



Hebrew School: The Podcast!

Shabbat Book Recommendations

The Schmutzy Family (5-6 yo)

Written by **Madelyn Rosenberg**

Photos by **Paul Meisel**

The Schmutzys are messy all week long, and no one -- not even the parents! -- seems to care a bit. When Friday rolls around, everyone helps clean up as the family prepares for Shabbat.

Chik Chak Shabbat (6-7 yo)

Written by **Mara Rockliff**

Illustrated by **Krysten Brooker**

Everyone in Goldie Simcha's apartment building knows it's Friday night when they smell her delicious Shabbat cholent. But one Friday night, Goldie doesn't feel well enough to cook. Her neighbors step up to make an unusual cholent for Shabbat -- and soon Goldie will feel much better.

Baxter the Pig Who Wanted to be Kosher (6-8 yo)

Written by **Laurel Snyder**

Illustrated by **David Goldin**

Upon hearing of the joys and sweetness of Shabbat and, especially, of Shabbat dinner, Baxter the Pig sets out to understand what it means to be kosher.

How Do Candles Light the Night? (7-8 yo)

Written by **Tish Rabe**

Illustrated by **Renee Andriani-Williams**

Simmy and Sammy like to get to the bottom of things -- scientifically. So when it's time to light candles to usher in Shabbat, they don't just want to know why...they want to know how!

The Legend of Freedom Hill (7-8 yo)

Written by **Linda Jacobs Altman**

Illustrated by **Cornelius Van Wright and Ying Hwa-Hu**

In Gold Rush times two friends, one an African American, the other Jewish, work together to earn the money to free the mother of one of the girls from a slave trader.

The Peddler and the Baker (7-8 yo)

Written by **Yael Molchadsky**

Illustrated by **Liora Grossman**

The poor peddler can't afford to buy the baker's fresh challah, so he contents himself with merely sniffing their tantalizing aroma -- until the baker gets angry and demands payment for that, too. When the rabbi hears of the dispute, he comes up with an ingenious verdict.

Ms. Moskowitz and the Sabbath Candlesticks (7-9 yo)

Written and illustrated by **Amy Schwartz**

Mrs. Moskowitz and her cat move from their house into a new apartment and feel a little lost. They miss their house, filled with family memories. But then her son brings her a box she left behind, in which she finds a pair of Sabbath candlesticks. The rediscovered candlesticks and her memories of past Sabbaths help her finally to think of the apartment as home.

The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey (8+)

Written and illustrated by **Steve Sheinkin**

In the fictitious town of Elk Spring, Colorado, circa 1870, Rabbi Harvey shares Talmudic wisdom, Jewish folktales (and a lot more!) through a number of short, humorous adventures.