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A Wild, Wild Hanukkah. See page 2.

Kar-Ben now distributes **Intergalactic Afikoman** as well as some Jewish-themed books by **Creston Books**. Look for their books in this catalog!

ABOUT KAR-BEN PUBLISHING

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Three Jumps to Sorry A Yom Kippur Story

Amy Novit

Illustrated by Ana Zurita

Hannah was delightful—except when she wasn't. The day before Yom Kippur, Hannah kicks a soccer ball in the living room and breaks her mother's glass apple. Her wise mother, deciding to teach her a lesson in a fun way, writes the numbers 1, 2 and 3 on pieces of paper and puts them on the floor. She shows Hannah how to hop her way through the three steps of an apology: admitting you did something wrong, feeling bad about what you did, and then trying never to do it again. A lesson for Yom Kippur and every day.

Amy Novit is a children's book enthusiast with a special place in her heart for Jewish picture books. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School for many years and reading a story to her 2nd/3rd grade class each week. Amy lives in Massachusetts.

Ana Zurita lives in Spain. She was born by the sea in Valencia, where she completed her studies in Fine Arts. She is a big fan of the beach in winter, the color yellow, the smell of old books, and heavy blankets. She has illustrated many picture books.



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A Book about Bupkes

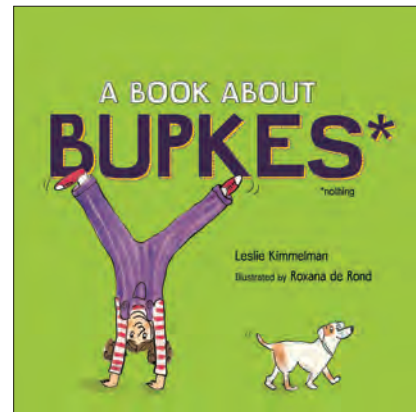
Leslie Kimmelman

Illustrated by Roxana de Rond

This is a book about *bupkes*: nothing, zero, zilch. Sometimes, though, what looks like nothing turns out to be the most important thing of all. An empty garden seems like nothing—*bupkes*! But it means that Zoe and her mom have taken a big basket of fresh veggies to their neighbor. An empty bench at the playground seems like nothing—*bupkes*! But Zoe has made a new friend and now no one needs to sit on the bench. The funny thing is that *bupkes* may mean nothing, but it can feel like everything.

Leslie Kimmelman is the author of many dozens of both fiction and nonfiction picture books for children. Her *Everybody Says Shalom* was a Sydney Taylor Honor Book, and two other titles were Sydney Taylor Notables. Leslie currently works at Sesame Workshop, where she rubs furry elbows with the Muppets. Leslie grew up in Philadelphia and now lives with her family near New York City. Visit her at lesliekimmelman.net.

Roxana de Rond has a passion for drawing. While completing her MA in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin University, she turned people-watching into stories told with just a few strokes of pen and ink and gouache. She lives in Cambridge, England.

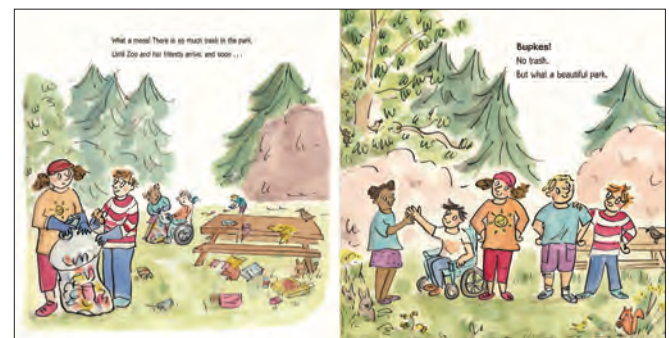


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A Wild, Wild Hanukkah

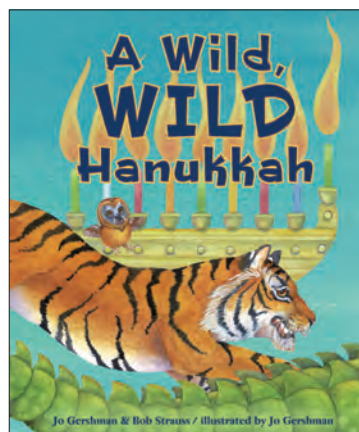
Jo Gershman and Bob Strauss

Illustrated by Jo Gershman

On the first night of Hanukkah, the door flies open and a perky polar bear walks into the house, shaking the snow from his fur. On the second night of Hanukkah, two crazy, crying crocodiles peel onions, followed the next night by three toothy tigers who've come to pluck potatoes from a sack. Every night more wild animals join the party, singing, making latkes, and spinning dreidels. As Hanukkah comes to an end, the stars twinkle, and the candles burn out. Then it's time for bed.

When she was a little girl, **Jo Gershman** dreamed of illustrating picture books and of having a pony. Years later, she feels incredibly fortunate that both dreams have come true. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, two cats, and a lovely Morgan mare. You can see more of her work at www.jogershman.com.

Bob Strauss has written numerous books and articles about science, nature, and popular culture. He lives in North Carolina with his wife and children.



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Dino-Hanukkah

Lisa Wheeler

Illustrated by Barry Gott

Hanukkah is coming, and the dinos are all busy getting ready! They make brisket and latkes, and the dino-kids play with a dreidel, act out the Hanukkah story, open gifts, and eagerly await their turn to light the menorah.

Lisa Wheeler is the award-winning author of the **Dino-Sports** and **Dino-Holidays** books. When she isn't running around the country visiting schools, standing at podiums, and eating airport snacks, she resides in Michigan.

Barry Gott lives in Ohio and has illustrated many children's books, including all of the **Dino-Sports** and **Dino-Holidays** books and *What DO Teachers Do (After YOU Leave School)?*



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The Mexican Dreidel

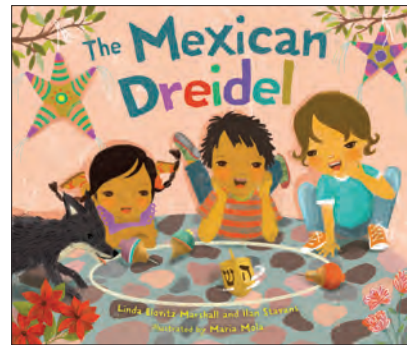
Linda Elovitz Marshall and Ilan Stavans
Illustrated by Maria Mola

Danielito loves Janucá, especially playing dreidel. This year, he is old enough to visit Bobe by himself. Piñatas hang from the trees, and the kids in his grandmother's neighborhood play with Mexican tops called trompos. Danielito does not have a trompo, but he has a dreidel. "What is that?" "¿Qué es eso?" the other kids ask, as they invite him to join their game. The trompos follow the dreidel as it spins through the neighborhood. And Danielito invited his new friends, nuevos amigos, to Bobe's house to celebrate Janucá.

Linda Elovitz Marshall has, in addition to writing and farming, taught early childhood and parenting education, and owned a bookstore. She lives in New York.

Ilan Stavans is an internationally renowned, award-winning writer, translator, and teacher born in Mexico. His work, adapted to the screen, TV, radio, and theater, has been published in more than twenty languages.

