

#### CLASSIC / FAVORITE / AWARD WINNING PICTURE BOOKS



Adler, David A.; illustrated by Jill Weber. *The Story of Passover*. New York: Holiday House, 2014.

The miraculous story of how Moses was narrowly saved as an infant and then grew up to lead his people out of slavery unfolds in a straight-forward text and in vibrant and boldly colored acrylic paintings. (Preschool, Primary)



Balsley, Tilda; illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. *Let My People Go.* Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2008.

A light-hearted, rhyming tale that takes readers through the Ten Plagues and the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt. Color-coded text may be used as a script. (Preschool, Primary)



Benjamin-Farren, Joan. *Shuli and Me: From Slavery to Freedom: A Storybook Omer Calendar*. Sharon, MA: Black Jasmine, 2006.

A delightful and visually witty storybook that recounts the biblical Exodus from Egypt and walks families through the Omer period (the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot). (Primary, Elementary)



Cohen, Barbara; illustrated by Joan Halpern. *The Carp in the Bathtub*. Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben, 1972.

Classic story of two children who befriend the carp destined to become part of the Passover feast and how they hatch a plan to save him. (Primary, Elementary)



Cohen, Deborah Bodin; illustrated by Jago. *Nachshon Who Was Afraid to Swim: A Passover Story*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2009.

When the Israelites flee Egypt, Nachshon exhibits great courage by being the first to step into the Red Sea, even though he cannot swim. (Preschool, Primary)



Feder, Harriet K.; illustrated by Joan Halpern. **Not Yet, Elijah!** Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben, 1989.

The prophet Elijah, traditional guest at the Passover seder, impatiently waits outside the door until it is his turn to come inside and join the celebration. (Preschool, Primary)



Fishman, Cathy; illustrated by Melanie W. Hall. *On Passover*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1997.

As her family prepares for Passover, a little girl learns about the many traditions which are part of the celebration of this holiday. (Primary)





Goldin, Barbara Diamond; adapted from a story by I. L. Peretz; illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker. **The Magician's Visit**: **A Passover Tale**. New York: Viking, 1993.

Although they have little to spare, a poor couple full of faith gives what little money they do have to charity, and on Passover evening, they find that they have an unexpected but welcome guest. (Preschool, Primary)



Heiligman, Deborah. *Celebrate Passover*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2007.

Drawing on traditions from countries around the world, author Deborah Heiligman combines graceful prose with gorgeous pictures to create a fresh look at Passover. (Primary, Elementary)



Hildebrandt, Ziporah; illustrated by Robin Roraback. *This is Our Seder*. New York: Holiday House, 1999.

A simple description of the food and activities at a seder, including an explanation of their historical and symbolic significance. (Preschool)



Howland, Naomi. *The Matzah Man: A Passover Story*. New York: Clarion Books, 2002.

Just before the Passover seder, a man baked from scraps of matzo dough escapes from the oven and eludes a number of pursuers until he meets clever Mendel Fox. (Preschool, Primary)



Kimmelman, Leslie; illustrated by Paul Meisel. *The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah*. New York: Holiday House, 2010.

No one will help the Little Red Hen make the Passover matzah, but they all want to help her eat it. Includes information about Passover, a recipe for matzah, and a glossary of Yiddish words used in the story. (Primary, Elementary)



Lehman-Wilzig, Tam; illustrated by Elizabeth Wolfi. *Passover Around the World*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2007.

Get ready to take a trip around the world – to Turkey, Gibraltar, India, Israel, and beyond--to experience a variety of ways to commemorate the exodus from Egypt. (Primary)



Manushkin, Fran; illustrated by Ned Bittinger. *The Matzah That Papa Brought Home*. New York: Scholastic, 1995.

A cumulative rhyme in the style of "The House that Jack Built" describes the traditions connected to a family's celebration of the Passover Seder. (Preschool, Primary)





Marshall, Linda Elovitz; illustrated by Tatjana Mai-Wyss. *The Passover Lamb*. New York: Random House, 2013.

