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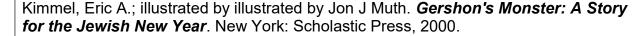
Cohen, Barbara; illustrated by Michael J. Deraney. *Yussel's Prayer: A Yom Kippur Story*. New York: Mulberry Books, 1993.

A cowherd's simple but sincere Yom Kippur prayer is instrumental in ending the day's fast. (Elementary)



Gerstein, Mordicai. *The White Ram: A Story of Abraham and Isaac*. New York: Holiday House, 2006.

A white ram, made on the sixth day of creation, waits patiently in the garden of Eden until the time is right, then runs to save a certain child in fulfillment of God's plan. (Elementary)





Gershon was not always the best person he could be. True, the mistakes he made were common, ordinary things, but unlike most people, he never regretted them or asked anyone's forgiveness. He merely swept them up and tossed them in the cellar. Then, every year on Rosh Hashanah, he would put them into a sack and cast them out to sea. Little did he know that his thoughtless behavior would come back to haunt him. Was there still a chance for him to change? (Primary, Elementary)



Marzollo, Jean. *Jonah and the Whale (and the Worm): A Bible Story*. New York: Little, Brown, 2004.

Presents an illustrated retelling of the Bible story of Jonah, a prophet who disobeys God and ends up sitting in the belly of a whale for several days before deciding to do things God's way. (Primary)



Siegel, Bruce H.; illustrations by Shelly O. Haas. *The Magic of Kol Nidre: A Story for Yom Kippur*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 1998.

The magic of the Kol Nidre prayer, central to the Yom Kippur service, is explored from the viewpoint of three generations. (Elementary)



Silverman, Erica; adapted from a story by Sholom Aleichem; illustrated by Matthew Trueman. *When the Chickens Went on Strike: A Rosh Hashanah Tale*. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2003.

On Rosh Hahsanah, a boy overhears some chickens planning a strike. They are sick of being used for Kapores, the custom where people twirl a live chicken over their heads, hoping it will erase their bad deeds. The boy fears that without Kapores he will never be able to make his papa proud, but a chicken asks him, "Boychick, for this, do you really need a chicken?" (Primary, Elementary)





Wayland, April Halprin; illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch. *New Year at the Pier*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2009.

Preparing his list for *tashlich*, a part of the Rosh Hashanah ceremony where apologies for the past year's mistakes clear the slate for the upcoming year, Izzy realizes there is one particular apology on the list he knows will be very difficult to make and so has to find just the right way to make it in order for the new year to begin on a good note. (Primary)

RECENT BOOKS

Adler, David A.; illustrated by Andre Ceolin. *Yom Kippur Shortstop*. Springfield, NJ: Apples & Honey Press, 2017.



It's Jacob's third year in Little League, and he's never missed a game. The championship game is coming up, and his team is counting on him. But then he finds out the game is scheduled on the holiday of Yom Kippur. The game is important. and Jacob has a decision to make. Jacob's story was inspired by the Los Angeles Dodgers' star pitcher Sandy Koufax, who sat out a 1965 World Series game on Yom Kippur. (Primary, Elementary)

Kimmel, Eric A.; illustrated by Jim Starr. *Big Sam: A Rosh Hashanah Tall Tale*. Springfield, NJ: Apples & Honey Press, 2017.



How does Big Sam make a giant-sized challah for Rosh Hashanah? He digs an enormous hole in the ground to use as a mixing bowl. (It's still there today we call it the Grand Canyon.) He adds mountains of flour, thousands of eggs, and other good things. He whittles a massive California redwood tree into a mixing spoon. He flattens the hills of West Texas as he kneads the dough. And he bakes it inside Mount Saint Helens. But when it's time to celebrate the holiday, the eagles call out, "Not so fast, Big Sam!" Rosh Hashanah is about fixing the world, and Big Sam has some major cleaning up to do. (Preschool, Primary)



Kimmel, Eric A; illustrated by Maria Surducan. *Gabriel's Horn*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2016.

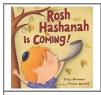
A mysterious soldier appears at the door hands Gabriel a tarnished horn. As the years go by, Gabriel's family prospers and they, in turn, help their neighbors. Could their good luck have something to do with the horn? Based on the story "The Samovar" by I.L. Peretz. (Preschool, Primary)



Kimmel, Eric A; illustrated by Monica Gutierrez. Springfield, NJ: Apples & Honey Press, 2016.

In this playful version of The Little Red Hen, a young girl enlists her animal friends to help make the challah for Rosh Hashanah. With humorous, lively illustrations, this story captures the values of imagination, responsibility, and welcoming guests. (Preschool, Primary)





Tracy Newman; illustrated by Viviana Garofoli. *Sukkot is Coming!* Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2016.

A family and their dog celebrate the Jewish New Year. Board book. (Preschool)

OTHER PICTURE BOOKS



Balsley, Tilda and Ellen Fischer; illustrated by Tom Leigh. *I'm Sorry, Grover: A Rosh Hashanah Tale*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2013.