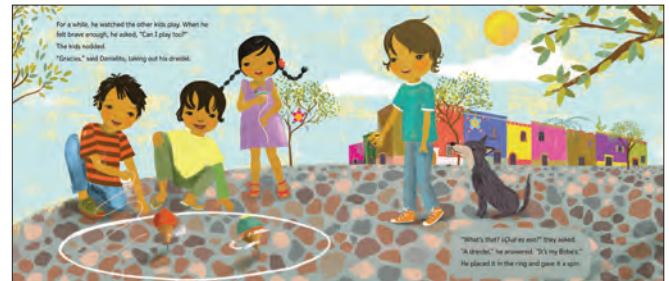
Maria Mola was born in Barcelona and works in both traditional and digital media, often combining both. She lives in Chicago.



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Mrs. Maccabee's Miracle

Elka Weber
Illustrated by Amélie Videlo

The Maccabee home was a happy one, but Mrs. Maccabee's five sons were often losing things. "Mom, have you seen my spear?" one would say. "Your things don't grow legs and walk away," Mrs. Maccabee would sigh, pointing to the missing items. "Where you leave them is where they stay." When her five sons go to war against the Greeks, Mrs. Maccabee's lessons stay with them. Recalling their mom's words, the brothers remember where they'd last seen the oil for the Temple menorah. A miracle indeed.

When **Elka Weber** is not busy serving as her family's finder-of-lost-items-in-chief, she writes for children and adults. Her books include *The Yankee at the Seder*, *One Little Chicken*, and *Shimri's Big Idea*.

Amélie Videlo was born in Paris. A graduate of the Penninghen School of Art Direction, she lives in the British countryside, close to the Welsh mountains, with her partner and her cat Chichi. Her preferred illustration media are paints, crayons, inks, and digital applications.



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The Promise

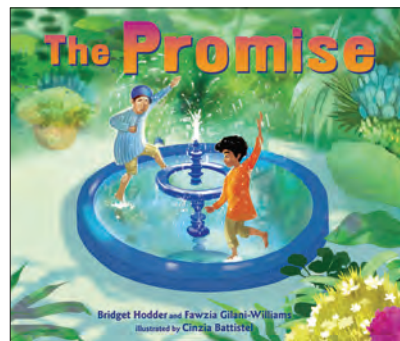
Bridget Hodder and Fawzia Gilani-Williams
Illustrated by Cinzia Battistel

A garden is a prayer. It is also a promise. In a Moroccan village, a Jewish boy and a Muslim boy are best friends. Jacob and Hassan play together every day in the cool shade of Jacob's family garden. When news of terrible things happening to Jews in Europe reaches their village, Jacob's family must leave Morocco. Hassan promises to care for their beloved garden. "While the garden lives, our friendship will never die," Jacob says. *Inspired by a true story.*

Bridget Hodder began her career as an Aztec archaeologist, translating ancient stories. Then she realized she had her own tales to tell. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, UCLA and Vanderbilt University.

Fawzia Gilani is the author of many children's books. She has a PhD in children's literature and character development. She spends her time between the UAE, Ohio, and England.

Cinzia Battistel has been illustrating children's books for more than 20 years. She is also an author of art books for children and has worked as a set designer of animated films. She also co-created a TV series for children.



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Zhen Yu and the Snake

Erica Lyons
Illustrated by Renia Metallinou

In long ago China, a girl named Zhen Yu wanders away from her father at a busy market. A mysterious fortune teller helps Zhen Yu's father find her, but also warns him that one day his daughter will be bitten by a snake on her wedding night. Years later, as Zhen Yu is dressing for her wedding, a knock comes on the door. Although it is her wedding day, she is not too busy to show kindness to a stranger. She opens the door, sticking her hairpin into the silk wall, unknowingly killing the lurking snake that the fortune teller had foretold. "It was the mitzvah of giving to the poor that kept you safe," says her father. *Based on the Talmudic tale of Rabbi Akiva's daughter and a snake.*

Erica Lyons is chair of the Hong Kong Jewish Historical Society and is the Hong Kong Delegate to World Jewish Congress. She's also the founder and manager of PJ Library Hong Kong. She lives in Hong Kong.

Renia Metallinou studied graphic design in the Athenian Design College. She works in pencil, ink, and digital media as well as gouache, watercolors, and collage. She lives in Greece.



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Doña Gracia Saved Worlds

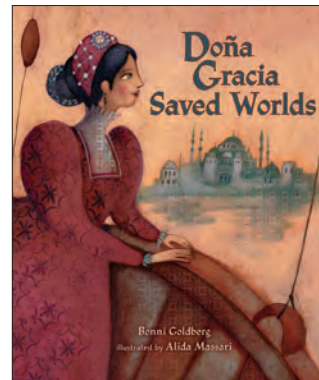
Bonni Goldberg

Illustrated by Alida Massari

In 16th-century Portugal, even Doña Gracia's Jewish name was a secret. But she and her merchant husband were rich and powerful, and wished to help others, giving treasures to the king to protect other secret Jews during the Inquisition. When her husband died, many said no woman would be able to run their powerful business, but Doña Gracia did. Escaping Portugal, she helped other Jews do the same, smuggling them out of the country on her spice ships in the night. Only in Turkey was she finally able to live freely as a Jew, and to use her wealth and power to build synagogues, hospitals, and schools. Doña Gracia saved worlds.

Bonni Goldberg, award-winning author and Jewish educator, lives in Portland, Oregon. She first learned about Doña Gracia in a mother-daughter bat mitzvah class. Bonni believes children would like to know about Gracia too.

Alida Massari is an Italian artist who lives in Rome and specializes in illustration for children. She finds inspiration for her work in folk traditions and ancient art.



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Ruth First Never Backed Down

Danielle Joseph

Illustrated by Gabhor Utomo

Ruth First was born in South Africa, where her Jewish family fled from danger in Europe at the turn of the century. South Africa was a safe place for Jews, but not for Black people. Inspired by her parents' example, a teenage Ruth started a secret book club with her friends to talk about inequality, but she knew she also had to speak out in public. In college, she protested with other students, including Nelson Mandela, and wrote stories for the newspaper about racial injustice. Although she was arrested and forced to leave her country, she continued to speak out and write about the horrors of apartheid all her life. Ruth First never backed down.

Danielle Joseph was born in Cape Town, South Africa. The author of several young adult novels and picture books, she lives in Maryland with her husband, three kids, and a dog named Ringo. When not writing, she can be found swimming, listening to music, and chasing after her dog.

Gabhor Utomo was born and raised in Indonesia. He received his degree from Academy of Art University in San Francisco. He lives with his wife and twin daughters in Portland, Oregon.



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Dream by Dream The Story of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise

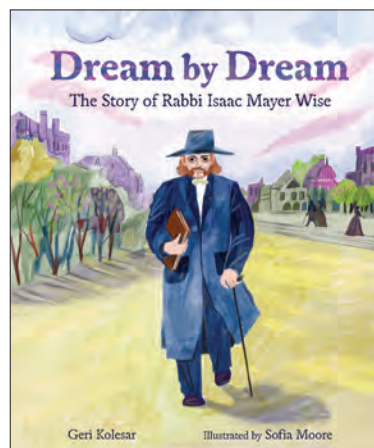
Geri Kolesar

Illustrated by Sofia Moore

As a child, Isaac Mayer Wise loved to study. Words were like magic keys that could unlock new worlds. He had big ideas and big dreams. Becoming a rabbi, he thought some long-held traditions needed changing, but some of his ideas were unpopular with European Jews. He decided to go to America, where he had heard Jews were more open to new ideas – and they were. He started a Jewish newspaper to share his new ideas and built a synagogue across the street from Cincinnati's City Hall, inspiring a new kind of Judaism. He founded a seminary where both women and men could study, inspiring a new kind of Judaism, dream by dream.

