

**A PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE  
SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE**  
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**Description:** The committee will discuss favorite Jewish children's books as seen from the award submissions and give a behind-the-scenes look at how the award winners are selected.

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