In Israel, while Brosh is preparing to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, his favorite cap goes missing and he fears Grover or another of his friends has taken it. (Preschool)



Balsley, Tilda; illustrated by Jago. Oh No, Jonah! Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2012.

The Bible story of Jonah and the Great Fish (better known as Jonah and the Whale) is retold in rhyme. (Preschool, Primary)



Cohen, Deborah Bodin; illustrated by Shahar Kober. *Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2010.

A Rosh Hashanah story based on the first historic train ride from Jaffa to Jerusalem in 1892, shortening the journey between the two cities from 3 days to 3 hours. Engineer Ari's train is coming to Jerusalem collecting goodies along the way to celebrate the Jewish new year, and he learns an important lesson along the way. (Primary)



Greene, Jacqueline Dembar; illustrated by Doug Chayka. *The Secret Shofar of Barcelona*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2009.

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



Goldin, Barbara Diamond; illustrated by Jeanette Winter. *The World's Birthday: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1990.

Daniel is determined to have a birthday party for the world to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. (Preschool, Primary)



Heiligman, Deborah. *Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur*. Washington, DC: National Geographic, 2007.

This title in the National Geographic Holidays Around the World series examines how these Jewish High Holy Days are celebrated worldwide. Informative note puts the High Holy Days into wider historical and cultural context for parents and teachers. (Primary, Elementary)





Heller, Linda; illustrated by Allison Jay. *Today is the Birthday of the World*. New York: Dutton, 2009.

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



Jules, Jacqueline; illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. *The Hardest Word: A Yom Kippur Story*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2001.

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



Jules, Jacqueline; illustrated by Judy Stead. *What a Way to Start a New Year! A Rosh Hashanah Story*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2013.

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



Kimmel, Eric A.; illustrated by Jill Weber. *Even Higher! A Rosh Hashanah Story*. New York: Holiday House, 2009.

A skeptical visitor to the village of Nemirov finds out where its rabbi really goes just before the Jewish New Year, when the villagers claim he goes to heaven to speak to God. Based on a story by I.L. Peretz. (Primary)



Koster, Gloria; illustrated by Holli Conger. *Mitzi's Mitzvah*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2013.

A family and their dog do a good deed visiting a nursing home on Rosh Hashanah. (Preschool)



Kropf, Latifa Berry; photographs by Tod Cohen. *It's Shofar Time*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2006.

It's Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. It's time to learn new things, wear new clothes and taste new fruits. It's time to toss crumbs into the water and say, "I'm sorry." It's time to hear the sounds of the shofar. (Preschool)



Marshall, Linda Elovitz; illustrated by Francesca Assirelli. *Talia and the Rude Vegetables*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2011.

City-girl Talia misunderstands her grandmother's request that she go to the garden for "root vegetables" but manages to find some she thinks are rude, as well as a good use for the rest she harvests. Includes a recipe for Rude Vegetable Stew. (Primary)





Ofanansky, Allison; photographed by Eliyahu Alpern *What's the Buzz? Honey for a Sweet New Year*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2011.

A class in Israel tours a farm to learn how honey is made and used to celebrate the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. (Preschool, Primary)



Ruthen, Gerald C.; illustrated by Marlene L. Ruthen. *Daniel and the Silver Flute an Old Hassidic Tale*. New York: United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education, 1986.

Though he has trouble learning and participating in the synagogue services, Daniel discovers that his talent for playing the flute enables him to pray to God in his own way. (Primary, Elementary)



Schnur, Susan and Anna Schnur-Fishman; illustrated by Alex Steele-Morgan. *Tashlich at Turtle Rock*. Minneapolis: Kar Ben, 2010.

Annie leads her family on a Rosh Hashanah hike to observe *tashlich*, where each person will ask God's forgiveness for the things they regret doing the previous year. Includes facts about this Jewish custom in addition to describing one family's creative traditions. (Primary)



Soffer, Allison; illustrated by Bob McMahon. *Apple Days: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2014.

Katy looks forward to her family's Rosh Hashanah tradition of making applesauce from scratch, but with a new baby, will the family be too busy this year? (Preschool, Primary)



Spier, Peter. The Book of Jonah. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1985.

Wordlessly retells the Biblical story of the man who spent three days and three nights in the belly of a great fish. Includes historical material on Jonah's world. (Preschool, Primary)



Ungar, Richard. *Even Higher*. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2007.

In the village of Nemirov, young Reuven investigates the annual disappearance of his beloved rabbi who is rumored to ascend to heaven on the day before Rosh Hashanah to beg forgiveness for the people of Nemirov. Adapted from a beloved story by I.L. Peretz (Primary, Elementary)



Zucker, Jonny. *Apples and Honey: A Rosh Hashanah Story*. Hauppauge, NY: Barrons Educational Series, 2002.

Follow a family as they celebrate the festival by eating apples and honey, hearing the shofar and planning for a sweet and joyful year ahead. (Preschool)