In addition to writing for children, **Geri Kolesar** has taught environmental education in Maine, worked for a United States Senator, and practiced law. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she dedicates her time to family, community, and writing for children.

Sofia Moore is a Ukrainian-American artist and illustrator based in Las Vegas, Nevada. She grew up reading folktales in her grandmother's house and drawing princesses on the back of textbooks. She loves painting traditionally, but also layers textures both on paper and digitally.



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Counting on Shabbat

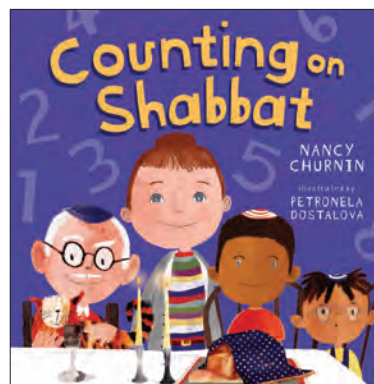
Nancy Churnin

Illustrated by Petronela Dostalova

Shabbat brings 1 table, 2 candles, and 3 braids in the challah, kittens waiting to be fed, friends knocking at the door, smiles all around, and more. Count from 1 to 10 as you get ready for Shabbat.

Nancy Churnin is the author of many children's books, including *Martin & Anne*, *Sydney Taylor Notable Irving Berlin*, *the Immigrant Boy Who Made America Sing*, and the *Sydney Taylor Honor Book Dear Mr. Dickens*. She is a full-time writer living in Texas.

Petronela Dostalova was born in the former Czechoslovakia. She grew up in the little village of Borša, surrounded by woods and vineyards. She lives in Suffolk, England, where she received her arts degree.



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Duct Tape Purim

Jill Colella Bloomfield

What do duct tape and Queen Esther have in common? Both are strong, flexible and can withstand very challenging circumstances! Create fun costumes and accessories with duct tape to celebrate the holiday of Purim. From royal bracelets for Vashti to Haman's hat and a horse for Mordechai, these clever and creative costumes will be winners at Purim carnivals and megillah readings.

Jill Colella Bloomfield is a former teacher, the author of many nutrition-themed books for children, and the founder of both *Ingredient* and *Butternut*, award-winning children's magazines that promote food literacy. She lives in Buffalo, New York.



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32 pages • 8 x 10



Mazal Bueno!

Sarah Aroeste

Illustrated by Taia Morley

It's the moment when a baby grins its first grin and laughs its first laugh, when baby first tries to stand and says their first word. It's the moment for parents to cheer, clap, and hug. *Mazal bueno!* Go, baby go! This book features Ladino words, the language of the Sephardic Jewish community. A Page Plus QR code in the book leads to a video of author/musician Sarah Aroeste singing the Ladino song "Avram Avinu."

Determined to help bring Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) culture to a new generation, **Sarah Aroeste**, a Ladino singer, author, and cultural activist, draws upon her Sephardic family roots to present original Ladino songs and prose. She is the author of the Ladino board book *Buen Shabat, Shabbat Shalom*. She lives in Massachusetts.

Taia Morley is an author/illustrator whose work has appeared in a variety of children's books, magazines, and toys. Taia carries a sketchbook wherever she goes because there is always something interesting to draw. You can visit her online at www.taiamorley.com.



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Ages K-4 • Grades PreK

12 pages • 6½ x 6½



Pirate Passover

Judy Press

Illustrated by Amanda Gulliver

A crew of pirates is getting their ship ready for Passover. They shine the rails, get rid of the chametz, and Captain Drew prepares the seder plate. Suddenly, waves start roaring and lightning flashes in the sky. As the ship starts to rock in the storm, matzah balls roll into the ocean and sink. Washed ashore, the captain leads the crew to a house where the door is propped open wide. The pirates, and their pet, Bernie the parrot, are invited in to enjoy the seder and hear the Passover story. When the sky finally clears and the moon shines bright, the pirates say goodbye and sail off into the night.

Judy Press studied Fine Arts at Syracuse University and earned a Masters in Art Education from the University of Pittsburgh. She lives in Pittsburgh.

Amanda Gulliver uses collage, traditional painting, and digital art in her illustrations. She lives in the United Kingdom, with her husband, two daughters, and their two cats. She is often found on the beach building sand castles.

"An enjoyable treat for the holiday. Don't pass this one over."

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My Family Haggadah

Shoshana Silberman

Illustrated by Hiroe Nakata

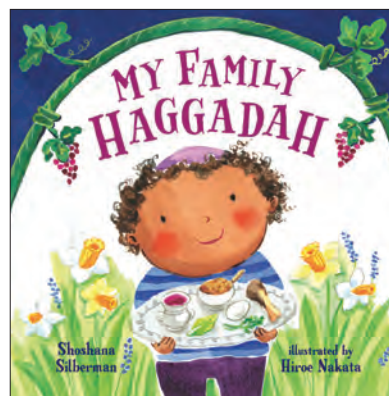
A colorful board book haggadah for the youngest seder-goer highlighting the main parts of the ceremonial meal. A QR code in the book links to *Songs for a Family Seder*.

Dr. Shoshana Silberman is a consultant at the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education in Philadelphia. She is the author of *The Family Haggadah I, II* and board book, and *The Whole Megillah (Almost!)*, and other Jewish content books for children and parents.

Hiroe Nakata grew up in Japan, encouraged in her drawing by her grandfather, a painter. She is a graduate of the Parsons School of Design and a resident of New York City.

"A sweet and very welcome introduction and accompaniment to a lovely and joyous springtime festival."

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Moses and the Runaway Lamb

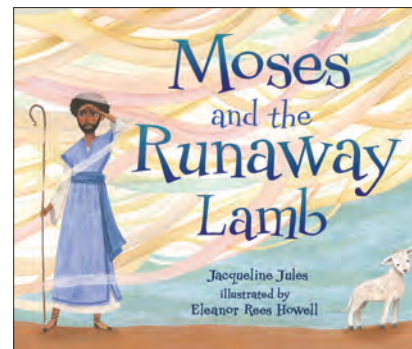
Jacqueline Jules

Illustrated by Eleanor Rees Howell

A young lamb wanders away from the flock. Moses, the shepherd, ponders what to do. Should he leave the rest of the flock to find the little lamb, or should he leave her to fend for herself in the wilderness? He climbs over hills and valleys through the hot sun to find her, and brings her back safely to her mother's side. On that day, God sees that Moses takes care of everyone, especially the young and the weak, and God knows that Moses is the right person to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.

Jacqueline Jules is an award-winning poet and author of many books for children. She lives in Long Island, New York.

Born and raised in Hertfordshire, England, **Eleanor Rees Howell** is an illustrator and writer based in Toronto. She has Masters degrees in Museum Studies and Archiving. Eleanor loves reading, walking, and eating chocolate—but has yet to master the art of doing all three at the same time.



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The Rabbi and His Donkey

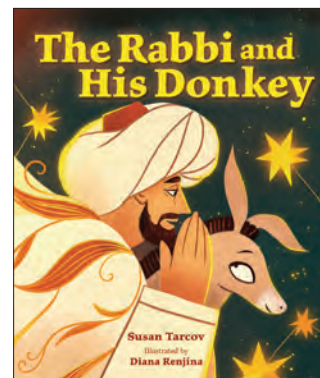
Susan Tarcov

Illustrated by Diana Renzina

Hamor is not a handsome donkey, but he holds his head high. Every day, he takes Rabbi Moses Maimonides to the sultan's palace, and he always listened to the rabbi's musings. One day, a fine horse appears in the stable and announces that, to save time, he will be taking the rabbi to the palace from now on. Hamor sadly agrees that the fast horse will give the rabbi more time to write and think. The rabbi, however, soon returns to his old donkey whose slow ride was his only time for uninterrupted thinking all day. Hamor is quietly pleased to be reunited with the wise man. Could it be he taught his rider a lesson?

