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הַעֲשָׁרָה

Dvora Omer

Authoress Dvora Omer (1932–2013) wrote dozens of books and stories for infants, children, and young adults. She began writing as a child, and continued as she grew older: “When I became a teacher, I began to write for children, and have published many books since then”. Omer wrote historical books for children that centered on prominent figures in the old Yishuv, as well as adventure stories, imaginative tales, folktales, jokes, and books about the challenges faced by both children and adolescents. Dvora Omer won many literature and children’s literature awards, and in 2006 was awarded the Israel Prize for her contribution to Israeli culture.

שִׂיחָה

Discussion

During Chanukah, parents and children, families and friends, at home and in kindergarten, celebrate the Festival of Lights together. After candle lighting, you can

talk about the way you celebrated Chanukah when you, parents, were younger, adding and sharing stories you heard told in your family, singing an old family song, or preparing your favorite food.

יְצִירָה

Mystery box

Would you like to have your very own mystery box? How about taking a cardboard box, decorating it, and hiding your favorite items in it? Let's see who can guess which items you hid in it. And what did the rest of your family hide there?

מִשְׂחָק

Playing hide & seek

Following this story, you could play hide and seek, and search for one another. You could even hide a dreidel in various places around the house, using clues, arrows or other signs to help others discover its hiding-place.

מִשְׂחָק

We are all dreidels

With the candles lit beside us, and the smell of doughnuts in the air, you could pretend to be dreidels yourselves. You could be a "turtle dreidel" and spin slowly, an "airplane dreidel" – spinning and spreading your arms wide, or a "bear dreidel" that trudges heavily. And what else?

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Pinterest –Suggestions for arts & crafts are available on the The Big Dreidel page on the PJLibrary Pinterest

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