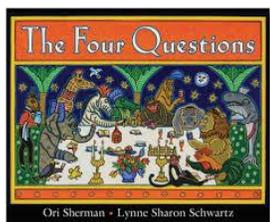




HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS TITLES FOR SPRING 2021

These titles are AJL's picks for the best Jewish holiday children's books of Spring 2021.



***The Four Questions* by Lynne Sharon Schwartz, illustrated by Ori Sherman, **
Levine Querido. All ages. #ownvoices

Rich illustrations depict anthropomorphized animals participating in elements of the Passover seder in this second edition of a 1989 publication, updated with an endnote on the art. Ceremonial but accessible language outlines the story of the Exodus and introduces the traditional four questions, included in Hebrew upside down on the page, allowing the book to be read from either direction and encouraging a shared experience perfect for intergenerational read-alouds or a seder night itself.



***Meet the Matzah* written and illustrated by Alan Silberberg,**
Viking. Ages 4-10 #ownvoices

In a classroom populated by anthropomorphic bread products, a disruptive classmate hijacks matzah Alfie Koman's retelling of the Exodus story for Passover. Alfie must find his voice and rescue his favorite holiday from bread Loaf's goofy revisions. Silberberg's delightful, cartoonish illustrations match the exuberant tone of this hilarious read-aloud, suitable for Passover

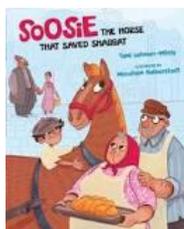
celebrants and holiday newcomers alike.



***The Passover Guest* by Susan Kusel, illustrated by Sean Rubin.**

Neal Porter Books at Holiday House. Ages 6-10. #ownvoices

Readers needn't be familiar with the original I.L. Peretz story, "The Magician", to be wowed by this fresh retelling, set in depression-era Washington DC. Illustrator Sean Rubin's incredibly detailed depictions of the Capital city in springtime perfectly complement Kusel's tale of poor Muriel, whose bare table magically overflows with a Passover feast after her encounter with a juggler who may... or may not... be the prophet Elijah.



***Soosie, The Horse That Saved Shabbat* by Tami Lehman-Wilzig, illustrated by Menahem Halberstadt,** Kalaniot Books. Ages 4-8. #ownvoices

This delightful picture book is based on a true story but has a folk tale flavor. Set in Jerusalem in the early 20th century, it tells of a clever horse who delivered the challah on her own when the baker's boy felt too ill to drive the cart. Bright, engaging illustrations bring the characters and setting to life, as Soosie travels through historic Jerusalem in this finely crafted, heartwarming story.

AJL's Holiday Highlights judges are Robbin Friedman, children's librarian at the Chappaqua Library in Chappaqua, NY; Amy Lilien-Harper, professional children's librarian; and Sylvie Shaffer, PreK-8 librarian at the Capitol Hill Day School in Washington, DC.

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