JEWISH CHILDREN’S LITERATURE: WHAT’S HOT AND WHAT’S NOT:
THE SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARDS

Description: The Sydney Taylor Book Awards Committee will review and discuss books that were considered as we sought our 2003 medal winners. This two-part program will present a wide-range of opinions as we dissect the good, the bad, and the ugly among recent titles. Meet Sydney Taylor Book Award winning authors!!

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What’s Hot & What’s Not: The Books of 2003
June 22, 2004
ROUND I: HOLIDAYS
Avram’s Gift by Marjie Blumberg
A Sweet Year by Mark Podwal
The Passover Seder by Emily Sper
Rachel’s Gift by Richard Ungar
It’s A Miracle: A Hanukkah Storybook by Stephanie Spinner
Five Alive! My Yom Tov Five Senses by Dina Rosenfeld

ROUND II: HISTORY
Long Johns for a Small Chicken by Esther Blanc
Shutting Out the Sky by Deborah Hopkinson
Room in the Heart by Sonia Levitin
Gotcha! Rosie in New York City by Carol Matas

ROUND III: BIOGRAPHIES
Golda Meir by Anna Claybourne
Abraham Joshua Heschel by Or Rose
Ilan Ramon: Israel’s First Astronaut by Tanya Stone
Marc Chagall by Jude Welton

ROUND IV: DIFFICULT TOPICS
Brundibar by Tony Kushner
The Enemy Has A Face by Gloria Miklowitz
Murder at the 1972 Olympics in Munich by Liz Sonneborn
Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli
Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen
Tali’s Jerusalem Scrapbook by Sylvia Rouss
The Stone Lamp by Karen Hesse

ROUND V: STORIES & TALES
I Only Like What I Like by Julie Baer
Turn, Turn, Turn by Pete Seeger
Something for Nothing by Ann Redisch Stampler
My Grandmother’s Stories by Adele Geras

ROUND VI: COULD HAVE BEEN, SHOULD HAVE BEEN
Creation by Gerald McDermott
Keeping the Promise by Tami Lehman-Wilzig
Margit: Home Free by Kathy Kacer
Hitler’s Daughter by Jackie French
No Matzoh For Me! by Nancy Krulik
Operation Dewey by Kirby Rogers