

**HIGH HOLIDAY READING FOR CHILDREN
2004/5765**

**Recommended Books from the Ratner Media and Technology
Center**

Preschool - Primary

Epstein, Sylvia. **HOW THE ROSH HASHANAH CHALLAH BECAME ROUND.**
Illus by Hagit Migron. Gefen Books, 1993. Yossi's mistake starts
a new holiday tradition.

Cohen, Floreva. **SNEAKERS TO SHUL.** Bureau of Jewish Education of
New York, 1978. It is erev Yom Kippur and young Noah's family is
preparing for the holy day.

Feingerg, Miriam. **A YOM KIPPUR THINK.** United Synagogue, 1994. A
story about a little girl in shul that helps young children
understand what Yom Kippur is all about.

Fishman, Cathy Goldman. **ON ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR.** Illus.
by Melanie Hall. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2000. A little girl
observing the High Holidays considers their importance to her, her
family, and Jews everywhere.

Goldin, Barbara Diamond. **THE WORLD'S BIRTHDAY.** Harcourt Brace,
1990. Filled with anticipation for Fall and Rosh Hashanah, Daniel
plans a special party to celebrate the New Year. The delightful
illustrations capture a warm family in vibrant color.

Holub, Joan. **APPLES AND HONEY: A ROSH HASHANAH LIFT-THE-FLAP
BOOK.** Illus. by Cary Pillo. Puffin, 2003. A rhyming story and
several flaps to lift on every page.

Jules, Jacqueline. **THE HARDEST WORD.** Illus by Katherine Janus
Kahn. Kar-Ben Copies, 2001. Bright pictures show a big bird
learning that the hardest word is "sorry."

Kimmelman, Leslie. **SOUND THE SHOFAR.** Illus. by John Himmelman.
harperCollins, 1998. A family observes the High Holidays, written
at a level that young children can understand.

Levin, Carol. **A ROSH HASHANAH WALK.** Kar-Ben Copies, 1987. Learn
about the custom of tashlih by joining a group of children on
their walk to the waterfront.

Manushkin, Fran. **SOPHIE AND THE SHOFAR: A NEW YEAR'S STORY.**
Illus. by Rosalind Charney Kaye. UAHC Press, 2001. Sophie learns

the meaning of repentance after she wrongly accuses her Russian cousin of stealing the shofar.

Rouss, Sylvia. **SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST ROSH HASHANAH.** Illus. by Katherine Janus Kahn. Kar-Ben Copies, 1996. Curious Sammy learns about sizes - big, middle, and little, as he watches the Shapiro family get ready for Rosh Hashanah.

Zucker, Jonny. **APPLES AND HONEY: A ROSH HASHANAH STORY.** Illus. by Jan Barger Cohen. Barron's, 2002. Short and simple, about a child and his family observing the holiday.

Primary - Elementary

Blumberg, Marji. **AVRAM'S GIFT.** Illus. by Laurie McGaw. MB Publishing, 2003. An easy to read and attractively illustrated chapter book with strong Jewish values and a likable hero who learns to sound the shofar.

Jaffe, Nina. **THE UNINVITED GUEST AND OTHER JEWISH HOLIDAY TALES.** Illus. by Elivia Savadier. Scholastic, 1993. Stories for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur begin this wonderful collection of holiday stories. Winner of a Sydney Taylor Book Award

Kimmel, Eric A. **DAYS OF AWE: STORIES FOR ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR.** Puffin Books, 1991. Stories about the meaning of the High Holydays, adapted from traditional sources.

Kimmel, Eric A. **GERSHON'S MONSTER: A STORY FOR THE JEWISH NEW YEAR.** Illus. by Jon J Muth. Scholastic, 2000. A Hasidic legend retold in sparkling language and pictures. Winner of a Sydney Taylor Book Award.

Pushker, Gloria Teles. **TOBY BELFER AND THE HIGH HOLY DAYS.** Illus. by Judith Heirstein. Pelican Publishing, 2001. Toby tells her Christian friend, Donna, about the meaning, customs, and rituals of the High Holy Days.

Schwartz, Howard. **THE DAY THE RABBI DISAPPEARED.** Illus. by Monique Passicot. Viking, 2000. A collection of holiday tales about magic worked on behalf of the Jewish people.

Silverman, Erica. **WHEN THE CHICKENS WENT ON STRIKE.** Illus. by Matthew Trueman. Dutton, 2003. Based on a story by Sholom Aleichem, this shows a mischievous boy drawn into a dispute between the village poultry and the villagers themselves. Funny and wise.

Weilerstein, Sadie Rose. **K'TONTON'S YOM KIPPUR KITTEN.** Illus. by Joe Boddy. Jewish Publication Society, 1995. One of the classic stories about K'tonton, the Jewish Tom Thumb.

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