Susan Tarcov grew up next to the Bronx Zoo, a great inspiration for writing children's books. She is married, has three children, and lives in Chicago. Her previous books include *Maya Prays for Rain*, *Raisins and Almonds: A Yiddish Lullaby*, *The Rabbi and His Donkey*, and *Professor Buber and His Cats*.

Diana Renzina was born in Riga, Latvia, a town with a mix of cobbled streets, pine forests, a cold sea, and Art Nouveau architecture, which has always been an inspiration for her. She is mostly self-taught, but has also studied design. She lives in Riga.



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The Babka Sisters

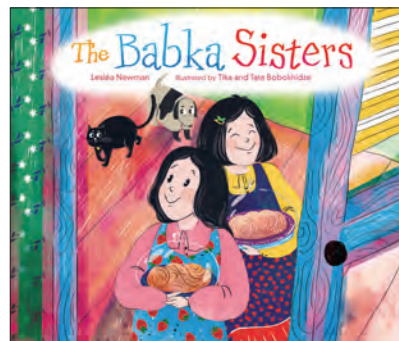
Lesléa Newman

Illustrated by Tika and Tata Bobokhidze

Esther and Hester are sisters who live next door to each other. When a new neighbor moves in across the street, the great babka bake-off begins. In side-by-side kitchens, Esther and Hester each stir and spread and bake a babka for their new neighbor to enjoy on Shabbat. With cat Lester and dog Chester in tow, Esther and Hester arrive at the doorstep of their new neighbor Sylvester, who will gladly be their babka tester. With each *shvester* (sister) declared a winner, a delicious Shabbat meal is enjoyed by all. As the new friends say goodbye, Sylvester asks: "Now, which of you makes the best kugel?"

Lesléa Newman has created 80 books for readers of all ages. Her awards include two National Jewish Book Awards, the Massachusetts Book Award, and the Sydney Taylor Body-of-Work Award. She lives in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Tika and Tata Bobokhidze are sisters—like the Babka Sisters! They live in the country of Georgia, and both have a passion for drawing. Their illustrations include many different techniques, using various colors and styles. Their work combines digital medium and hand-drawn textures.



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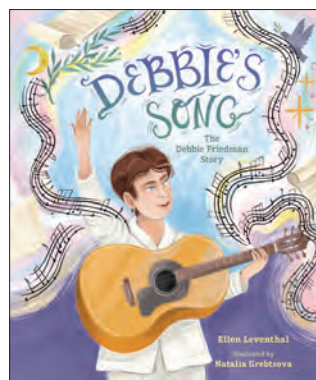
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As a girl, Debbie Friedman loved to sing. Music bubbled up inside her. She continued singing as a teenager and taught herself to play the guitar, even though she couldn't read music. Time on a kibbutz, where everyone worked and played, and sung and prayed together, inspired Debbie. Could music heal the world and bring people together? She would do what no one else had done before—create Jewish music that would welcome, include, and honor everyone. Some people laughed at her or said mean things, but her songs, weaving English and Hebrew together, touched the Jewish community and brought people together, just like she had dreamed.

Ellen Leventhal is an educator and writer in Houston, Texas. She taught in a Jewish school where Debbie Friedman's music could be heard as she walked down the hallways. Ellen is the author of several picture books as well as short stories and poetry. To learn more about Ellen, go to www.EllenLeventhal.com

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Rona Arato is a former teacher and an award-winning author of more than 20 children's books. Many of her books deal with human rights, tackling anti-Semitism and the effects it has on the Jewish community. She is a frequent presenter at schools and community organizations.

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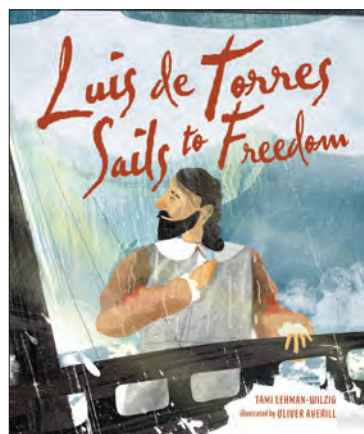
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Tami Lehman-Wilzig is an award-winning author of 14 picture books, including *Keeping The Promise* and *Soosie, The Horse That Saved Shabbat*. Born in America, she lives in Kfar Saba, Israel, with her husband, where she shares her love of stories with her grandchildren.

Oliver Averill is an illustrator based in the West Midlands of the United Kingdom, inspired by history and most things old-fashioned. A graduate of Falmouth University with a degree in illustration, he enjoys creating his imagery through textures and mark making, which help create an atmosphere in his work.



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Noa Nimrodi was born in Jerusalem and grew up moving back-and-forth between Israel and USA. Her novels have been published in both Hebrew and English. When not writing, Noa can be found reading a variety of genres, creating all sorts of art, and running on the beach, with or without her dogs, in Carlsbad, California.



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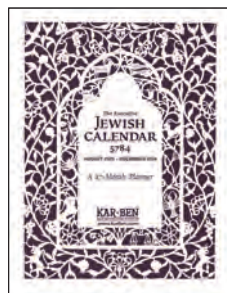
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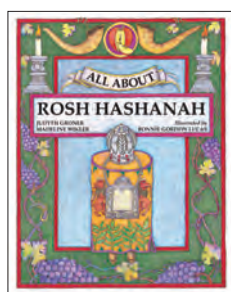
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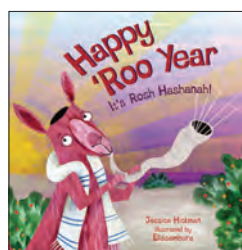
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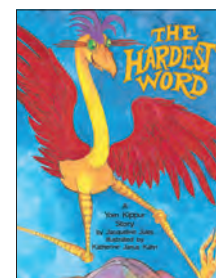
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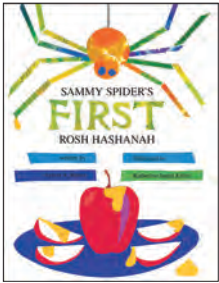
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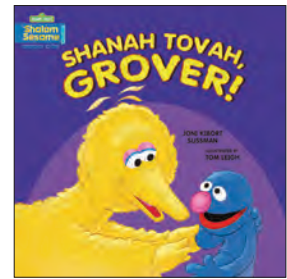
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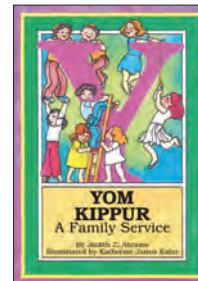
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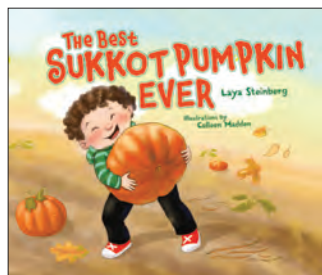
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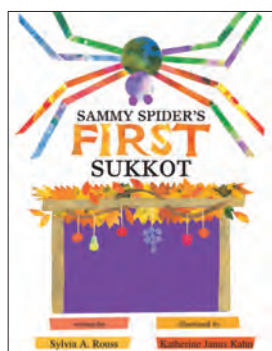
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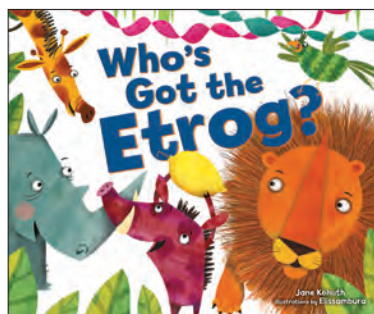
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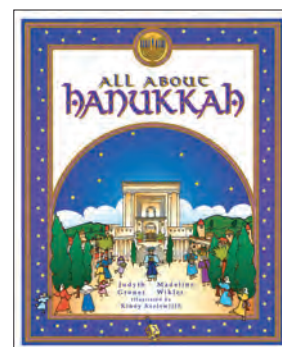
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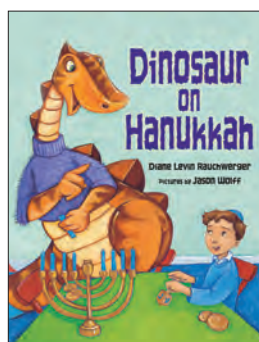


