

Sifriyat Pijama 2015-16 Book List

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1. **Good Morning, Mr. Gdalyahu / written by Shlomit Cohen-Assif, illustrations: Yossi Aboulafiya**

A new rhyming story by prize-winning Israeli author Shlomit Cohen-Assif. Along the journey to the birthday cake readers meet a variety of colorful characters, each of whom teaches an important life lesson. The parent suggestions are accompanied by the proverb "From all my teachers I have grown wise". (Psalm 119:99)

2. **The Tale of the Bridge / written by Shlomo Abbas, illustrations: Gili-Li Alon Koriel**

Who doesn't want to live in peace with others? When two friends have a fight, outside help is sometimes needed to mediate between the two sides. The parent suggestions expand on the topic of friendships and conflict, and introduce the readers to Moses' brother Aaron the peacemaker – "one who loved peace and pursued it".

3. **The Lion and the Mouse / Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney**

This beautiful picture book relays without written text the well-known folktale of the lion and the mouse. The folktale teaches us that even the smallest creatures can benefit others, and invites discussion of the proverb "For there is no person who has not his hour, and no thing that has not its place". (Avot 4:3)

4. **The Cuckoo Clock / written by Shlomo Tannai, illustrations: Avi Ofer**

This story introduces young children to the classic author and poet Levin Kipnis, one of the founders of modern Hebrew children's literature. The imaginary tale depicts the childhood of the young Kipnis and suggests a source of inspiration for a beloved Israeli poem – "The Cuckoo Clock".

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5. **The Magnificent Tree / written and illustrated by Nick Bland and Steven Michael King**

Magnificent trees grow out of Pop's bold, creative ideas and his granddaughter Bonny's wise and tempered planning. The combined forces of the two make a dream come true, creating a wonderful home for the birds in the neighborhood. The parent suggestions encourage discussion of collaboration and complementary talents, and introduce children to the saying "Two are better than one". (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

6. **The Treasure in the Field / written by Rinat Primo, illustrated by Maya Ish-Shalom**

Is there truly a treasure buried in the soil of the fields? A new rendition of a well-known folktale, wherein a father teaches his children an important life lesson: Even if there is a treasure in the field, it can only be discovered through effort and hard work. The story highlights the value of toiling the land and introduces children to the saying "You will eat the fruit of your labor, blessing and prosperity be yours". (Psalm 128:2)

7. **Bagels from Benny / written by Aubrey Davis, illustrations: Dušan Petričić**

The customers in Grandfather's bakery want to thank him for the delicious bagels he sells. When Grandfather proposes that God should be thanked instead, Benny sets out to express his gratitude in an original fashion. "Bagels from Benny", based on a medieval Spanish-Jewish legend, provides an opportunity for discussion of thankfulness, expressions of gratitude and the different beliefs of each and every family.

8. **The Alef-Bet Book / written by Naomi Shemer, illustrations: Aya Gordon-Noy**

The letters of the Hebrew alphabet spring to life in this classic song by Israel's beloved, prize-winning songwriter Naomi Shemer. Aya Gordon-Noy's lively illustrations accompany the lyrics in a festival of colors and shapes.