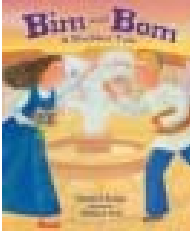
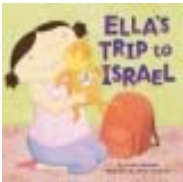


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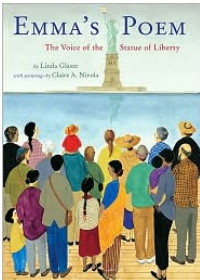
FIRST & SECOND GRADE



Bim and Bom: A Shabbat Tale, Daniel Swartz & Melissa Iwai, Kar-Ben Publishers, 2011
A lively story of village life as a brother and sister work hard all week and celebrate Shabbat together.

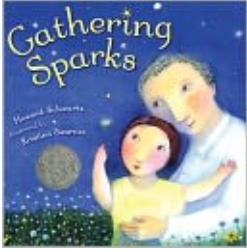


Ella's Trip to Israel, Vivian Newman & Akemi Gutierrez, Kar-Ben Publishers, 2011
A little girl Ella takes her stuffed monkey on a family trip to Israel. She gets to visit all the famous sites, while Koofi, her monkey adds to her adventure.

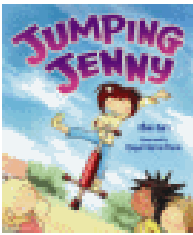


Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty, Linda Glaser and Claire A. Nivola, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010

Who was Emma Lazarus? In this beautiful book, children are introduced to the famous Jewish poet whose work with Russian Jewish immigrants inspired her to write the iconic poem *The New Colossus* that we all associate with the Statue of Liberty.



Gathering Sparks, Howard Schwartz and Kristina Swarner, Roaring Book Press, 2010
This is a beautifully illustrated book that addresses the reader directly, as it explains the origins of the concept *Tikkun Olam*, the Jewish value of repairing the world.



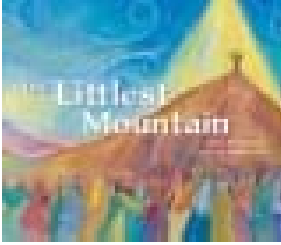
Jumping Jenny, Ellen Bari & Raquel García Maciá, Kar-Ben Publishers, 2011
Jenny loves to jump and uses her special skill to help heal the world.



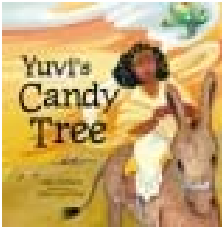
Lipman Pike, America's First Home Run King, Richard Michelson, Sleeping Bear Press, 2011
This is the story of one of America's earliest professional baseball players, a Jewish boy from Brooklyn. Zachary Pullen's illustrations are spectacular



The Kvetch Who Stole Hanukkah, Bill Berlin & Susan Isakoff Berlin, Pelican Publishing Company, 2010
This is the Jewish take on *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* After Hanukkah almost did not happen, the town of Oyville is filled with the holiday spirit.



The Littlest Mountain, Barb Rosenstock & Melanie Hall, Kar-Ben Publishers, 2011
Which mountain will get the honor of being the one? G-d picks the mountain from which He will give the people of the world rules to live by.



Yuvi's Candy Tree, Lesley Simpson & Janice Lee Porter, Kar-Ben Publishers, 2011
A tale of Yuvi, a young Ethiopian Jewish girl and her trip to Israel, where “candy trees” grow.

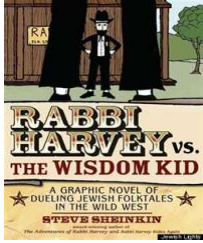
THIRD - FIFTH GRADE



Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword, Barry Deutsch, Amulet Books, 2010
This book chronicles the adventures of Mirka, a feisty Orthodox girl. It is a unique mix of fantasy, supernatural and cultural traditions.

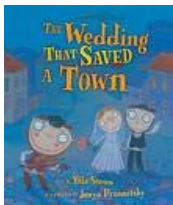


Mrs. Kaputnik's Pool Hall and Matzo Ball Emporium, Rona Arato, Tundra Books, 2010
This is a lively tale that fourth through sixth graders will enjoy about a Russian family that comes to New York. Their immigration experience is softened by their imagination and...the help of a dragon!



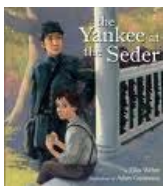
Rabbi Harvey vs. the Wisdom Kid, Steve Sheinkin, Jewish Lights, 2010

Ancient Jewish folktales and the wild west come together again in this third graphic novel about Rabbi Harvey, the wisest man in the West.



