

JUST FOR KIDS – SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

LABOR DAY – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd

The first Monday in September is **Labor Day**, a day to celebrate the American worker. We think of Labor Day as a day off from school and work. But what is it really about? You can find out at some of the sites below.

LEARN ABOUT LABOR DAY (ages 8 and up) **Video**

Why do we celebrate Labor Day? Do you know that once people could get fired for working on weekends or for taking a vacation? See how working conditions have changed over the years and what made them change.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY_L8--kNB0

LABOR DAY FACTS FOR KIDS (ages 7 and up) **Video**

Learn some exciting new things in this Labor Day facts video for kids! Learn facts like when Labor Day is, common misunderstandings about Labor Day, who made Labor Day a federal holiday and why we celebrate it in the first place!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8YrXS-fb1Q>

FIRST DAY OF FALL - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd

Fall 2024 officially begins on Sept. 22. That's the day of the autumnal equinox when day and night are nearly equal in length. This time of year is all about harvests, cozy sweaters and the beauty of nature preparing for winter

WHAT IS THE FALL EQUINOX - FACTS FOR KIDS (ages 10 and up) **Video**

The Fall Equinox happens every year in September and happens at the same exact time on earth everywhere, although there are some differences on our planet which you will learn in this video.

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

SHABBAT

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

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>

STORIES FOR FALL

September 22 (the autumnal equinox) marked the official first day of fall. But, as you can see from some of the stories below, it is October and November that mostly show the signs of 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>

STORIES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

THE KISSING HAND by Audrey Penn (ages 4-7) **Read Aloud Animated**

Chester Raccoon is nervous about going to school for the first time, he would rather stay home where things are familiar. But his mother has a secret to share that will help him overcome his fears. What do you think it could be? Listen to the story and find out.

<https://youtu.be/C5XMX5GCCe4>

TOO MUCH GLUE by Jason Lifebvre (ages 5 and up) **Read Aloud**

Here's an artistic story about a little boy that just loves his glue! Now what could go wrong with that? Listen to find out how his friends help out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Je39PxnjveY>

MISS NELSON IS MISSING by Harry Allard (ages 7 and up) **Animated**

Miss Nelson is the nicest teacher in the whole school. She never yells, and she gives the easiest assignments. Then one day Miss Nelson is not at school. There is a substitute, Miss Viola Swamp, who immediately lays down the law - no talking, no goofing off in class - and gives lots of homework. Where is the wonderful, unappreciated Miss Nelson? Is she ever coming back?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX3g3qigzWU>

FIRST DAY JITTERS by Julie Danneberg (ages 7 and up) **Read Aloud**

Have you ever been nervous about going to school on the first day? You're not alone. It happens to many of us, just like Sarah in this story. Be sure to watch for the surprise twist at the end!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUT6lgo2Sus>

JEWISH FOLKLORE STORIES

IT COULD ALWAYS BE WORSE Retold by Margot Zemach (ages 7 and up) **Read Aloud**

When a poor Jewish farmer complains to his Rabbi about how hard it is to live in his one room hut with his wife, his mother, and his six children, the Rabbi comes up with an unusual solution.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRk_Vaa56P8

JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT by SimmsTaback (ages 7 and up) **Animated movie**

When Joseph's coat got too old and shabby, he made it into a jacket. But what did he make it into after that? And after that!

https://youtu.be/cPyyhM_Fwh0

THE GOLEM OF RABBI ELIJAH-THE LEGEND OF THE GOLEM OF CHELM (ages 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=N8qClvFg11I>

VILLAGE OF IDIOTS (ages 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://youtu.be/cTVdbrniiNA>

MUSIC

BOOM CHICKA BOOM AUTUMN

Sing-a-long and dance along Skeleton Style, Pick an Apple Style, Eat an Apple Style, Turkey Strut Style, Pick a Pumpkin Style, Raking Leaves Style and the hilarious ending, Blowing Leaves Style.

<https://youtu.be/BAOU5HbpFJg>

Check this out:

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS THAT CORRELATE WITH THIS MONTH'S TOPICS
AVAILABLE TO BORROW FROM OUR SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY**

SHABBAT

1. Havdalah Sky, A Poem for the End of Shabbat, Chris Barash (**board book**)
2. Fridays Are Special, Chris Barash (**FICTION**)
3. The Cricket and the Ant, Naomi Ben-Gur (**FICTION**)
4. In the Market of Zakrobat, Ori Elon (**FICTION**)
5. No Baths At Camp, Tamar Fox (**FICTION**)
6. Shai's Shabbat Walk, Elilie Gellman (**board book**)
7. This is the Challah, Sue Hepker (**FICTION**)
8. The Friday Nights of Nana, Amy Hest (**FICTION**)
9. Joseph and the Sabbath Fish, Eric Kimmel (**FICTION**)
10. Clarence's Topsy-Turvey Shabbat, Jennifer Tzivia MacLeod (**FICTION**)
11. Many Days, One Shabbat, Fran Manushkin (**FICTION**)
12. Shabbat Shalom, (20 festive songs) Cindy Paley (**NONFICTION**)
13. The Schmutzy Family, Madelyn Rosenberg (**FICTION**)
14. The Kiddish Cup Who Hated Wine, Byrd Salop (**FICTION**)
15. Mrs. Moskowitz and the Sabbath Candlesticks, Amy Schwartz (**FICTION**)
16. The Sabbath Lion, A Jewish Folktale from Algeria, Retold by Howard Schwartz and Barbara Rush (**FICTION**)
17. Yitzi The Trusty Tractor, Naomi Shulman (**FICTION**)
18. Let's Celebrate Shabbat, Adam Siegel editor (**NONFICTION**)
19. The Shabbat Box, Leslie Simpson (**FICTION**)

LEGENDS and FOLKTALES

1. My Grandfather's Coat, Jim Aylesworth (**FICTION**)
2. Naamah and the Ark at Night, a lullaby, Susan Campbell Bartoletti (**FICTION**)
3. The Tale of Mershka the Kvetch, Carol Chapman (**FICTION**)
4. Bagels From Benny, Aubrey Davis (**FICTION**)
5. The Mountain Jews And The Mirror, Ruchama King Feuerman (**FICTION**)
6. Something From Nothing, Phoebe Gilman (**FICTION**)
7. Oy Vey! Life In A Shoe, Bonnie Grubman (**FICTION**)
8. Never Say A Mean Word Again, A Tale from Medieval Spain, Jacqueline Jules (**FICTION**)
9. The Adventures of Hershel of Ostropol, retold by Eric Kimmel (**FICTION**)
10. Good Night Wind, A Yiddish Folktale, Linda Elovitz Marshall (F)
11. The Carob Tree, Naomi Shuman and Danny Paller (**FICTION**)
12. The Missing Ingredient – A Jewish Folktale, retold by Naomi Shulman (**FICTION**)
13. The Wonder Child & Other Jewish Folktales, Howard Schwartz (**FICTION**)
14. The Sabbath Lion, A Jewish folktale from Algeria, Howard Schwartz (**FICTION**)

15. Zlateh The Goat and other Stories, Isaac Bashevis Singer (**FICTION**) (*Young Adult*)
16. Joseph Had A Little Overcoat, Simms Taback (**FICTION**)
17. The Adventures of K'Ton Ton, Sadie Rose Weilerstein (**FICTION**)