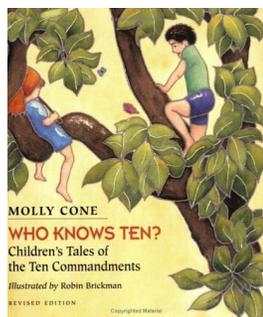


SHAVUOT TITLES

The holiday of Shavuot is generally paired with Lag b'Omer in our library resources. The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom has dozens of titles covering the two holidays. From picture books about the holiday to resources covering the Ten Commandments, we have materials for all ages. Check out our full catalog of Shavuot and Lag b'Omer resources [here](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

A *Mountain of Blintzes*, by Barbara Goldin, is a classic Shavuot story of a family trying to save money for their holiday treat. Judy Goldman retells the same story in *Kopecks for Blintzes*. Like many of our picture books, these focus more on the food than the holiday itself. Jamie Korngold's *Sadie and the Big Mountain* incorporates more about the holiday than many other books for young readers. Korngold also has written *Sadie's Lag Ba'Omer Mystery* to introduce that celebration. *The Art Lesson: A Shavuot Story*, by Allison Marks, is a beautiful story of a girl learning papercutting with her grandmother. To introduce the Ten Commandments, *The Littlest Mountain*, by Barb Rosenstock, is a retelling of a Midrash about the mountains' contest to win God's favor. It is a Sydney Taylor Notable Book. Though not written specifically for Shavuot, *No Rules for Michael*, by Sylvia A. Rouss, is an excellent illustration of the Ten Commandments for younger children.



Chapter Books for Older Children

There are few titles written for older children about Shavuot and Lag b'Omer, but Molly Cone's *Who Knows Ten?* is a timeless, classic collection of stories illustrating each of the Ten Commandments. *The Rose Horse*, a historical novel by Deborah Lee Rose, is set in Coney Island at the beginning of the 20th century. Though not specifically about the holiday, the story takes place between Passover and Shavuot, and the family uses an *omer* calendar to count the days in between the two holidays.

For Adults

In our adult collection, Rabbi Paul Steinberg's *Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Spring and Summer Holidays* covers Shavuot and the Omer. A National Jewish Book Award winner, the anthology includes inspirational writings from throughout Jewish history. Philip Goodman's *Shavuot Anthology* is also in our collection. For those interested in the Ten Commandments, we have three excellent titles to choose from. *Broken Tablets: Restoring the Ten Commandments and Ourselves*, by Rachel S. Mikva, and *The Genesis of Justice: Ten Stories of Biblical Injustice That Led to the Ten Commandments and Modern Law*, by Alan Dershowitz, were both placed on the list of "Significant Jewish Books" created by the URJ. The first is an anthology of essays by twelve 20th-century spiritual leaders, and the latter is a set of stories by the famous lawyer. A more recent anthology, from 2020, is *Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments*, edited by Oren Hayon. In this collection, each commandment has two chapters devoted to it, written by a collection of rabbis and scholars.



Media

For our youngest audience, our DVD collection includes Shalom Sesame's *Countdown to Shavuot*. Also among our videos is an A&E Biography, *Moses and the Ten Commandments*.