The Wedding that Saved a Town, Yale Strom and Jenya Prosmitsky, Kar-Ben Publishing, 2008

This charmingly ghoulish folktale based on an old European Jewish custom of holding a wedding in a cemetery to ward off the "Evil Eye." Klezmer musician Yiske and his band of musicians must find a groom to participate in this unconventional wedding and save the town from the plague.



The Yankee at the Seder, Elka Weber & Adam Gustavson, Tricycle Press, 2009

When his mother invites a Union Army corporal, a Yankee Jew named Myer Levy, to join the family for Passover, Jacob is aghast: they're proud Virginia Confederates, and only 24 hours have passed since Lee's surrender. But Mother has tradition on her side: as she reminds Jacob, the Haggadah commands Jews to welcome all who are hungry.



You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!, Jonah Winter & Andre Carrilho, Wade Books, 2009

This picture-book biography of a pitching ace is a real treat. Much about this private man has been a mystery, so the author focuses on how the gifted young athlete went from unpredictable to otherworldly in such a short time.

SIXTH - EIGHTH GRADE



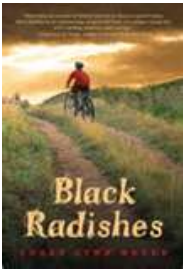
A Faraway Island, Annika Thor, Delacorte Press, 2009

Geared towards grade 5–8, this gripping story is about two Austrian Jewish sisters, who are evacuated in 1938 from Vienna to a Swedish island and placed in separate foster homes.



Albert Einstein, Kathleen Krull & Boris Kulikov, Viking, 2009

Kathleen Krull delivers a witty and astute look at one of the true “Giants of Science” and the turbulent times in which he lived.



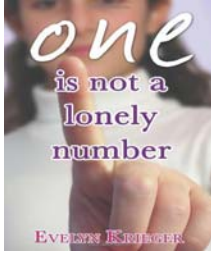
Black Radishes, Susan Lynn Meyer, Delacorte Press, 2010

An eleven year-old Jewish boy battles anti-semitism during the Holocaust, and befriends the daughter of a Catholic partisan.



Life, After, Sarah Darer Littman, Scholastic Press, 2010

Sixth through ninth graders will enjoy this story that takes place in 2003, in the shadow of 9/11. Daniela comes with her parents from Argentina and must integrate into a new culture with all the social demands of her new suburban New York peers.



One Is Not a Lonely Number, Evelyn Krieger YM Books, 2010

This is a heartwarming book about an Orthodox girl who loves math and appreciates her own uniqueness.



Resistance, Carla Jablonski and Leland Purvis, 2010

An inspiring book for young adults, this book is set in France during the Holocaust. As it explores war-time France and family dynamics, it portrays a brother and sister joining the Resistance.



The Importance of Wings, Robin Friedman, Charlesbridge, 2009

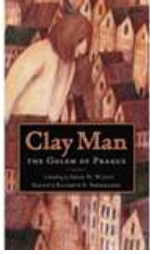
When Roxanne's mother returns to Israel to care for an ailing relative, the 13-year-old and her younger sister are left to fend for themselves.



Tropical Secrets, Margarita Engle, Henry Holt & Company, 2009

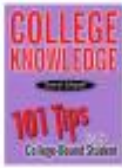
Daniel, 13, is a German Jewish refugee whose ship is finally allowed entry into Cuba after being turned away from both the U.S. and Canada. He longs to be reunited with his parents, who sent him away after Kristallnacht.

HIGH SCHOOL



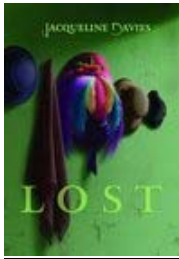
Clay Man, Irene Watts, Tundra Books, 2009

Set against the haunting illustrations of artist Kathryn E. Shoemaker, this simply told tale brings the streets of the 16th century Prague ghetto to life through the eyes of a young boy.



College Knowledge for the Jewish Student, David Schoem, The University of Michigan press, 2010

A clearly and succinctly written guide for Jewish students who want to get the most out of college.



Lost, Jacqueline Davies, Marshall Cavendish, 2009

Davies weaves two historic events—the disappearance of a wealthy heiress escaping family scandal and the catastrophic Triangle Shirtwaist fire of 1911—into a lively tale of striving, unspeakable loss, and an eventual life-affirming resolution.



Once, Morris Gleitzman, Henry Holt & Company, 2010

Felix, a young Jew in Poland, loses his family and his innocence during the Holocaust. He is sheltered for a time in a Catholic orphanage and searches for his parents.



The Things a Brother Knows, Dana Reinhardt, Wendy Lamb Books, 2010
Romantic and humorous, this novel shows young readers the issues that soldiers home from war must face.

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