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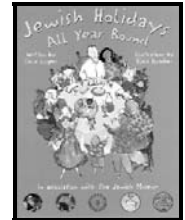
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## Holidays

**Jewish Holidays All Year Round**, by Ilene Cooper, Illus. by Elivia Savadier (NY: Harry N. Abrams, in association with The Jewish Museum, 2002).

This book is a treasury of history, information, lore, and activities about the holidays. Setting it apart from other books of its kind are illustrations by an award winning artist *and* photographs of objects from The Jewish Museum (such as a grogger from the 1880's and a Persian Sabbath cloth). For grades 3 - 6.



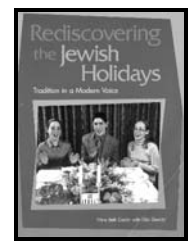
**The Jewish Year: Celebrating the Holidays**, by Barbara Rush (NY: Stewart, Tabori and Chang, 2001).

A beautifully designed book about the holidays that is graced with clear writing, contemporary and historic illustrations by a variety of noted artists, and stories to tell or read for each holiday. The author is a noted folklorist and storyteller. Each holiday is brought to life by her discussion of its history and customs, combined with a few stories that reveal its meaning. For grades 3 and up.

*-Reviewed by Linda R. Silver, JECC Librarian*

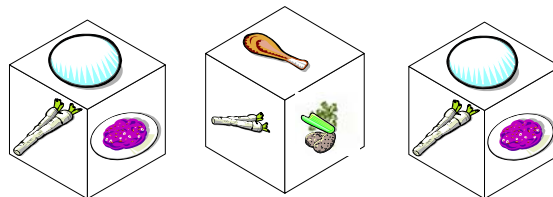
**Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays**, by Nina Beth Cardin, and Gila Gevirtz (Springfield, NJ: Behrman House, Inc, 2002).

With bright colorful pictures, this new holiday book can be used as a textbook to keep in the classroom or as a workbook for students to record their thoughts. Each holiday is covered in its own chapter with engaging questions. In addition to the holidays, a chapter is devoted to the Jewish calendar with a focus on "making time holy." For grades 3-6 in a Reform or Conservative setting.



*-Reviewed by Melissa Bernstein, Curriculum Associate*

The Teacher Center has new games and activities for holiday needs. The younger students will enjoy our version of "yahtzee" and "guess who."



The Teacher Center can assist teachers in creating something specifically for their students.

### Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 4:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 12:30pm

Monday and Tuesday 6:30pm – 9:00pm

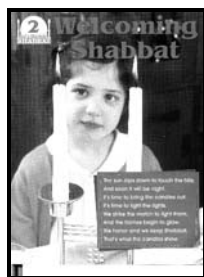
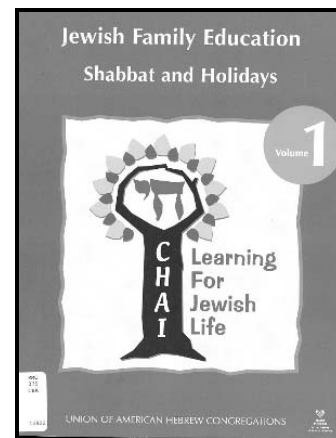
After *Pesah*, The Teacher Center will be open only one evening per week: Tuesdays 6:30pm – 9:00pm.

*-Ronna Fox and Marci Rogozen, Teacher Center Co-Directors*

**Chai: Learning for Jewish Life. Jewish Family Education Volume 1: Shabbat and Holidays**, by Michelle Shapiro Abraham with Mindy B. Davids and Deborah Niederman (NY: UAHC Press, 2003).

**Jewish Family Education, A Glimpse of Paradise: Shabbat in Your Home, Shabbat Family Workbook**, by Michelle Shapiro Abraham, Illustrations by Lisa Rauchwerger (NY: UAHC Press, 2003).

Written for people who create Jewish family education programs in the Reform movement, this curriculum offers a myriad of family learning experiences. With the goal of enriching a family's Jewish identity as well as encouraging parents to become models and teachers of Judaism for their children, this curriculum offers five programs, each focusing on a different holiday and targeting a different age range. The *Jewish Family Education, A Glimpse of Paradise: Shabbat in Your Home, Shabbat Family Workbook* is a family friendly guide that encourages conversations and Jewish learning in the home. Included in this workbook are Shabbat songs, prayers, text study and many other family activities.



**Let's Discover Shabbat**, by Vicki L. Weber, activities by Scott Blumenthal. (Springfield, NJ: Behrman House, Inc, 2003).

Through stories, poetry, activities and beautiful pictures, students in third grade and under will enjoy learning about Shabbat. *Let's Discover Shabbat* is a packet of 8 colorful pamphlets, each concentrating on one aspect of the holiday. Also included is a pamphlet for parents with a "Friday Night Checklist" and the Shabbat prayers with an explanation of the customs associated with each. Recommended for Reform or Conservative settings.

*-Reviewed by, Melissa Bernstein Curriculum Associate*

**A Taste of Passover: A Celebration of the Joys & Music of the Holiday.**

PBS Home Video/Tara Music, 1999, 60 minutes, color. (Better suited to adult audiences).

A musical feast in celebration of Passover starring Theodore Bikel, musicians from Boston's New England Conservatory, a Yiddishist and the Klezmer Conservatory Band. It also includes the witty commentary of humorist Moshe Waldoks, a demonstration on how to make the perfect *matzah* ball, and *seder* melodies.



*-Reviewed by Bonnie Shapiro, Ratner Media and Technology Center Associate*



**Yom Huledet Lamedinah Sheli: My Country's Birthday**, by Dalia Korach Segev (Israel: Kor'im Publishing House, N.D.) Written from an Israeli perspective, using authentic language, this text explores the concepts connected to Israel's Independence Day. With fun and lively illustrations, ranging from watercolor cartoons to pictures of authentic symbols and heroes, this book could be used for reading practice (it has vowels), to broaden vocabulary, or to teach Zionist history. (In Hebrew)

*-Reviewed by Rachel Raviv, Curriculum Associate*

**Websites**

**Jacob Richman's Hot Sites: Jewish Holidays** (<http://www.jr.co.il/hotsites/j-hday.htm>) - A comprehensive list of Jewish holiday links.

**The Jewish Agency for Israel: The Jewish Calendar - Festivals** (<http://www.jajz-ed.org.il/festivls/index.html>) - A collection of background information and lessons to keep any classroom busy through the Jewish year.

*-Reviewed by Maury Greenberg, Director, Technology Resources & Professional Development*