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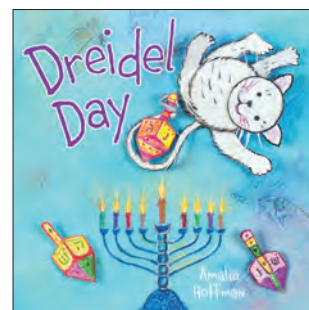
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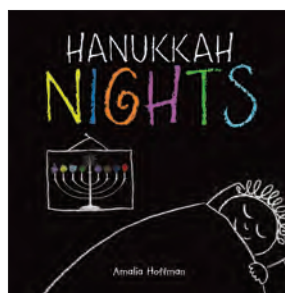
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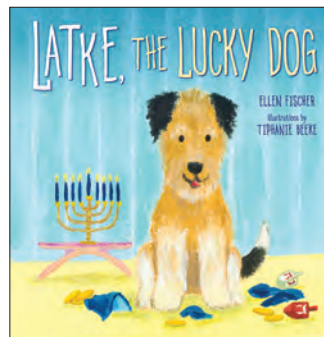
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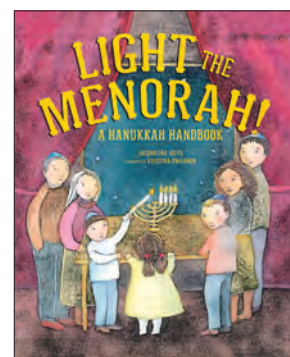
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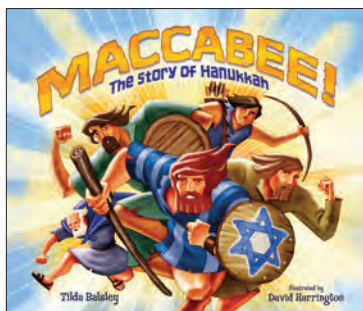
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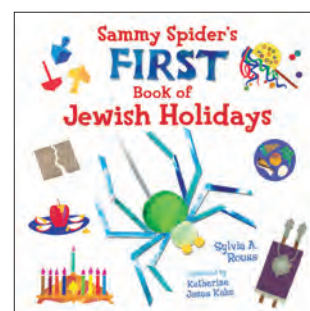
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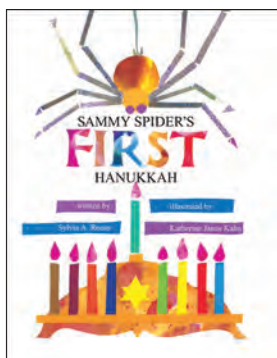
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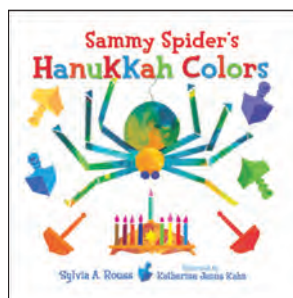
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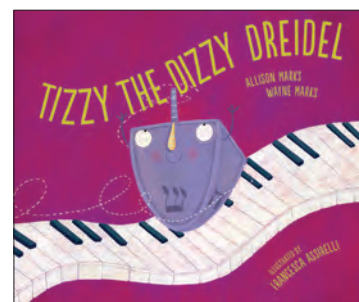
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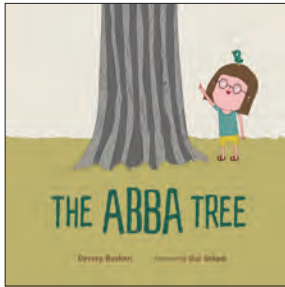
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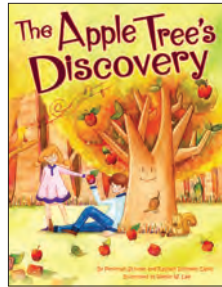
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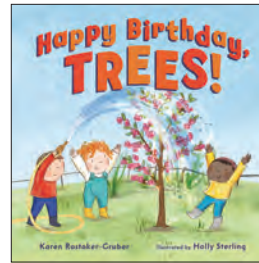
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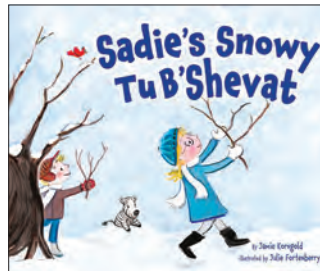
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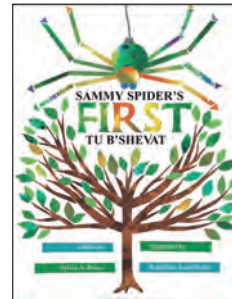
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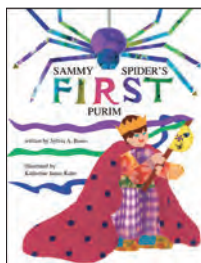
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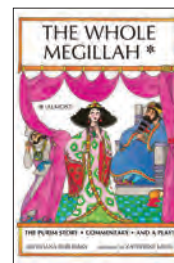
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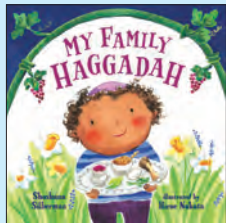
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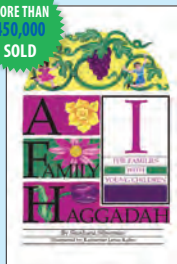
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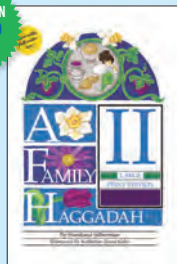


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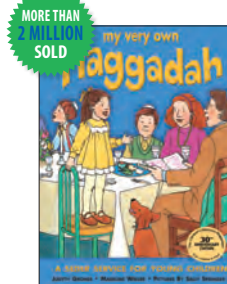


