



Hebrew School: The Podcast!

High Holidays Book Recommendations

It's Shofar Time! (5-6 yo)

Written by **Latifa Berry Krof**

Photos by **Tod Cohen**

This delightful book for pre-schoolers focuses on celebrating Rosh Hashanah with the shofar as it announces the New Year. It goes on to detail other special and new things that children do when celebrating Rosh Hashanah: bake round challah, make cards for family members, wear new clothes to synagogue and eat new foods.

The Shofar Must Go On (6-7 yo)

Written by **Lina Schwarz**

Illustrated by **Yong Chen**

On Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, the person who blows the shofar (ram's horn) has a very important job. What happens when that person gets the sniffles? Just as the show must go on, so must the shofar...somehow.

The Secret Shofar of Barcelona (7+)

Written by **Jacqueline Dembar Greene**

Illustrated by **Douglas Chayka**

In this story set in Spain in the 1500s, the son of a conductor blows the shofar in preparation for Rosh Hashanah, a practice he must keep secret.

Once Upon an Apple Cake (7-10 yo)

Written by **Elana Rubenstein**

Illustrated by **Jennifer Naalchigar**

A clever story about two rival families and a Rosh Hashanah cake recipe. Saralee Siegel has a super nose she can smell things like no one's business. Her Zadie says that with a nose like that, she'll rule the world. This fast-paced, magical story about a girl who loves to cook, a rival restaurant, and a secret Rosh Hashanah cake recipe, is told in an illustrated chapter book format.

How the Rosh Hashanah Challah Became Round (5-6 yo)

Written by **Sylvia B. Epstein**

Photos by **Hagit Migron**

Yossi's terrible tumble turns out to be a terrific triumph! A tale with year-round appeal, even though it takes place on Rosh Hashanah.

Apple Days (6-7 yo)

Written by **Allison Sarnoff Soffer**

Illustrated by **Bob MacMahon**

Katy's favorite holiday is Rosh Hashanah when she gets to pick apples and make applesauce with her mother. But what happens when the tradition is interrupted by the early arrival of her baby cousin?

Yom Kippur Shortstop (5-7 yo)

Written by **David Adler**

Illustrated by **Andre Ceolin**

In a story inspired by Sandy Koufax, a Little League ballplayer must choose between playing an important game and attending synagogue on Yom Kippur.

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?! (7-8 yo)

Written and illustrated by **Jonah Winter**

This book opens a window into the life of the major league baseball player many called the greatest lefty who ever pitched. Included in this story is Koufax's famous decision to sit out the first game of the 1965 World Series rather than play on Yom Kippur.

Sandy Koufax (8-12 yo)

Written by **Matt Doeden**

“...this look at the famous baseball pitcher’s life focuses almost entirely on his professional baseball career from the late ‘50s to the mid-60’s. Koufax came to sports from a Brooklyn Jewish home. His grandfather Max influenced his upbringing and instilled Jewish values and religion...” At the beginning of one of his team’s World Series appearances, Koufax’ refusal to pitch on Yom Kippur brought his commitment to his faith into the public eye. The facts are presented clearly, accurately, and chronologically and with notes that help baseball novices understand its terminology...
(from a review by Steve Silverman)