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**KAR-BEN TITLES**

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## Spring 2017 Kar-Ben

**YAFFA AND FATIMA: *Shalom, Salaam* by Fawzia Gilani-Williams, illustrations by Chiara Fedele**

**Ages 4-9**

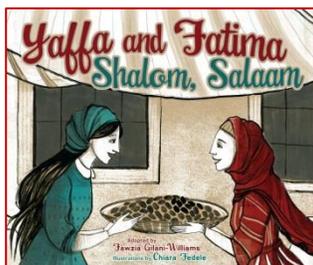
**24 pages**

**April 1, 2017 publication**

Two neighbors—one Jewish, one Muslim—have always been best friends. When they both fall on hard times, can they find a way to help each other? In Fawzia Gilani's retelling of this folktale—which has both Jewish and Arab origins—differences are not always causes for conflict and friendship can overcome any obstacle.

●Fawzia Gilani-Williams is the author of many children's books. She serves as an international educational consultant with a PhD in children's literature and character development. She spends her time between the UAE, Ohio, and England. ●Chiara Fedele attended the Brera Academy in Milan. Her illustrations have appeared in many picture books. She lives in Pavia, Italy.

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**PASSOVER SCAVENGER HUNT by Shanna Silva, illustrations by Miki Sakamoto**

**Ages 4-9**

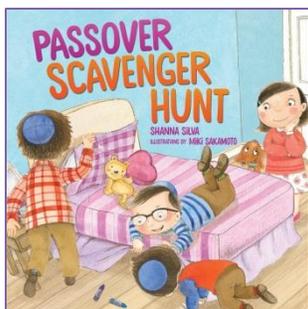
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**February 1, 2017 publication**

Rachel's uncle is terrible at hiding the afikomen. It's always too easy to find! So this year, Rachel decides to take over. She finds the perfect hiding spot and creates a series of clues for her cousins to follow. Can you guess where the hunt will lead them?

●Shanna Silver is an author, freelance writer, contributor and a Broadway producer with two Tony® nominations. This is her first children's book. She lives in Bellmore, New York. ●Miki Sakamoto studied fine arts and illustration at California State University. She lives in Orange County, California.

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**A DIFFERENT KIND OF PASSOVER** by Linda Leopold-Strauss, illustrations by Jeremy Tugeau

Ages 4-9

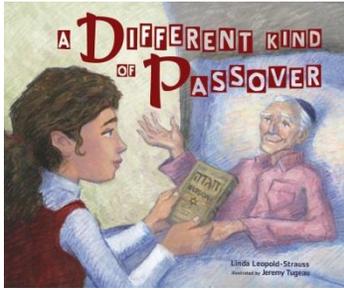
32 pages

February 1, 2017 publication

Jessica loves spending Passover with her grandparents. But this year, Grandpa is sick and can't lead the Seder like he always does. Jessica knows Passover won't be the same. But maybe she can find a new way to include Grandpa in the Seder—and make the holiday as joyful as ever.

- Linda Leopold-Strauss is a graduate of Vassar College and Columbia University. She has been writing for young people for more than 40 years. She lives in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Jeremy Tugeau graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in illustration. He has illustrated many children's books including *Always an Olivia*. He lives in Ohio.

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**UNDER THE SABBATH LAMP** by Michael Herman, illustrations by Alida Massari

Ages 3-8

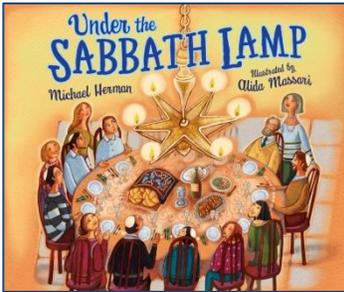
32 pages

March 1, 2017 publication

When Izzy and Olivia Bloom invite their neighbors over for Shabbat dinner, everyone is shocked to find out that the Blooms don't have Shabbat candles. Instead, they have something much more unusual: an antique Sabbath lamp that's been passed down from generation to generation. How did the Sabbath lamp get to America? That's a good story . . .