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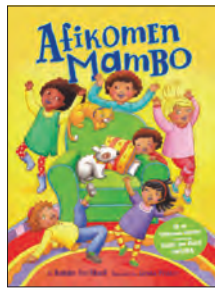
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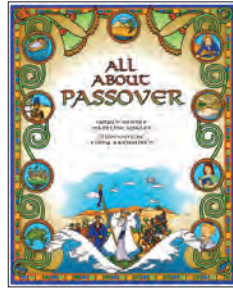
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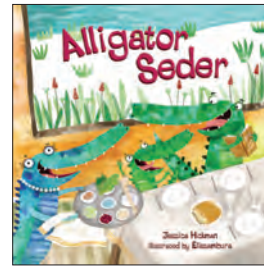
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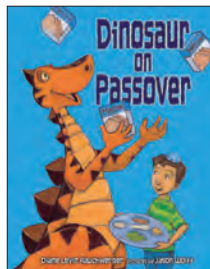
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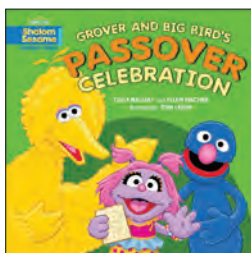
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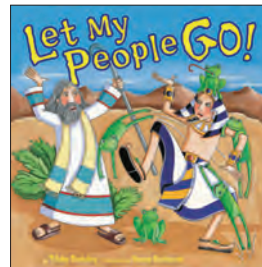
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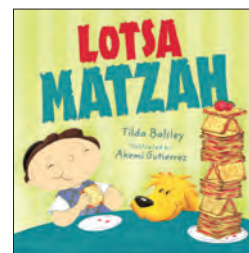
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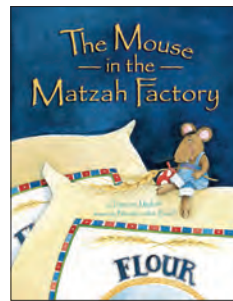
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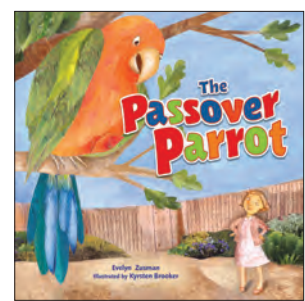
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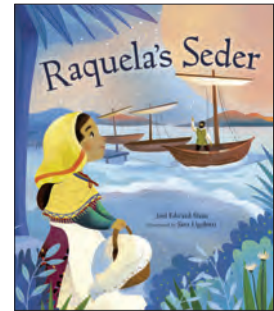
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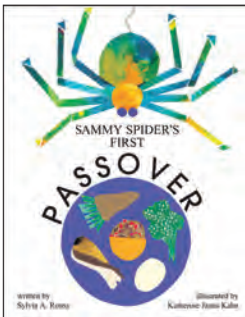
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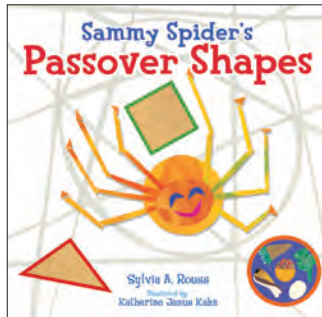
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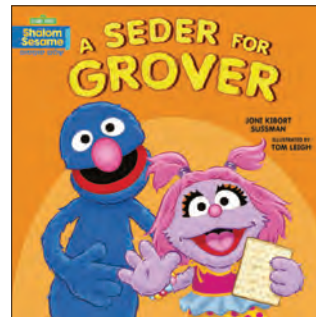
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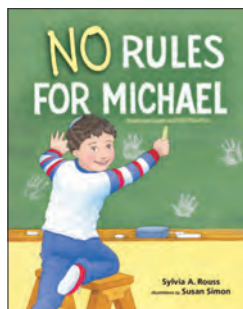
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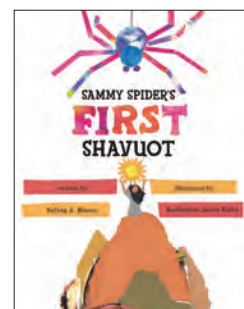
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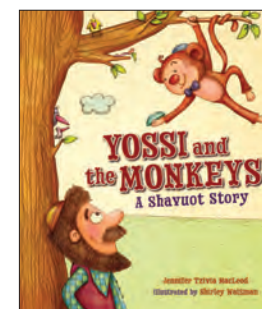
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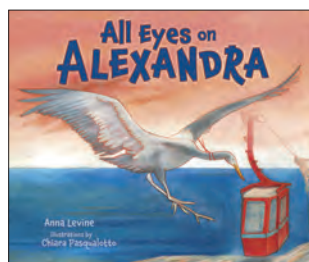


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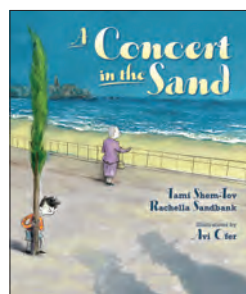


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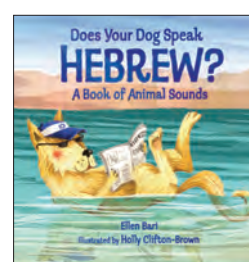
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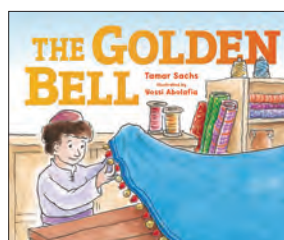
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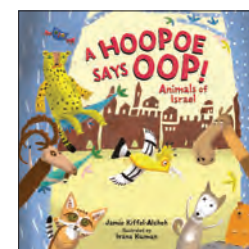
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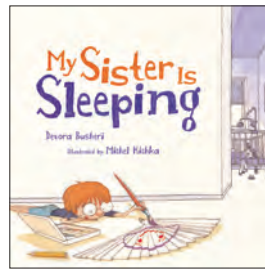