Miriam has especially looked forward to the Passover seder at her grandparents' home because it is her first year to ask the four questions, but the unexpected arrival of triplet lambs complicates her family's plans. (Primary, Elementary)



Musleah, Rahel; illustrated by Louise August. *Why on This Night? A Passover Haggadah for Family Celebration*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000.

Includes the basic elements of a traditional seder as well as many creative facets intended to involve children in this Jewish liturgy through song, dance, drama, explanation, and action. (Elementary)



Newman, Lesléa; illustrated by David Slonim. *A Sweet Passover*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2012.

Miriam learns the meaning of Passover when her grandfather makes a special matzah dish. Includes recipe for matzah brei (similar to French toast, but with unleavened bread), and a glossary of Hebrew and Yiddish words used in the text. (Preschool, Primary)



Olswanger, Anna; illustrated by Paula Goodman Koz. **Shlemiel Crooks**. Montgomery: Junebug Books, 2005.

Two crooks, following the inspiration of Pharaoh's ghost, fail to steal a precious shipment of kosher wine from Israel and lose their horse and wagon in the process. (Primary, Elementary)



Portnoy, Mindy Avra; illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. *Matzah Ball*. Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben, 1994.

Aaron must bring a bag lunch to the baseball game during Passover, but while his friends are off at the concession stand, something wonderful happens. (Primary, Elementary)



Portnoy, Mindy Avra; illustrated by Valeria Cis. *Tale of Two Seders*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2010.

After her parents' divorce, a young girl experiences a variety of Passover seders. Includes recipes and facts about Passover. (Primary, Elementary)



Schotter, Roni; illustrated by Marylin Hafner. *Passover Magic*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1995.

A young girl and her relatives celebrate Passover with the traditional seder, a dinner with special foods and special meaning. (Preschool, Primary)





Shulman, Lisa; illustrated by Rosanne Litzinger. *The Matzo Ball Boy*. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2005.

In this Jewish version of "The Gingerbread Boy," a matzo ball runs away from an old woman as she prepares her Passover dinner. (Preschool, Primary)



Snyder, Laurel; illustrated by Catia Chien. *The Longest Night: A Passover Story*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2013.

A child in Egypt tells what the Jews are experiencing in the days leading up to their flight from Egyptian slavery. (Preschool, Primary)



Sper, Emily. *The Passover Seder: Touch, Turn, Open, and Learn!* New York: Scholastic, 2003.

Along with a simple retelling of the Passover story, this novelty book takes readers through a hands-on seder experience. (Preschool)



Strauss, Linda Leopold; illustrated by Alexi Natchev. *The Elijah Door: A Passover Tale*. New York: Holiday House, 2012.

A little help from the rabbi on Passover ends a feud between the Lippas and the Galinskys. (Primary, Elementary)

# **RECENT PICTURE BOOKS**



Balsley, Tilda; illustrated by Helen Poole. *ABC Passover Hunt*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2016.

Rhyming text reminds the reader of a significant word related to Passover for each letter of the alphabet. (Preschool, Primary)



Koffsky, Ann D. *Kayla and Kugel's Almost-Perfect Passover*. Springfield, NJ: Apples & Honey Press, 2016.

Celebrate Passover and freedom with Kayla and her mischievous dog, Kugel. Kugel helps Kayla prepare for the seder, sing the Four Questions, taste the matzah, and find (and lose!) the afikoman. (Preschool, Primary)



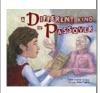
Ofanansky, Allison; photos by Eliyahu Alpern. *How It's Made: Matzah*. (How It's Made Series). Springfield, NJ: Apples & Honey Press, 2017.

Meet the people who make matzah – by hand or in factories – and see how they keep to the strict 18-minute limit, mirroring the Israelites' race against time over 2,000 years ago. Describes how the matzah-making process is more than just mixing flour with water, and illustrates the value of doing things together. (Elementary)



PASSOVER SCAVENGER HUNT Silva, Shanna; illustrated by Miki Sakamoto. *Passover Scavenger Hunt*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2017.

