

HIGH HOLIDAY BOOKS

CHILDREN



Adler, David. *Yom Kippur Shortstop*. WJ, A

Jacob loves baseball, and he knows his team counts on him. But when a critical game is scheduled on the holiday of Yom Kippur, he doesn't know what to do. In this reflection of the Sandy Koufax story, Jacob discovers the value of prayer and of being on different kinds of teams.

Barash, Chris. *Jackie and Jessie and Joni and Jae: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. WJ, B

Four friends gather with others on Rosh Hashanah for Tashlich, when they apologize for mistakes they have made then toss breadcrumbs on the water to represent the mistakes floating away.

Cohen, Deborah Bodin. *Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride*. WJ, C

Observing Rosh Hashanah--the Jewish New Year--Engineer Ari apologizes for his boastful ways as he drives the very first train from Jaffa to Jerusalem in 1892.

Cone, Molly. *The Jewish New Year*. WJ, C

The shofar blows on Rosh Hashanah to herald the beginning of the Jewish New Year. It is a holiday of hope, a time for righting wrongs and a time for starting anew. Molly Cone explains for children of all faiths the meaning of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Fishman, Cathy Goldberg. *On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*. WJ, F

A young girl notices new things going on like greeting cards and special blessings as her family prepares for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Goldin, Barbara Diamond. *The World's Birthday: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. WJ, G

Daniel is determined to have a birthday party for the world to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. *The Secret Shofar of Barcelona*. WJ, G

In the late 1500s, while the conductor of the Royal Orchestra of Barcelona prepares for a concert to celebrate Spain's colonies in the New World, his son secretly practices playing the Shofar to help Jews, who must hide their faith from the Inquisition, to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Includes historical facts and glossary.

Groner, Judyth & Madeline Wikler. *All About Yom Kippur*. WJ, G.

Brief text introduces the history and customs of Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Forgiveness, the holiest day of the Jewish year. Includes folktales.

Groner, Judyth & Madeline Wikler. *All About Rosh Hashanah*. WJ, G

Brief text introduces the history and customs of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Includes folktales.

Hammer, Jill. *The Garden of Time*. WJ, H

In this story based on ancient Jewish legend, Adam and Eve walk through the Garden of Eden, noticing what is happening around them and deciding what holidays they will celebrate based on what they see, smell, hear,

and taste. Gorgeous text and art illuminate Judaism, the calendar, and the environment for both children and adults.

Heller, Linda. ***Today is the Birthday of the World.*** WJ, H

On the birthday of the world, all of God's creatures pass before Him as He asks whether each has been the best giraffe, or bee, or child they could be, helping to make the world a better place.

Henkes, Kevin. ***Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.*** WJ, H

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

Hoffer, Rinat. ***Shani's Shoebox.*** WJ, H

For Shani's family, Rosh Hashanah begins a cycle of responsibility for the natural environment, as her shoebox is recycled into something else.

Holub, Joan. ***Apples and Honey: A Rosh Hashanah Lift-The-Flap Book.*** WJ, H

Rosh Hashanah is here and everyone is busy getting ready for the holiday!

Jules, Jacqueline. ***What a Way to Start a New Year! A Rosh Hashanah Story.*** WJ, J

Having moved just before Rosh Hashanah, Harry and Dina fear the new year will be nothing but unpacking and leftover pizza until their parents take them to synagogue where they meet the Levine family.

Jules, Jacqueline. ***The Hardest Word: A Yom Kippur Story.*** WJ, J

The Ziz, a huge bird that is clumsy but good-hearted, accidentally destroys a vegetable garden and when he asks God for advice he learns the importance of apologizing.

Kimmel, Eric. ***Big Sam: A Rosh Hashanah Tall Tale.*** WJ, K

Digging the Grand Canyon to use as a mixing bowl, a giant bakes an enormous challah for Rosh Hashanah and cleans up the environment afterwards.

Kimmel, Eric. ***Gershon's Monster: A Story for the Jewish New Year.*** WJ, K

When his sins threaten the lives of his beloved twin children, a Jewish man finally repents of his wicked ways. Retelling of a Hasidic legend featuring Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer.