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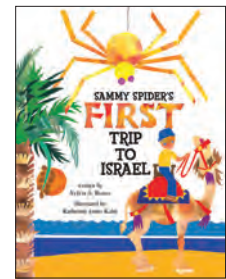
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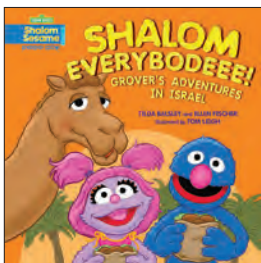
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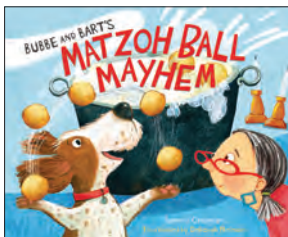
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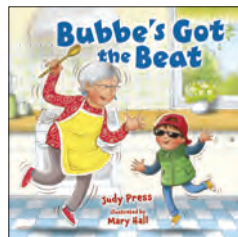
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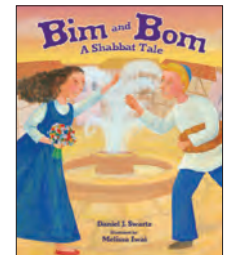
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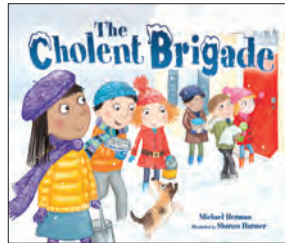
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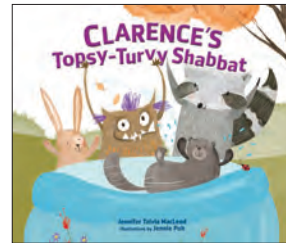
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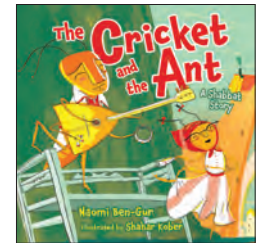
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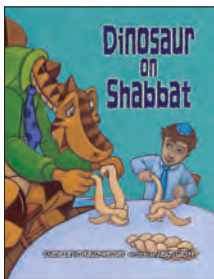
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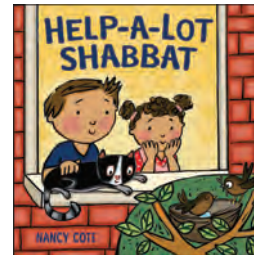
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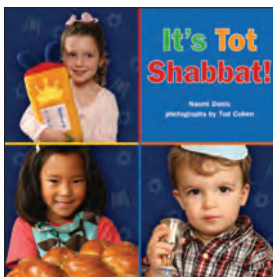
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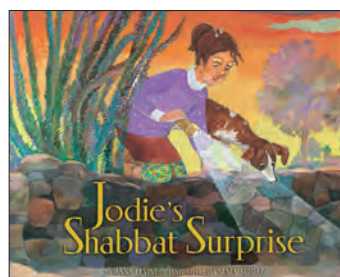
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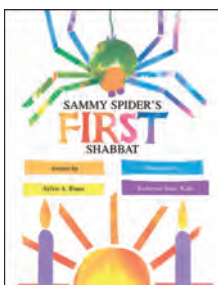
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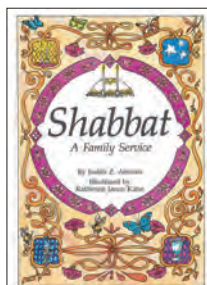
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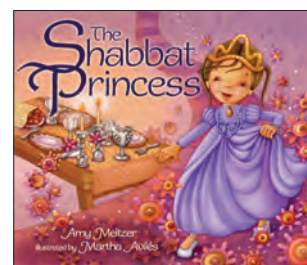
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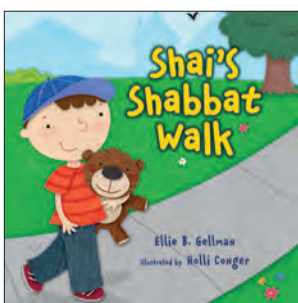
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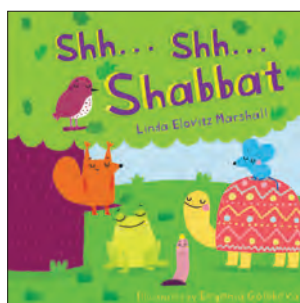
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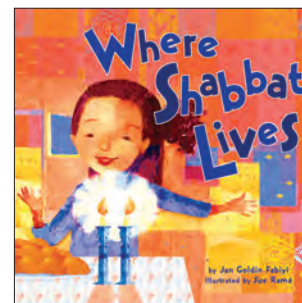
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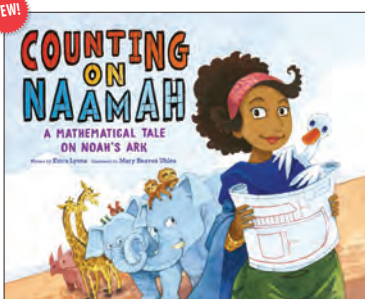
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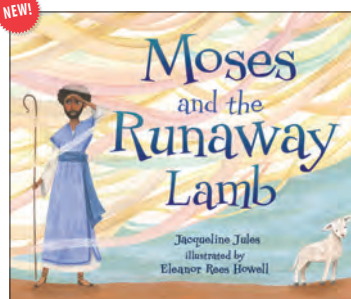
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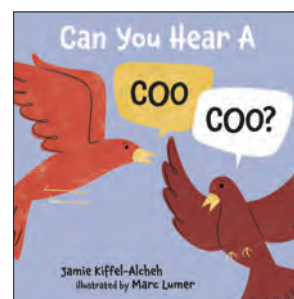
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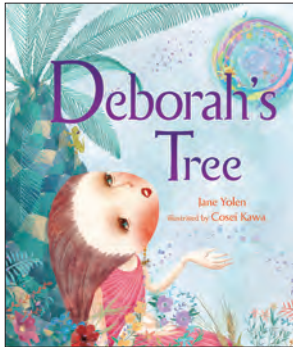
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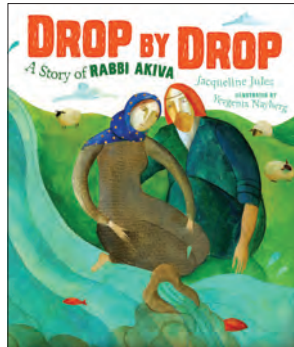
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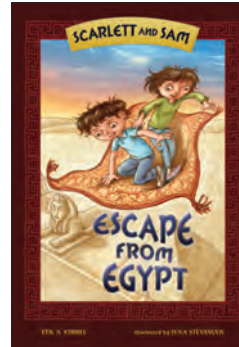
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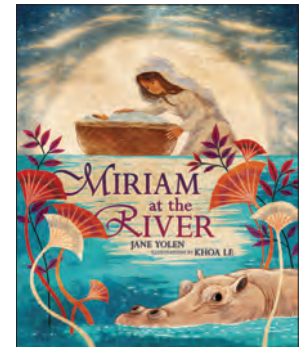
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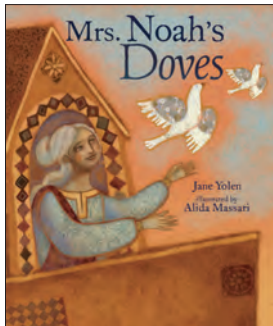
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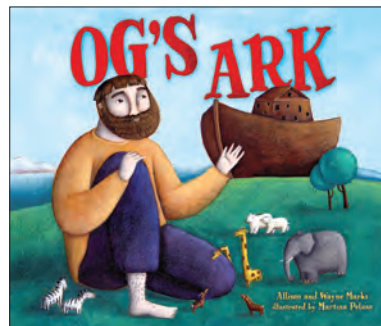
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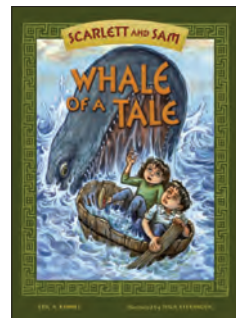
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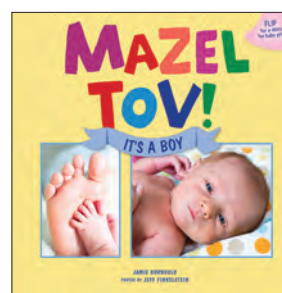
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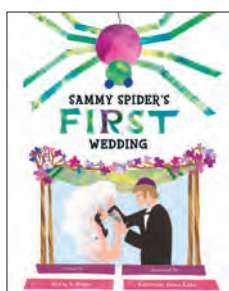
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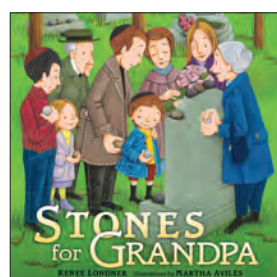
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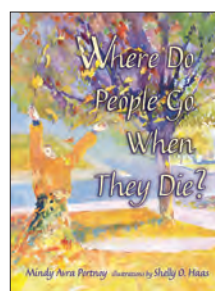
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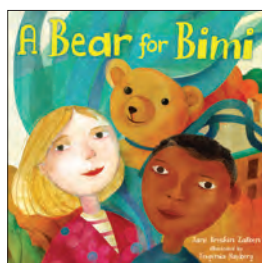
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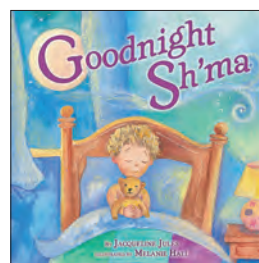
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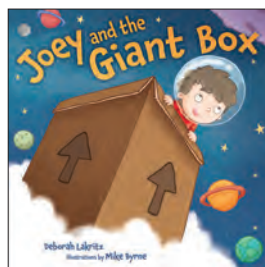
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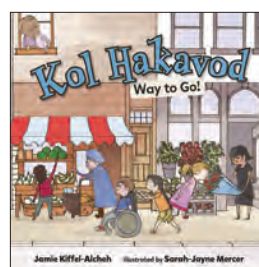
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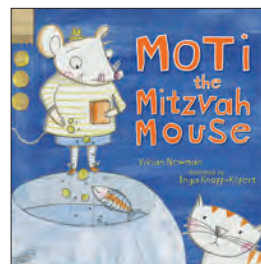
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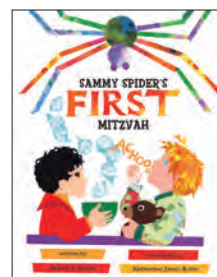
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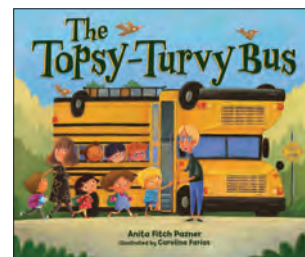
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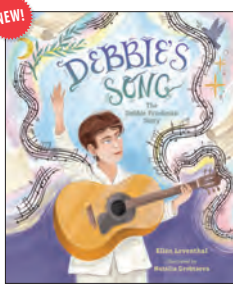
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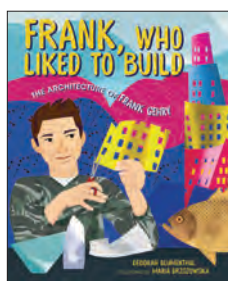
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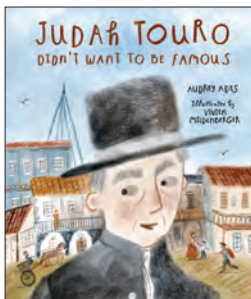
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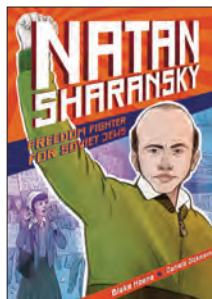
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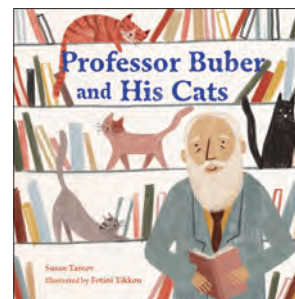
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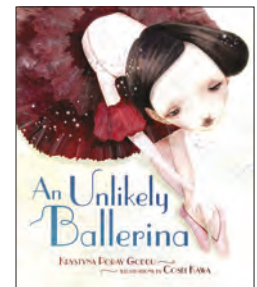
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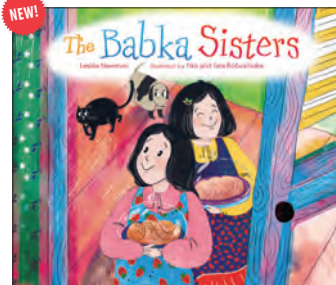
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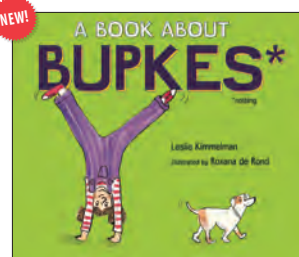
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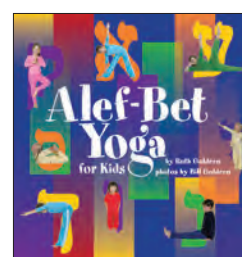
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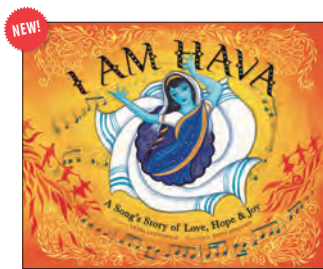


