



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)



Cone, Molly. Who Knows Ten? Children's Tales of the Ten Commandments. New York: UAHC, 1998.

These stories illustrate the deep and hidden meanings of the Ten Commandments. Each chapter begins with a commandment. Young readers will discover fresh meaning in the Ten Commandments, learning about life, how to live it well, and what is good. (Primary, Elementary)



Feinstein, Edward. "Akiva and Rachel." Capturing the Moon: Classic and Modern Jewish Tales. Springfield, NJ: Behrman House, 2008.

Retells the story of how Rabbi Akiva, at the urging of his wife Rachel, learned to read as an adult and went on to become a great Torah scholar and teacher associated. (Elementary, Middle School)



Gershator, Phillis; illustrated by Alexa Ginsburg. "Everything for the Best." Wise and Not So Wise: Ten Tales from The Rabbis. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society. 2004.

Part of a collection of tales derived from Talmudic and midrashic folklore, this tale recounts Rabbi Akiva's ability to always look on the bright side. (Elementary)



Goldin, Barbara Diamond; illustrated by Anik McGrory. A Mountain of Blintzes. San Diego: Harcourt, 2001.

A family, living in the Catskill Mountains in the 1920s, works together to gather the necessary ingredients to make blintzes for Shavuot. (Preschool, Primary)



Goldin, Barbara Diamond; illustrated by Elaine Greenstein. "The River of Torah" and "The Women's Reward." While the Candles Burn: Eight Stories for Hanukkah. New York: Puffin Books, 1996.

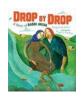
Two stories with connections to Lag B'Omer and Shavuot appear in this Hanukkah anthology. "The River of Torah" relates a story about Rabbi Akiva and "The Women's Reward" retells a midrash about how the women of the Exodus were rewarded for their determination not to forget God as they waited for Moses to return from the top of Mount Sinai. (Elementary, Middle School)



Goldman, Judy; illustrated by Susan Batori. Kopecks for Blintzes. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2016.



Shavuot is approaching, but Gitele and Yankl have no money to buy ingredients for blintzes. So they come up with a plan. Every day, they'll each put a coin into the empty trunk. By Shavuot, they should have enough coins to buy the ingredients. But will they be able to stick to their plan and provide their family with delicious blintzes for the holiday? A retelling of the classic Chelm story. (Preschool, Primary)



Jules, Jacqueline; illustrated by Yevgenia Nayberg. *Drop by Drop: A Story of Rabbi Akiva*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2017.

Akiva is just a poor shepherd living an ordinary life, until he falls in love with Rachel. Rachel thinks her husband could become a great man of learning even though Akiva can't even read! (Primary)



Korinchak, Sandra, ed. *The Eleventh Commandment: Wisdom from Our Children*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 1996.

Children of many religious denominations across America make suggestions for an eleventh commandment. Their own drawings and words reveal kids' ideas about how people should respond to God. (Preschool, Primary)



Korngold, Jamie S.; illustrated by Julie Fortenberry. *Sadie and the Big Mountain*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2012.

When her synagogue's nursery school plans a hike to celebrate Shavuot, the holiday commemorating the day the Jewish people received the Ten Commandments, Sadie is not sure she will be able to climb a huge mountain. Includes facts about the holiday. (Preschool, Primary)



Korngold, Jamie S.; illustrated by Julie Fortenberry. *Sadie's Lag Ba'Omer Mystery*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2014.

When Sadie and Ori ask their grandfather about Lag Ba'Omer, he sends them off on a mission to learn about the holiday. After checking calendars and books and asking many different "holiday experts," they discover the surprising history and tradition behind this less well-known Jewish celebration. (Preschool, Primary)



MacLeod, Jennifer Tzivia; illustrated by Shirley Waisman. *Yossi and the Monkeys: A Shavuot Story*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2017.

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





Manushkin, Fran; illustrated by Holly Berry. *How Mama Brought the Spring*. New York: Dutton, 2008.

While sharing a special story with her daughter about Grandma Beatrice on a cold winter's morn, Rosy discovers an important part of her family history while learning how to cook a traditional family dish of tasty blintzes in the process. (Primary, Elementary)



Marzollo, Jean. *Ruth and Naomi: A Bible Story*. New York: Little, Brown and Co., 2005.

In a fresh rendition of the biblical story of the widowed Ruth and her elderly mother-inlaw Naomi, Marzollo shows how happiness can come about in unexpected ways. Small rabbit characters at the bottom of each page offer lively commentary. (Preschool, Primary)



Marks, Allison and Wayne Marks; illustrated by Annie Wilkinson. *The Art Lesson: A Shavuot Story*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2016.

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? (Preschool, Primary)



Nerlove, Miriam. *The Ten Commandments for Jewish Children*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman. 1999.

Describes how Moses received the Ten Commandments, what they contain, and how they should be obeyed. (Primary, Elementary)



Ofanansky, Allison; illustrated by Eliyahu Alpern. *Cheesecake for Shavuot*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2013.

Students in Israel plant wheat in the fall, watch it grow during the winter, and harvest it in the spring, threshing, winnowing, and grinding it until they have flour which, with cheese from petting zoo goats and strawberries they have grown, will make their Shavuot dessert. Includes a cheesecake recipe. (Primary, Elementary)

Rosenstock, Barbara; illustrated by Melanie Hall. *The Littlest Mountain*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2013.



When God realizes that the people of the world need rules to live by, God decides to speak to them from a mountaintop—but which one? Beautiful Mount Carmel, tall Mount Hermon, and majestic Mount Tabor all vie for the honor of being chosen. But little Mount Sinai is quiet. Which mountain will God select? In sweet child-friendly text, readers are reminded that sometimes it's the quiet and modest ones who win the day over the loud, proud and blustery. (Preschool, Primary)





Rouss, Sylvia A.; illustrated by Susan Simon. *No Rules for Michael*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2003.

While studying the Ten Commandments Michael says he would rather there were no rules, but when his teacher gives him a day without rules, Michael learns an important lesson. (Preschool, Primary)



Rouss, Sylvia A.; illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. *A holiday for Ari Ant*. Springfield, NJ: Apples & Honey Press, 2016.

After hearing about Lag B'Omer, Ari the playground ant is excited to join a group of nursery school children in their celebration but the children's playtime activities leading up to the big day have Ari questioning whether it is a good holiday for an ant. (Preschool, Primary)



Rouss, Sylvia A.; illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. *Sammy Spider's First Shavuot*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2008.

Sammy Spider lowers himself down on a strand of webbing to get a closer look at the Shapiro family's preparations for Shavuot, a holiday celebrating the time when God gave the Torah to Moses. Includes a recipe for making blintzes. (Preschool, Primary)



Schur, Maxine; illustrated by Gwen Connelly. *The Story of Ruth*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2005.

Using simple text and illustrations, presents the biblical story of the woman who followed her beloved mother-in-law, Naomi, back to Bet Lehem to become a part of the Jewish people following her husband's death. (Primary, Elementary)



Topek, Susan Remick; illustrated by Tod Cohen. *Ten Good Rules: A Ten Commandments Counting Book*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2007.

Children learn to count from one to ten while learning about the Ten Commandments. (Preschool, Primary)



Weilerstein, Sadie Rose; illustrated by Marilyn Hirsh. "K'tonton Goes Out into the Wide World," "K'tonton Has a Problem," and "A Shavuot Party on the Island." *The Best of K'tonton*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1980.

These three stories featuring K'tonton—the Jewish Tom Thumb—describe his adventures during Lag B'Omer and Shavuot. (Primary, Elementary)