated Menorah: Travels on a Space Dreidel*. Clay by Ron Oren. (Scopus Films, 1986). Two children travel through time and space on a magic dreidel. Their adventures with Judah the Maccabee, George Washington, a Russian refusenik and many others, tell the story of Hanukkah. (ages 4-8)
77. Simon, Norma. *The Story of Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Leonid Gore. (Harper Collins, 1994). "Explains the history and traditions that are a part of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah." (ages 5-10)
78. Sperling, Jerry. *The Little Menorah Who Forgot Chanukah*. Illustrated by Giora Carmi. (URJ Press, 1993). When Little Menorah falls off the shelf, he forgets all about Hanukkah and Big Menorah must explain the blessings, the story, about the dreidel, and the customary foods. (ages 5-10)
79. Spinner, Stephanie. *It's a Miracle!* Illustrated by Jill McElmurry. (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003). "Every night of Hanukkah, Grandma tells a story at bedtime." Includes the Hanukkah Legend and the Blessings on the candles. (ages 4-8)
80. Sussman, Susan. *Hanukkah: Eight Lights Around the World*. Illustrated by Judith Friedman. (Albert Whitman, 1988). This collection of eight Hanukkah stories, one for each day of the holiday, is unique because each of the stories takes place in a different country. The settings are Israel, Mexico (where some Syrian Jews have emigrated), Argentina, the United States, France, India, Morocco, and the Soviet Union. The special customs and styles of Hanukkah menorahs are woven into each tale. (ages 8-12)
81. Topek, Susan Remick. *A Turn for Noah*. Illustrated by Sally Springer. (Kar-Ben, 1992). Hanukkah is supposed to be fun, especially in nursery school, but things had been going wrong for Noah all week. He couldn't spin the dreidel, he spilled the blue paint, and he hadn't had a turn lighting the menorah. The holiday would soon be over. (ages 4-8)
82. Yorinks, Arthur. *Arthur Yorinks' The Flying Latke*. Art by William Steig. (Simon & Schuster, 1999). The plot features feuding relatives who start a food fight on Hanukkah and pitch a latke out the window; the latke (don't ask) is mistaken for a UFO. (ages 6-10)
83. Zalben, Jane Breskin. *The Magic Menorah*. Illustrated by Donna Diamond. (Simon & Schuster, 2001). Stanley rubs a long-neglected menorah to a nice shine and releases Fishel the genie, who grants Stanley three wishes. What ensues teaches Stanley the unsurprising lesson that he already has everything he needs for happiness. (ages 6-10)
84. Zalben, Jane Breskin. *Papa's Latkes*. (Henry Holt 1994). Because Mama doesn't want to make the traditional potato pancakes this year, the scene is set for a latke-making contest. Goldie, Max, Rosie, Leo, Blossom, and Molly each take a turn, but it isn't until Papa takes over that Beni declares a winner--Papa's latkes are the best. (ages 4-8)
85. Zalben, Jane Breskin. *Pearl's Eight Days of Chanukah*. (Simon & Schuster, 1998). The family of rams celebrates Hanukkah with a visit from cousins Harry and Sophie. Interspersed between short vignettes about Pearl and her family's activities are directions for making menorahs, dreidels, and puppet shows; recipes for latkes and jelly doughnuts; a recounting of the Hanukkah legend; songs; and more. (ages 6-12)
86. Ziefert, Harriet. *Hanukkah Haiku*. Illustrated by Karla Gudeon. (Blue Apple Books, 2008). Here's a cultural crossover that pays off: a traditionally Japanese poetic form used to celebrate the eight nights of Hanukkah. There's one haiku for each night and stepped pages add one candle to the menorah every time the page is turned. The simple poetry is set off perfectly by Karla Gudeon's vibrant freewheeling artwork. (ages 6-10)
87. Ziefert, Harriet. *What Is Hanukkah?* Illustrated by Rick Brown. (Harper Festival, 1994). Why do we light the menorah? What do the letters on the dreidel mean? Josh learns about the miracles that happened a long time ago, and how the traditions of Hanukkah are continued today. (ages 5-10)