Rachel's uncle is terrible at hiding the afikomen. It's always too easy to find! So this year, she decides to take over. Rachel sends her cousins on a scavenger hunt to find the afikomen using clues that reference each item on the Passover seder plate and together lead the cousins to the afikomen's surprising hiding place. (Preschool, Primary)



Strauss, Linda Leopold; illustrated by Jeremy Tugeau. *A Different Kind of Passover*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2017.

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 way to include Grandpa in the seder—and make the holiday as joyful as ever. (Preschool, Primary)



Wayland, April Halprin; illustrated by Katie Kath. *More Than Enough*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2016.

A Jewish family prepares for their Passover seder, visiting the farmer's market for walnuts, lilacs, and honey (and adopting a kitten along the way!), then chopping apples for the charoset, and getting dressed up before walking to Nana's house. The refrain throughout is "Dayenu"—a mind-set of thankfulness, a reminder to be aware of the blessings in each moment. (Preschool, Primary)



Zusman, Evelyn; illustrated by Krysten Brooker. *The Passover Parrot*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2018.

It's Lily's turn to say the Four Questions at the Passover Seder, but nobody will help her practice. Things change with the arrival of Hametz the Parrot. Clever Hametz not only helps Lily but solves the puzzle of who stole the afikomen! Newly illustrated revised edition of Zusman's 1983 classic. (Preschool, Primary)

#### OTHER PICTURE BOOKS



Balsley, Tilda; illustrated by Tom Leigh. *Grover and Big Bird's Passover Celebration*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2013.

While making their way to Brosh's house for the Passover seder, Grover, Big Bird, and Avigail talk about the history and traditions of the holiday and find opportunities to do good deeds. (Preschool, Primary)



Balsley, Tilda; illustrated by Akemi Gutierrez. *Lotsa Matzah*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2012.

A rhyming introduction to Passover's traditional food, with children eating and enjoying "lotsa matzah" many different ways during the holiday. On board pages. (Preschool)





Barash, Chris; illustrated by Alessandra Psacharopulo. *Is It Passover Yet?* Chicago: Albert Whitman, 2015.

It's time to clean the house, set out our best dishes, and fill our homes with food and family to celebrate the joyous holiday of Passover! In this sweet story, join one family as they gather with loved ones to share the joy of togetherness and freedom that Passover brings. (Preschool, Primary)



Black, Joe; illustrated by Linda Prater. *Afikomen Mambo*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2011.

A family shares a Passover seder, ending with the children's search for the afikomen. This story-and-song combo includes a CD. (Preschool)



Chwast, Seymour. *Had Gadya: A Passover Song*. Brookfield, CT: Roaring Brook Press, 2005.

An illustrated, bilingual version of this cumulative folk song that is sung at the end of the Passover Seder. Includes a background note on the history and symbolism of the song. (Primary, Elementary)



Cohen, Deborah Bodin; illustrated by Shahar Kober. *Engineer Ari and the Passover Rush*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2015.

In 1893, Engineer Ari is in a rush to get his train to Jerusalem and back before Passover, and he still needs many things for his seder plate. Luckily he has many friends to help. (Preschool, Primary)



de Paola, Tomie. *My First Passover*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2008.

Describes with illustrations and simple text the special parts of a Seder meal which celebrates the Jewish feast of Passover. On board pages. (Preschool)



Edwards, Michelle; illustrated by Charles Santoso. *Max Makes a Cake*. New York: Random House, 2014.

Max finds the perfect way to make a unique Passover surprise birthday cake for his mother. (Preschool, Primary)



Gehl, Laura; illustrated by Amy Adele. *And Then Another Sheep Turned Up*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2015.

A family of sheep trying to celebrate a Passover seder are interrupted by the arrival of many additional relatives. (Preschool, Primary)



Geras, Adele; illustrated by Sheila Moxley. *Rebecca's Passover*. London: Frances Lincoln, 2003.

Rebecca's family is getting ready to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover, and she is helping Granny Sarah make the food needed for the Seder. As Rebecca and her brother work, Granny Sarah tells them the story of Passover. (Primary, Elementary)





Glaser, Linda; illustrated by Maryam Tabatabaei. **Stone Soup with Matzoh Balls: A Passover Tale in Chelm**. Chicago: Albert Whitman, 2014.