- Michael Herman has a passion for Jewish history and tradition and enjoys collecting antique Judaica. He lives in Chicago, Illinois.
- 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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**YOSSI AND THE MONKEYS: A Shavuot Story** by Jennifer Tzivia MacLeod, illustrations by Shirley Waisman

Ages 4-9

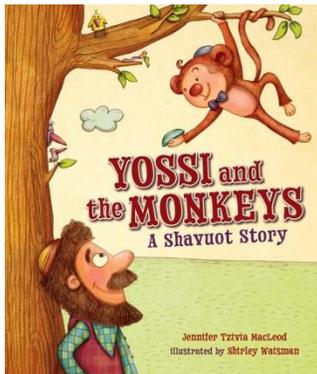
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March 1, 2017 publication

Yossi has no money to buy the food and flowers his family needs for Shavuot. He tries selling the kippahs his wife sewed, but he has no luck—that is, until a mischievous monkey shows up. The monkey's antics attract customers and win Yossi's heart . . . but has Yossi's new friend come to stay?

- Jennifer Tzivia is a freelance writer for magazines, newspapers, and online publications. She lives in northern Israel with her family.
- Shirley Waisman studied visual communication at Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem and is an illustrator for children's books and magazines. She lives in Israel.

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**THE ART LESSON: *A Shavuot Story* by Allison Marks and Wayne Marks; illustrations by Annie Wilkinson**

**Ages 3-8**

**32 pages**

**March 1, 2017 publication**

Shoshana loves spending time at Grandma Jacobs' art studio and for Shavuot, Grandma Jacobs has a very special art project in mind! Shoshana learns how to make papercuts by carefully folding squares of paper and cutting shapes out of them. But can she create works of art as beautiful as the ones Grandma makes?

- Husband and wife Wayne and Allison Marks share a love for words and revel in a story well-told. They enjoy spinning tales from the porch of their 100-year-old home in Akron, Ohio.
- Annie Wilkinson works in a variety of mediums and has a background in design and as a fine artist. She lives in Vancouver.

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**TISHA B'AV: *A Jerusalem Journey* by Allison Ofanansky, photographs by Eliyahu Alpern**

**Ages 4-9**

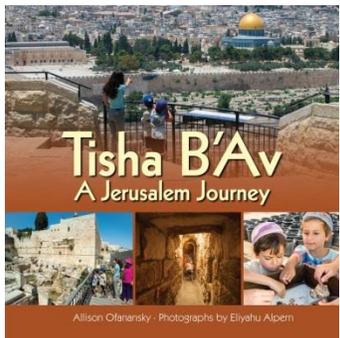
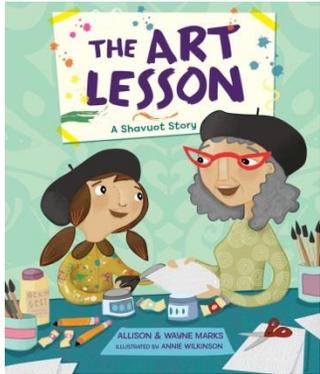
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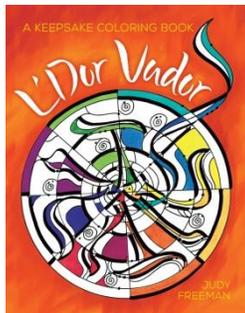
Israeli kids observe the holiday of Tisha B'Av, which commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, by visiting an archaeological dig at the Temple Mount. There, they participate in their own dig, which readers will experience through this beautifully photographed book.

- Allison Ofanansky lives in Israel. This is the sixth book in her series about Jewish holidays and nature in Israel (which includes *Harvest of Light* and *Sukkot Treasure Hunt*--both Sydney Taylor notable books). She also wrote *The Patchwork Torah* which won the 2014 Jewish Book Council Award for illustrated children's books.
- Born and raised outside Chicago and now living in Israel, Eliyahu Alpern has been interested in photography since childhood. This is his sixth book in the *Nature in Israel Holiday* series, written by Allison Ofanansky.

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## Fall 2016 Kar-Ben



### **L'DOR VADOR: *A Keepsake Coloring Book* by Judy Freeman**

**All Ages**

**72 pages**

A keepsake collection of beautiful black-and-white coloring pages for parents, children and grandparents to color together and share, featuring Hebrew letters and Judaica images by well-known ketubah artist Judy Freeman. Lay-flat binding for easy coloring.

●Judy Freeman's work has been featured at The Minneapolis Institute of Art, the Skirball Cultural Center, and at other museums, universities, and synagogues on four continents. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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### **HANUKKAH DELIGHT! By Lesléa Newman, illustrations by Amy Husband**

**Ages 1-4**

**12 pages**

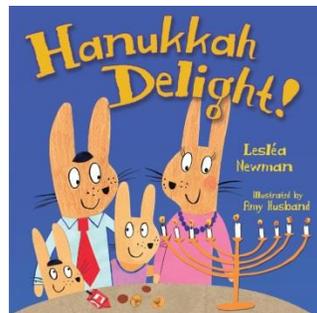
Whimsical bunnies celebrate Hanukkah in this charming rhyming board book describing all the Hanukkah rituals beloved by Jewish kids.