Kimmel, Eric. ***Even Higher! A Rosh Hashanah Story by I.L. Peretz.*** WJ, K

A skeptical visitor to the village of Nemirov finds out where its rabbi really goes just before the Jewish New Year, when the villagers claim he goes to heaven to speak to God.

Kimmel, Eric. ***Gabriel's Horn.*** WJ, K

A mysterious soldier who appears at the door hands Gabriel a tarnished horn, and disappears. As the years go by, Gabriel's family prospers and they, in turn, help their neighbors. Could their good luck have something to do with the soldier or the horn?

Kimmel, Eric. ***Little Red Rosie: A Rosh Hashanah Story.*** WJ, K

In this playful version of The Little Red Hen, a young girl enlists her bird friends, to help make the challah and host a house full of guests for Rosh Hashanah.

Kosman, Miriam. ***Red, Blue and Yellow Yarn: A Story for Yom Kippur.*** WJ, K

A tender story of a little boy, Donny, who unintentionally gets into trouble with his bubby but finds through bubby's stories, that many generations of children like him make mistakes only to be helped and forgiven by their bubby.

- Manushkin, Fran. *Sophie and the Shofar: A New Year's Story*. WJ, M
After describing some of the traditions of Rosh Hashanah to her cousin from Russia, Sophie learns about trust and forgiveness.
- Marshall, Linda Elovitz. *Talia and the Rude Vegetables*. WJ, M
City-girl Talia misunderstands her grandmother's request that she go to the garden for "root vegetables" for a Rosh Hashanah stew but manages to find some she thinks are rude, as well as a good use for the rest she harvests. Includes a recipe for root vegetable stew.
- Newman, Leslea. *Here is the World: A Year of Jewish Holidays*. WJ, N
Beginning with the weekly observance of Shabbat, readers join a family in celebrating the holidays and the corresponding seasons. Includes holiday recipes and crafts.
- Rouss, Sylvia. *Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashanah*. WJ, R
A young spider wants to join in as he watches a Jewish family prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.
- Rouss, Sylvia. *Sammy Spider's First Yom Kippur*. WJ, R
When Josh breaks the rules and plays ball indoors, he finds himself apologizing not only to his parents, but to Sammy Spider as well. A Yom Kippur story about saying "I'm sorry."
- Rubinstein, Elana. *Once Upon and Apple Cake: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. WJ, R
Ten-year old Saralee, who loves to cook and help out at her family's restaurant, and has a heightened sense of smell, can still not identify what makes her Zadie's special cake the best.
- Sabbag, Galia. *Shira at the Temple: A Yom Kippur Story*. WJ, S
While sitting with her parents at the Yom Kippur service, Shira suddenly gets up and approaches the rabbi and asks if she can take part in the service. While not knowing a lot of Hebrew, she understands the importance of Yom Kippur and asks God to take all the Hebrew letters that she knows and make them into a prayer. Shira sings the Hebrew alphabet song and inspires the congregation. The story is sprinkled with many Hebrew words.
- Schnur, Susan & Anna Schnur-Fishman. *Tashlich at Turtle Rock*. WJ, S
Annie leads her family on a Rosh Hashanah hike to observe Tashlich, where each person will ask God's forgiveness for the things they regret doing the previous year.
- Siegel, Bruce. *The Magic of Kol Nidre: A Yom Kippur Story*. WJ, S
The magic of the Kol Nidre prayer, where we ask forgiveness for promises we may make to God which we may not be able to keep, central to the Yom Kippur service, is explored from the viewpoint of three generations.
- Silverman, Erica. *When the Chickens Went On Strike: A Rosh Hashanah Tale, Adapted from a story by Sholom Aleichem*. WJ, S
A Jewish boy living in Russia learns a lesson from the village chickens at the time of Rosh Hashanah.
- Soffer, Allison Sarnoff. *Apple Days: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. WJ, S
Katy looks forward to her family's Rosh Hashanah tradition of making apple sauce from scratch, but with a new baby, will the family be too busy this year?
- Wayland, April Halprin. *New Year at the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. WJ, W
On Rosh Hashanah, Izzy and his family make lists of the wrongs they have committed over the past year, and after they have apologized, they throw pieces of bread into the water to "clean their hearts" in a ceremony called Tashlich.