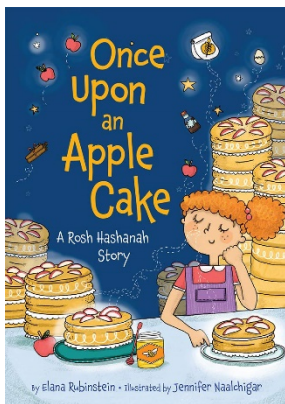


HIGH HOLIDAYS TITLES

Below is a list of favorite titles for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur from the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. Be sure to check out our full list of High Holiday resources [here](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

New Year at the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story, by April Halprin Wayland, was a Sydney Taylor Award-winner in 2010. It includes the concepts of repentance and forgiveness, is an engaging, believable story, and has fun illustrations. Sylvia Epstein's *How the Rosh Hashanah Challah Became Round*, is a less serious but timeless tale for slightly younger children. Award-winning children's author, Eric Kimmel, has several titles for the high holidays. Two favorites are *Even Higher!: A Rosh Hashanah Story*, Kimmel's adaptation of a classic tale, and *Gershon's Monster: A Story for the Jewish New Year*, a retelling of a Hasidic story and a Sydney Taylor Award winner. Other notable picture books: *The Apple Tree's Discovery*, by Peninnah Schram, and *Oh No, Jonah!* by Tilda Balsley.

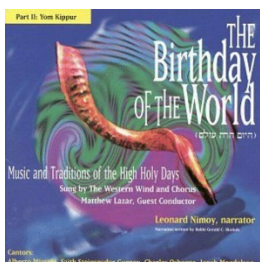
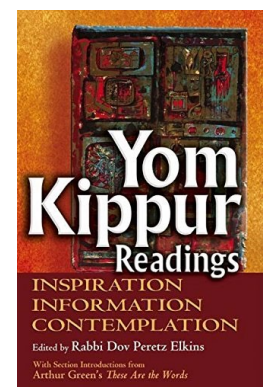


Chapter Books for Older Children

Once Upon an Apple Cake: A Rosh Hashanah Story, by Elana Rubinstein, was a National Jewish Book Award Finalist for Children's Literature in 2019. It's a magical story about a girl who loves to cook and a secret Rosh Hashanah cake recipe. Also notable for fiction is Ferida Wolff's *Rachel's Roses*, a Sydney Taylor Notable Book from 2019. For fans of Sydney Taylor's *All of a Kind Family*, this story set in New York revolves around a family's celebration of Rosh Hashanah in the early 20th-century. For non-fiction for this age group, Deborah Heiligman's *Celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, with Honey, Prayers and the Shofar* is a beautiful book, part of National Geographic's *Holidays Around the World* series. Eric A. Kimmel's classic anthology, *Days of Awe: Stories of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*, is a must-read for this age group, featuring three memorable holiday stories.

Adults

Yom Kippur Readings: Inspiration, Information and Contemplation, edited by Dov Peretz Elkins, is a collection of writings about the holiday from a variety of sources. Subjects covered range from the *Kol Nidre* and *Avinu Malkenu* to community customs and ancient practices. Sources range from historical texts to Albert Einstein and Leo Tolstoy. *Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Fall Holidays* by Rabbi Paul Steinberg covers Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, with readings from ancient and modern writers. The book focuses on personal connections and home observance and was a National Jewish Book Award finalist in 2007. Also notable is Marcia Falk's *The Days Between: Blessings, Poems, and Directions of the Heart for the Jewish High Holiday Season*, part of the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute (HBI) Series on Jewish Women. Blessings, psalms, liturgy and essays are included.



Other Media

We have more than books in our collection for the High Holidays. *Shalom Sesame's "The Sticky Shofar"* is a great DVD selection for the pre-school set. In our music collection, the Western Wind's *The Birthday of the World* includes a CD for Rosh Hashanah and another for Yom Kippur. Both are narrated by Leonard Nimoy and include text and music for the holidays. Cantor Francis T. Goldman's CD, *Songs for the High Holidays*, is a 2005 collection from Kar-Ben Publishing for younger listeners.