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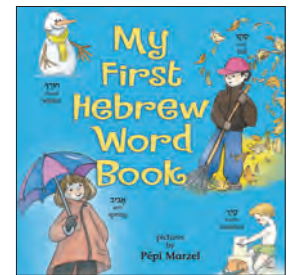
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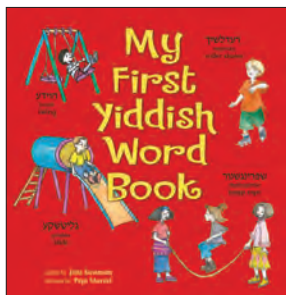
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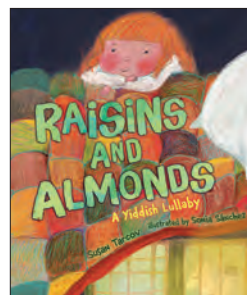
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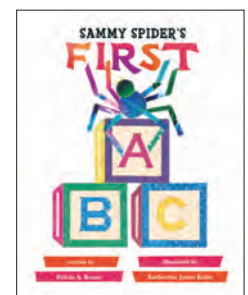
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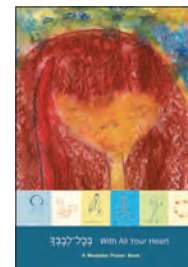
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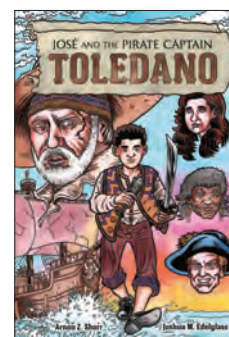
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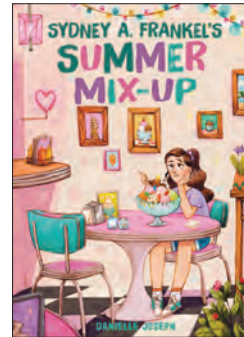
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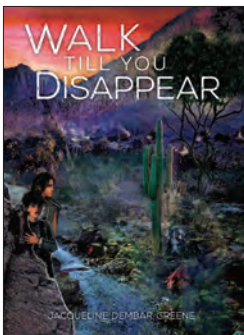
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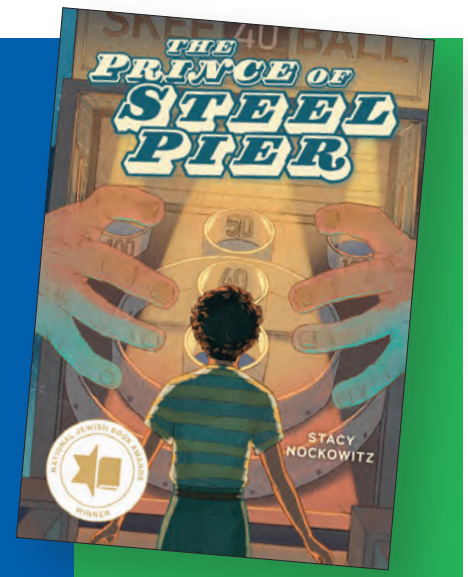
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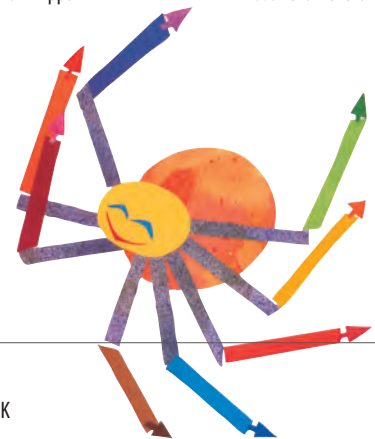
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