88. Zucker, Jonny. *Eight Candles to Light*. Illustrated by Jan Barger Cohen. (Barrons, 2002). A family celebrates Chanukah by lighting candles, exchanging presents, telling stories, eating latkes, and playing dreidel. The simple text is accompanied by warm watercolor illustrations of a congenial, extended family, done in a cartoon style. (ages 4-8)
89. Zwerin, Raymond A. *Like a Maccabee*. Illustrated by Giora Carmi. (UAHC Press, 1991). This beautifully illustrated text explores the themes of leadership, bravery, determination, problem solving, and pride through the story of the Maccabees and Chanukah. Young readers will learn to be "like a Maccabee." (ages 4-8)

FOR OLDER READERS:

Chaikin, Miriam. *Alexandra's Scroll: The Story of the First Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Stephen Fieser. (Henry Holt, 2002). The events leading up to the first Hanukkah come to vivid life through the eyes of a Jewish girl growing up in Jerusalem circa 165 B.C.E.

Chaikin, Miriam. *Light Another Candle: the Story and Meaning of Chanukah*. (Clarion Books, 1981). Retells the story of Hanukkah and explains its symbols by describing high points in Jewish history, worship, and culture.

Kimmel, Eric A. *The Spotted Pony*. Illustrated by Leonard Everett Fisher. (Holiday House, 1992). Eight traditional *shammes* stories--about King Solomon and his magic ring, a mysterious spotted pony, Benayahu ben Yehoyada, and other heroes, demons, and fools--help celebrate the Festival of Lights.

Binder, Mark. *A Hanukkah Present*. (Light Publications, 2007). "A Hanukkah Present" is a collection of eleven multigenerational tales and a novella. These stories include "The Lethal Latkes" (mentioned in the New York Times), the Challah that Ate Chelm, and many more.

Goldin, Barbara Diamond. *While the Candles Burn: Eight Stories for Hanukkah*. Illustrated by Elaine Greenstein. (Viking, 1996). After an insightful look at the history of Hanukkah, Goldin offers eight brief stories, each expanding on one of the holiday's themes. She draws from Jewish folklore as well as the Bible and Talmud to weave tales that reflect the strength of faith, the anchoring role of tradition, the voice of women in Judaism, and the power of people's actions to bring about miracles.

Krensky, Stephen. *Hanukkah at Valley Forge*. Illustrated by Greg Harlin. (Dutton Children's Books, 2006). When General George Washington encounters a Jewish soldier lighting the Hanukkah candles, he learns about the Maccabee's fight for freedom and how it relates to his own fight for liberty during the Revolutionary War.

Levoy, Myron. *The Hanukkah of Great-Uncle Otto*. Illustrated by Donna Russ. (JPS, 1984). Joshua and his great-uncle Otto discover a new meaning in the celebration of Hanukkah when they try to build a menorah like a special one Otto lost during the Holocaust.

Penn, Malka. *The Hanukkah Ghost*. (Holiday House, 1995). Susan spends a week at a remote house in England and encounters a series of strange individuals and figures which lead her to believe ghosts of the past are connected to the Hanukkah candles she and her aunt have been lighting. Her efforts to uncover the reasons behind their appearance result in a deeper understanding of the Hanukkah spirit.

FICTION:

Koss, Amy Goldman. *How I Saved Hanukkah*. Pictures by Diane de Groat. (Dial Books for Young Readers, 1998). "Marla, the only Jewish student in her fourth grade class, wishes she celebrated Christmas like her best friend Lucy, until one year when she decides to learn all about Hanukkah and to teach her family about it, too." (ages 8-12)

O'Connell Rebecca. *Penina Levine Is a Potato Pancake*. Illustrated by Majella Lue Sue. (Roaring Brook Press, 2008). Penina Levine is facing many challenges this winter holiday season. As usual, her little sister, Mimsy, annoys her in ways that only a little sister can. Her best friend, Zozo, is going to Aruba for winter vacation, and Penina's teacher, Mrs. Brown, is taking a leave of absence to care for a sick sister. When her grandparents visit, things come to a head, especially when Grandma calls Penina her "revenge" against Penina's mother. But things are reconciled quickly, and soon a lively game of dreidl ensues. (ages 8-12)