

INTRODUCTION

Holidays play a very important role in Judaism and therefore are the focal point of many children's Judaic library collections. There are multitudes of picture books and novels which deal with Jewish holidays, but this bibliography is unique in that only short stories are included. These can be read to children in a short period of time and can be a jumping-off point for discussions about the holidays. In compiling this bibliography, publishers and catalogs were consulted. This list is an update of a previous one and covers the years 1985-1997.

Rosh Hashana

Adler, David A. *The Kid's Catalog of Jewish Holidays*.

"The Rabbi of Nemirov" by I.L. Peretz. Pages 33-36.

The Rabbi performs a mitzvah during the High Holidays, unbeknownst to anyone.

Drucker, Malka. *The Family Treasury of Jewish Holidays*.

"Maybe Even Higher" Adapted from a I.L.Peretz story. Pages 10-13.

A wise and holy man helps a poor woman before the New Year.

"Moses's Mistake" Pages 8-9.

Moses, who lost his temper and repented, teaches us to do teshuvah (repentance).

Jaffe, Nina. *The Uninvited Guest and Other Jewish Holiday Tales*.

"The Never-Ending Story" - Pages 9-16.

This story is based on a legend which deals with mythical beasts and the beginning of the world.

Kimmel, Eric A. *Days of Awe: Stories for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*. Illustrated by Erika Weihs. NY: Viking, 1991. 47 pages. Ages 8-12.

Three stories about the Jewish High Holidays. Each story focuses on a different concept - charity, prayer, and repentance. Illustrated with oil paintings. Book begins with a discussion of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Includes "Notes to the Stories."

Musleah, Rachel. *Sharing Blessings*.

"Being Able to Say 'I Did It'" Pages 9-12.

A story about responsibility. The Tashlich service reminds us that we are responsible for our actions.

ShirSidi, Smadar. *The Dreidle Champ and Other Holiday Stories*.

"Good Friends" Pages 1-7.

New Year cards help resolve a silent war.

Silverman, Maida. *The Glass Menorah and Other Stories for Jewish Holidays*.

"A Skipjack and a Fresh Start" Pages 13-19.

Eight year old Ben apologizes to his sister's friend after treating her with disrespect.

Van Handel, Esther. *A Children's Treasury of Holiday Tales*.

"The Plot Against the Shofar" Pages 7-11.

Tzvi's shofar saves the day.

Yom Kippur

Adler, David A. *The Kids' Catalog of Jewish Holidays*.

"The Story of Jonah" Adapted by Mortimer J. Cohen. Pages 47-51.

A retelling of Jonah and the Whale.

"Miracles on the Sea" by I.L. Peretz. Translated and adapted by Esther Hautzig. Pages 51-56. A fisherman is rewarded for observing Yom Kippur.

Drucker, Malka. *The Family Treasury of Jewish Holidays*.

“Jonah and the Great Fish” by Clyde Robert Bulla. Pages 19-24.
A retelling of the story of Jonah and the Whale.

Goldreich, Gloria. *Ten Traditional Jewish Children's Stories*.

“The Boy's Song” Pages 8-11.

The flute playing of a young boy on Yom Kippur opens the gates of Heaven.

Jaffe, Nina. *The Uninvited Guest and Other Jewish Holiday Tales*.

“Miracles on the Sea” Pages 17-22.

A miracle is performed for a fisherman on Yom Kippur.

Kimmel, Eric A. *Days of Awe: Stories for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*.

See entry under Rosh Hashanah.

Musleah, Rachel. *Sharing Blessings*.

“Talking to God” Pages 13-17.

A story about prayer. David learns that God is always there to listen.

Pearl, Sydelle. *Elijah's Tears: Stories for the Jewish Holidays*.

“The Tallis” Pages 33-44.

With his father's Tallis, a young boy helps an old man.

ShirSidi, Smadar. *The Dreidle Champ and Other Holiday Stories*.

“The Enormous Meal” Pages 9-17.

A family complains about a yearly ritual - breaking the fast at Aunt Bella's.

Sholom Aleichem. *A Treasury of Sholom Aleichem Children's Stories*.

“No More Kapores or The Sacrificial Chicken Revolt” Pages 149-159.

The fowl revolt one year - they do not want to be used and slaughtered for the ceremony of Kapores.

Van Handel, Esther. *A Children's Treasury of Holiday Tales*.

“Saved by the Children” Pages 12-16.

The angels gather mitzvos done by children to try to tip the scale.

Yolen, Jane. *Milk and Honey: A Year of Jewish Holidays*.

“The Day the Rabbi Was Late” Pages 14-16.

Based on a Russian story. The Rabbi comforts a crying baby while the mother is in the synagogue.

“The Herdsman's Whistle” Pages 18-19.

A Chasidic tale. A poor herdsman who doesn't know how to pray, blows a tune on his whistle.

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