●Lesléa Newman is the author of more than sixty books for readers of all ages. Her awards include an American Library Association Honor and a Sydney Taylor Honor. She lives in Holyoke, Massachusetts. ●Amy Husband graduated from Liverpool School of Art with a B.A. in Graphic Art. Based in York, England, she loves illustrating children's books.

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### **A HANUKKAH WITH MAZEL by Joel Edward Stein, illustrations by Elisa Vavouri**

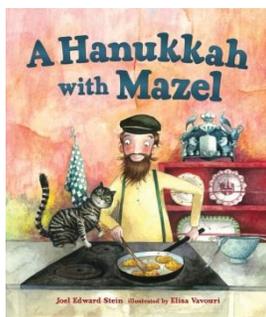
**Ages 3-8**

**32 pages**

Misha, a poor artist, has no one to celebrate Hanukkah with until he discovers a hungry cat in his barn. The lucky little cat, whom Misha names Mazel, inspires Misha to turn each night of Hanukkah into something special. He doesn't have money for Hanukkah candles, but he can use his artistic skills to bring light to his home - as Mazel brings good luck to his life.

●Joel Stein lives in Florida with his family. *A Hanukkah with Mazel* is his first children's book.  
●Elisa Vavouri was born in Athens, Greece. She studied art, graphic design, and painting at the Vakalo Art and Design College in Athens. She has illustrated more than 70 books and lives in Neuss, Germany.

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**POTATOES AT TURTLE ROCK by Anna Schnur-Fishman and Susan Schnur, illustrations by Alex Steele-Morgan**

**Ages 5-9**

**32 pages**

Annie leads her family on a nighttime journey around their farm to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah. At each stop along the way - the Old Log, Squeezy Cave, and Billy Goat's Bridge - Annie uses riddles (and potatoes) to mark old traditions and start new ones. They end up at Turtle Rock Creek, where they give thanks for the light and warmth (and potatoes) in their lives.

●Susan Schnur is a Reconstructionist rabbi who has written for many publications, including a weekly column for The New York Times. Susan lives in Boston, Massachusetts. Anna Schnur-Fishman is a senior at Brown University. ●Alex Steele-Morgan was born in Pembrokeshire, Wales, where she currently resides. She has illustrated many children's books including *Tashlich at Turtle Rock*.

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**SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST BAR MITZVAH by Sylvia A. Rouss, illustrations by Katherine Janus Kahn**

**Ages 4-9**

**32 pages**

Josh's cousin Ben is having his bar mitzvah, and Sammy accidentally ends up coming along! He gets an up-close view of the Torah readings, the blessings . . . and one tradition that gets this silly little spider into even more trouble than usual.

●Sylvia A. Rouss, creator of the popular *Sammy Spider* series, is an award-winning author and early childhood educator. She lives in Tarzana, California. ●Katherine Janus Kahn is an illustrator, calligrapher, and sculptor. She studied fine arts at the Bezalel School in Jerusalem and at the University of Iowa. She lives in Maryland.

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**CHICKEN SOUP, CHICKEN SOUP by Pamela Mayer, illustrations by Deborah Melmon**

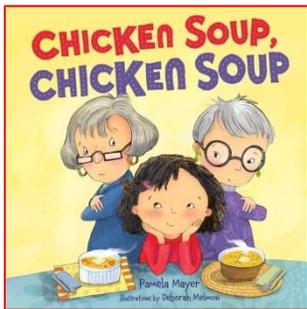
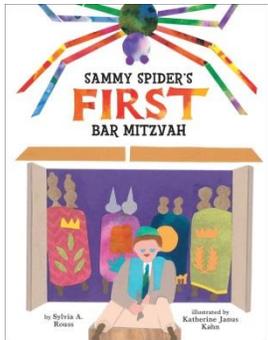
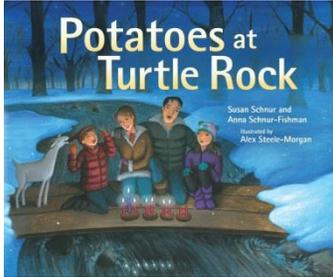
**Ages 4-9**

**32 pages**

Two grandmas. Two delicious recipes. And one granddaughter caught in the middle! Sophie loves Bubbe's Jewish chicken soup, made with kreplach. She also loves Nai Nai's Chinese chicken soup, with wonton. But don't tell Bubbe and Nai Nai that their soups are the same! Can Sophie bring her whole family together for a warm and tasty surprise?