In this version of the familiar tale, an old man tricks the townspeople of Chelm into contributing the necessary ingredients for making a Seder feast for all to share. (Preschool, Primary)



Holub, Joan; illustrated by Renée Andriani. *Company's Coming: A Passover Lift-the-Flap Book*. New York: Puffin, 2002.

Young readers can lift the flaps and join the fun as the family in this lively story asks the Four Questions, samples the foods on the Seder plate, hunts for the Afikomen, and more. (Preschool, Primary)



Jules, Jacqueline; illustrated by Rick Brown. *Going on a Hametz Hunt*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2010.

A family hunts down any forbidden crumbs, called "hametz," and throws them away before the celebration of Passover can begin. On board pages. (Preschool)



Koffsky, Ann D; based on the song by Shirley Cohen Steinberg. *Frogs in the Bed: My Passover Seder Activity Book*. Springfield, N.J: Behrman House, 2014.

A combination story and activity book built around key moments in the seder to encourage young children to participate, no matter which haggadah you use. (Primary, Elementary)



Korngold, Jamie S.; illustrated by Jeff Finkelstein. *Seder in the Desert*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2014.

A group of families follows Rabbi Jamie into Moav, Utah to celebrate a most unusual Passover seder in the desert. As they hike through the sandstone and red rock desert, they learn important lessons about the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, such as the importance of helping one another. The story is accompanied by photos of the celebration as well as stunning desert scenery. (Preschool, Primary)



Kropf, Latifa Berry; photographs by Tod Cohen. *It's Seder Time!* Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2004.

Photographs and easy-to-read text portray children in a Jewish preschool as they prepare for and participate in a Passover seder, then act out the Passover story. (Preschool)



Lanton, Sandy; illustrated by Claire Keay. *The Littlest Levine*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2014.

Being the youngest in her family means that Hannah cannot do many things, which makes her unhappy, until finally, at Passover, there is a special duty only she can perform. (Preschool, Primary)





Latimer, Miriam. *Dayenu! A Favorite Passover Song*. New York: Scholastic, 2012.

A tribute to the Passover celebration combines the festive cheer of a traditional Passover song with a simple retelling of the exodus from Egypt to Israel. On board pages. (Preschool)



Lepon, Shoshana; illustrated by Aaron Friedman. *The Ten Plagues of Egypt*. New York: Judaica Press, 1988.

Recounts in verse how God sent ten terrible plagues to Egypt to persuade the Pharaoh to let the Israelites return to their homeland. (Preschool, Primary)



Levine, Anna; illustrated by Ksenia Topaz. *Jodie's Passover Adventure*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2012.

Amateur archaeologist Jodie invites her cousin Zach on an adventure exploring Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem when he comes for a visit over Passover. (Primary)



Mermelstein, Yael; illustrated by Carrie Hartman. *Izzy the Whiz and Passover McClean*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2012.

Amateur inventor Izzy creates a machine that miraculously cleans the entire house of hametz just in time for Passover. Includes author's note about Passover and hametz. (Preschool, Primary)



Miller, Deborah Uchill; illustrated by Karen Ostrove. *Only Nine Chairs: A Tale for Passover*. Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben, 1982.

Speculates in rhyme how to handle nineteen guests at a Seder dinner when there are only nine chairs. (Preschool, Primary)



Rauchwerger, Diane Levin; pictures by Jason Wolff. *Dinosaur on Passover*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2006.

An enthusiastic dinosaur comes to a young boy's house to join him in celebrating Passover. (Preschool, Primary)



Rouss, Sylvia A.; illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. **Sammy Spider's First Passover**. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 1995.

A young spider makes a special contribution to a family's Passover seder. (Preschool, Primary)



Schotter, Roni; illustrated by Erin Eitter Kono. *Passover*. Boston: Little, Brown, 2006.

