

## Sifriyat Pijama 2015-16 Book List

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

#### 1. My Mess / by Tal Nitzan, Illustrations: Lior Katzir

A temperamental cat, a messy room and a drawing that didn't come out as planned join together to create the special world that the girl in the story loves so much. This new rhyming story by the translator and poet Tal Nitzan is a love poem about all the little things that make us who we are. The parent suggestions encourage readers to be grateful with what they have and look at life positively, as depicted by the proverb "Who is rich? He who is happy with his lot". (Pirkei Avot 4:1)

#### 2. Oh No, George! / written and illustrated by Chris Haughton

George the puppy tries so hard to control himself and refrain from misbehaving. Sometimes he succeeds and other times... not so much. A light and funny story about choosing between right and wrong, and about correcting ourselves even if we've erred.

#### 3. Grandpa Cooked Soup / Nira Harel, illustrated by Ofra Amit

When Grandpa decides to cook up a pot of his favorite soup for dinner, he has no idea that so many guests will stop by to share his meal! Grandpa, grandchildren, neighbors and friends sit together around the table eating soup and, wonder of wonders, there is enough soup for everyone... well, almost everyone. After reading the story families are encouraged to discuss the joy of receiving guests (hachnasat orchim) and the value of giving generously to others (nedivut), as inspired by the saying: "A man's giving eases his way". (Proverbs 18:16)

#### 4. The Big Book of Hikes / edited by Rinat Primo, illustrations: Raya Keres

A new and special collection of family hikes and trips around Israel, each accompanied by a short story or poem. The book invites readers to spend time in the outdoors, become acquainted with new places near and far and listen carefully to the story that each site has to tell.

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#### 5. The Treasure / written and illustrated by Uri Shulevitz

Who among us has never dreamed of discovering a buried treasure? We usually imagine that treasures are hidden far, far away from us. However, as Yitzhak discovered in his journey to the big city, sometimes a treasure exists very close to us, just waiting for us to discover it within our own home.

#### 6. Three Butterflies / written by Levin Kipnis, illustrated by Orit Bergman

A newly-illustrated version of a beloved children's story by classic Israeli author and poet Levin Kipnis. Three butterflies get caught in a storm far from home. As they seek refuge from the rain they learn an important lesson in true friendship, unity and loyalty.

#### 7. The Chickens Who Turned Into Goats / written by Uri Alon, illustrations: Menahem Halberstat

A new, whimsical rendition of the Talmudic tale about the chickens who got lost and the goats that were found. The story introduces young children to the wise elder Rabbi Hanina ben-Dosa, and deals with the important mitzvah of returning a lost item to its owner.

#### 8. The Melody / written by Oded Burla, illustrations: Asaf Ben-Arush

A lyrical story by classic Israeli author-poet Oded Burla, about a melody seeking its place in the world, and finding it in the special bond between parent and child.