●Pamela Mayer works as a children's librarian. She lives in San Francisco with her family. ●Deborah Melmon is a freelance illustrator in the San Francisco Bay area. She has illustrated greeting cards, cookbooks, children's books, and playful educational materials.

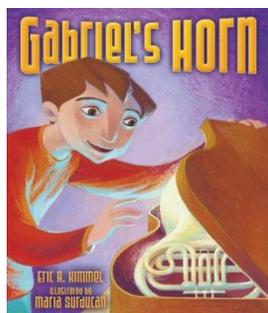
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**GABRIEL'S HORN by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrations by Maria Surducan**

**Ages 4-9**

**24 pages**



A mysterious soldier 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?

●Eric A. Kimmel has been writing for children for over 40 years. His more than 100 titles include such classics as *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* and *The Chanukkah Guest*. He lives in Portland, Oregon. ●Maria Surducan works as a freelance illustrator and comic book author from her studio in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. She has illustrated three graphic novels and several picture books.

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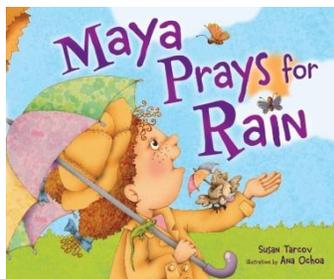
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**MAYA PRAYS FOR RAIN by Susan Tarcov, illustrations by Ana Ochoa**

**Ages 4-9**

**32 pages**



It's a sunny fall day in Maya's neighborhood, and all her neighbors are busy with outdoor activities, from releasing some young butterflies to organizing a birthday scavenger hunt. But Maya learns that today is Shemini Atzeret, when the Jewish community prays for rain. Rain will ruin her neighbors' day! Maya rushes to warn them. Luckily, as her rabbi explains to her, it turns out that she doesn't need to worry.

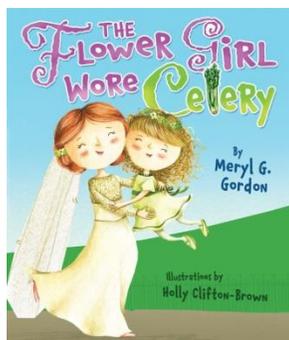
●Susan Tarcov grew up next to the Bronx Zoo, a great inspiration for writing children's books. She is married, has three children, and lives in Chicago. ●Ana Ochoa studied Graphic Design in Mexico and illustration in France. Her work has been exhibited in Tokyo, Bologna, Taiwan, New Delhi, Colombia, Bratislava, Rio de Janeiro, and Mexico City. She lives in Mexico City.

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**THE FLOWER GIRL WORE CELERY by Meryl G. Gordon, illustrations by Holly Clifton-Brown**

**Ages 4-9**

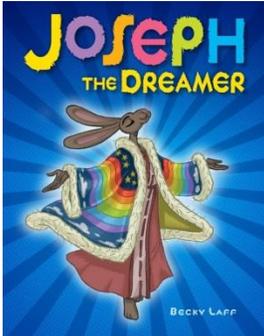
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Emma can't wait for her cousin Hannah's wedding. She's going to be the flower girl. That means she'll wear a celery dress and walk down the aisle with the ring bear, leading the way for the happy bride and groom. Or at least, that's what Emma assumes. But nothing turns out to be quite what she's expecting

●Meryl G. Gordon's lifelong passion is supporting, promoting and advocating for lifelong Jewish education. Meryl and her husband live in Stamford, Connecticut. ●Holly Clifton-Brown lives in London. She is the author and illustrator of *Annie Hoot and the Knitting Extravaganza* and has illustrated other picture books including *Big Bouffant* and *Big Birthday*.

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**JOSEPH THE DREAMER by Becky Laff**

**Ages 5-9**

**48 pages**

Joseph has always believed he is special. He's his father's favorite son - out of twelve! - and he has amazing dreams unlike anyone else's. But when his father gives him a beautiful multicolored coat - a coat fit for a king - Joseph's jealous brothers decide enough is enough. Joseph's life suddenly changes forever. Finding himself a prisoner in a foreign land, he must draw strength from within and use his gifts in ways he never imagined possible.

- Becky Laff lives in Minneapolis and is an author, illustrator, and story artist. Her poster art has been used by the Tony Award-winning Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis. This is her first children's book.

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