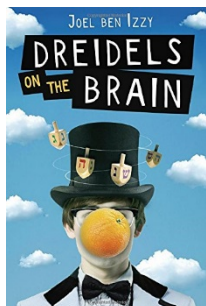
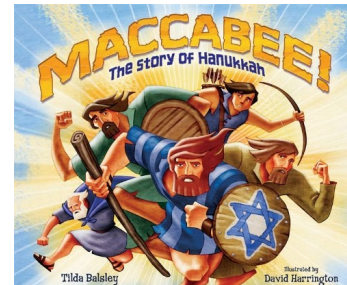


HANUKKAH TITLES

Hanukkah being a favorite holiday, the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom has hundreds of titles for all ages to help celebrate. Check out our full catalog of Hanukkah resources [here](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

Everyone loves Eric Kimmel's Hanukkah picture books. *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*, *The Chanukkah Guest*, *The Magic Dreidels*, *When Mindy Saved Hanukkah*, and *Zigazak!: A Magical Hanukkah Night*, are all classic favorites for the holiday. Definitely pick one of those to celebrate with, but also consider some of the lesser-known gems in our massive collection of Hanukkah picture books. *Jeremy's Dreidel*, by Ellie Gellman, is the award-winning story of boy who creates a braille dreidel for his father. Based on actual events, *Hanukkah at Valley Forge*, by Stephen Krensky, is set during the Revolutionary War. *Moishe's Miracle*, by Laura Krauss Melmed, is a wonderful old-world story set in the poor village of Wishniak. Those looking for a straightforward telling of the Hanukkah story will enjoy Tilda Balsley's *Maccabee!: The Story of Hanukkah*. We have several titles that incorporate Christmas. Among them, Patricia Polacco's *The Trees of the Dancing Goats* is one of the best. Another, the winner of the National Jewish Book Award, is *Elijah's Angel: A Story for Chanukah and Christmas*, by Michael J. Rosen. Both are exceptional titles for communicating the concepts of sharing and helping others, regardless of religion.



Chapter Books for Older Children and Teens

Dreidels on the Brain, by Joel Ben Izzy, is a Sydney Taylor Honor Book and National Jewish Book Award finalist. Set in the Los Angeles suburbs of 1971, it features a twelve-year-old magician who is the only Jew in his school. *Four Sides, Eight Nights: A New Spin on Hanukkah*, by Rebecca Tova Ben-Zvi, is a non-fiction title exploring the traditions, customs and meaning of the holiday. *Pinky Bloom and the Case of the Magical Menorah*, by Judy Press, and *Rabbi Rocketpower and the Mystery of the Missing Menorahs – a Hanukkah Humdinger!*, by Rabbi Susan Abramson, are fun chapter books for middle and lower grade readers. Ilene Cooper's *Sam I Am*, is a novel in our teen collection about twelve-year-old Sam and his struggle with both Christmas and Hanukkah.

For Adults

Hanukkah is covered in Rabbi Paul Steinberg's excellent anthology, *Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays*. Another worthwhile collection of holiday writings is *The Hanukkah Anthology* by Philip Goodman. *Hanukkah in America: A History*, by Dianne Ashton, traces the transformation of this holiday from mid-19th-century America to the present day.

Stories for All Ages

Hanukkah is the perfect time to share short stories with family, and our library includes some great collections. Eric Kimmel's *The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories from Chelm* is a hilarious collection. *The Power of Light: Eight Stories for Hanukkah*, by Isaac Bashevis Singer, is a beautiful set of old-world tales. Peninnah Schram's *Eight Tales for Eight Nights* is another excellent anthology. Our collection includes multiple cookbooks, songbooks and holiday treasuries of games, puzzles and crafts as well.



Media

Where would a Hanukkah celebration be without some Klezmer? *Eight Nights of Joy*, by Rabbi Joe Black, will get you started. NPR's *Chanukkah in Story and Song*, and Theodore Bikel's *Chanukkah Story* are part of our CD collection. *Shalom Sesame* also has Hanukkah videos for our youngest viewers.