

## Just For Kids-OCTOBER 2021

### STORIES FOR FALL

HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S FALL? by Allan Fowler (ages 4-5) **Nonfiction Read Aloud**  
*Summer is over and now it's fall. The leaves are falling from the trees and the air is getting chilly. Think of other signs of fall you might know. Then listen to this book and find out about some more.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQGjgbydSig>

WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLOR? by Betsy Maestro (ages 7-10) **Nonfiction Read Aloud**

*Aren't autumn leaves beautiful? But, why do they change colors from green to red, orange and yellow? Why are the colors different every year? Why do leaves from different trees turn different colors? Listen to this book explain why this happens.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5jTTJ9CjNQ>

TOO MANY PUMPKINS by Linda White (ages 7 and up) **Read Aloud**

*Rebecca Estelle doesn't like pumpkins at all, and she certainly doesn't want to grow any. But something happens and she ends up with too many pumpkins! What should she do with them? What would you do with too many pumpkins?*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGtSLfTJ7xU>

### JEWISH FOLKLORE STORIES:

THE GOLEM OF RABBI ELIJAH -THE LEGEND OF THE GOLEM OF CHELM (10 and up) **animated)**

*Jewish folklore has many stories about the golem. In this one, a rabbi creates a character (the golem) out of clay, to be helpful to the people of his village, there are some unexpected results. Rabbi uses clever thinking to take care of the problem. Does this story remind you a little of the story of Frankenstein with a touch of Amelia Bedelia?*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8gClvFq11I>

VILLAGE OF IDIOTS (8 and up: **animated**)

*Do you sometimes think that what you don't have is better than what you have? In this story Shmendrik is getting tired of living in his small village of Chelm. He sets out on a journey to a new place which brings him to a new village of Chelm, which is weirdly like his old Chelm.*

*There are many stories about "the wise men of Chelm, but many people think they are not wise at all, but instead foolish. After watching this story, what do you think?*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8gClvFq11I>

## **SONGS**

**IT'S SHABBAT!** (5 and up: **video**)

*If you know "Baby Shark," you already know the tune to this song. Watch the Maccabeats, a Jewish a cappella group, sing a Shabbat parody of Baby Shark. Then join the fun and sing along.*

<https://youtu.be/mCwOQnIInnU>

## **OUR TORAH:**

At the end of September, we celebrated Simchat Torah. Check out these interesting items about our Torah:

### **THE TORAH SCROLL**

*Simchat Torah means rejoicing with our Torah. What do you know about the Torah scroll? Learn about how it is made, its decorations, and how it is treated with respect.*

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/4804/jewish/The-Torah-Scroll.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4804/jewish/The-Torah-Scroll.htm)

### **WRITING A TORAH SCROLL** (**video**) (ages 8 to adult)

**"A Community Writes Their Own Torah Scroll: Creating A Home for the First Sefer Torah in the State of Florida"**

*This is a **fascinating** movie about a community in Florida that wrote their own Torah scroll. It is the first sefer Torah ever written, in its entirety, in the state of Florida. The Torah contains 304,805 letters – all written by hand.*

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/2712207/jewish/Writing-a-Torah-Scroll.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2712207/jewish/Writing-a-Torah-Scroll.htm)

## **SHABBAT**

**SHABBAT BLESSINGS** (**animated video**) (ages 8 and up)

*Come learn the Shabbat dinner blessings with Isaac Zones! Isaac comes to dinner at Moishe House and gets a surprising challenge - can he lead the Shabbat dinner guests in four ritual blessings?! With a little help from this karaoke style video, you can too!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKcYRCbsGfQ>

## **ACTIVITIES AND GAMES**

(ages 5 +): **Do you have a good memory? Test it out as you play this SHABBAT MEMORY CARD MATCH GAME. Flip a card over, look at the picture, remember where it is, and see if you can find a matching card:** <https://matchthememory.com/Shabbat>

(ages 5 -8):

**Is a pineapple a vegetable? Learn "SOME STUFF ABOUT VEGETABLES" with Dina and the blessing to say before eating them.**

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/whatif/default\\_cdo/aid/1210997/jewish/The-Blessing-on-Vegetables.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/whatif/default_cdo/aid/1210997/jewish/The-Blessing-on-Vegetables.htm)

***Then do an EXPERIMENT to turn celery blue:***

***[https://www.chabad.org/kids/whatif/default\\_cdo/aid/1210994/jewish/Experiment.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/whatif/default_cdo/aid/1210994/jewish/Experiment.htm)***