Rhyming text describes a family's celebration of Passover. (Preschool, Primary)





Segal, Eliezer; illustrated by Bonnie Gordon-Lucas. *Uncle Eli's Special-for-Kids, Most Fun Ever, Under the Table Passover Haggadah*. San Francisco: No Starch Press, 1999.

Retells and reinterprets the story of Passover, in rhyme. (Primary, Elementary)



Silverman, Erica; illustrated by Deborah Nourse Lattimore. *Gittel's Hands*. Mahwah, NJ: BridgeWater, 1996.

In a tiny Polish village, Gittel is asked to perform impossible tasks when her father boasts of her skills. She must embroider a matzo cover without a needle and create an Elijah's cup from a single silver coin. Though Gittel feels discouraged, her kind heart and good deeds are soon rewarded by the prophet Elijah. (Primary, Elementary)

## FOR OLDER READERS



Bat-Ami, Miriam. *Dear Elijah*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1995.

As Passover approaches, eleven-year-old Rebecca writes letters to the prophet Elijah as she struggles to cope with her father's illness and her own emotions about Judaism and life. (Elementary)



Chaikin, Miriam; illustrated by Alexander Koshkin. *Angels Sweep the Desert Floor: Bible Legends About Moses in the Wilderness*. New York: Clarion, 2002.

A collection of eighteen stories based on the Bible which tell how angels respond to God's commands to ease the way for Moses and the Israelites as they cross the wilderness after being freed from slavery in Egypt. (Elementary)



Fireside, Bryna J.; illustrated by Shawn Costello. *Private Joel and the Sewell Mountain Seder*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2008.

A group of Jewish soldiers, and three freed slaves, have a Passover seder in 1862 on the battlefields of the Civil War. (Elementary)



Goldin, Barbara Diamond; illustrated by Neil Waldman. *The Passover Journey: A Seder Companion*. New York: Viking, 1994.

Retells the story of the Israelites' fight for liberation from slavery in Egypt and explains the traditions of the Passover Seder. (Elementary)



Kimmel, Eric A.; illustrated by Ivica Stevanovic. *Scarlett and Sam: Escape from Egypt*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2015.

Grandma Mina's Persian carpet sends twins Scarlett and Sam to Egypt in the time of Moses, where they come to understand that every Jew was part of the first Passover, and just what made it different from all other nights. (Elementary)





Kimmel, Eric A. *Wonders and Miracles: A Passover Companion*. New York: Scholastic, 2004.

Presents the steps performed in a traditional Passover Seder, plus stories, songs, poetry, and pictures that celebrate the historical significance of this holiday to Jews all over the world. (Elementary)



Weber, Elka; illustrated by Adam Gustavson. *The Yankee at the Seder*. Berkeley: Tricycle Press, 2009.

As a Confederate family prepares for Passover the day after the Civil War has ended, a Yankee arrives on their Virginia doorstep and is invited to share their meal, to the dismay of ten-year-old Jacob. Includes historical notes about Corporal Myer Levy, on whom the story is based, and his prominent Philadelphia family. (Elementary)

## **RECENT FAMILY HAGGADOT**



Isaacs, Ron and Karen Rostoker-Gruber; illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic. *The Family (and Frog!) Haggadah*. Springfield, NJ: Behrman House, 2017.

Traditional Haggadah text with vibrant artwork, songs, fun facts, add a hopping frog.



Olitzky, Kerry M.; illustrated by Rinat Gilboa. **Welcome to the Seder**: **A Passover Haggadah for Everyone**. Springfield, NJ: Behrman House, 2018.

Celebrate Passover with traditional seder texts as well as poems, readings, and stories that acknowledge, value, and include the diverse backgrounds of seder participants today.



Rosenberg, Moshe; illustrated by Aviva Shur. **The (unofficial) Hogwarts Haggadah**. BSD. 2017.

What could a School of Witchcraft and Wizardry possibly have in common with the most published book in Jewish history and the most celebrated holiday of the Jewish calendar? As it turns out, quite a lot. From the concepts of slavery and freedom, to the focus on education, to the number four, Harry Potter and Passover share almost everything.