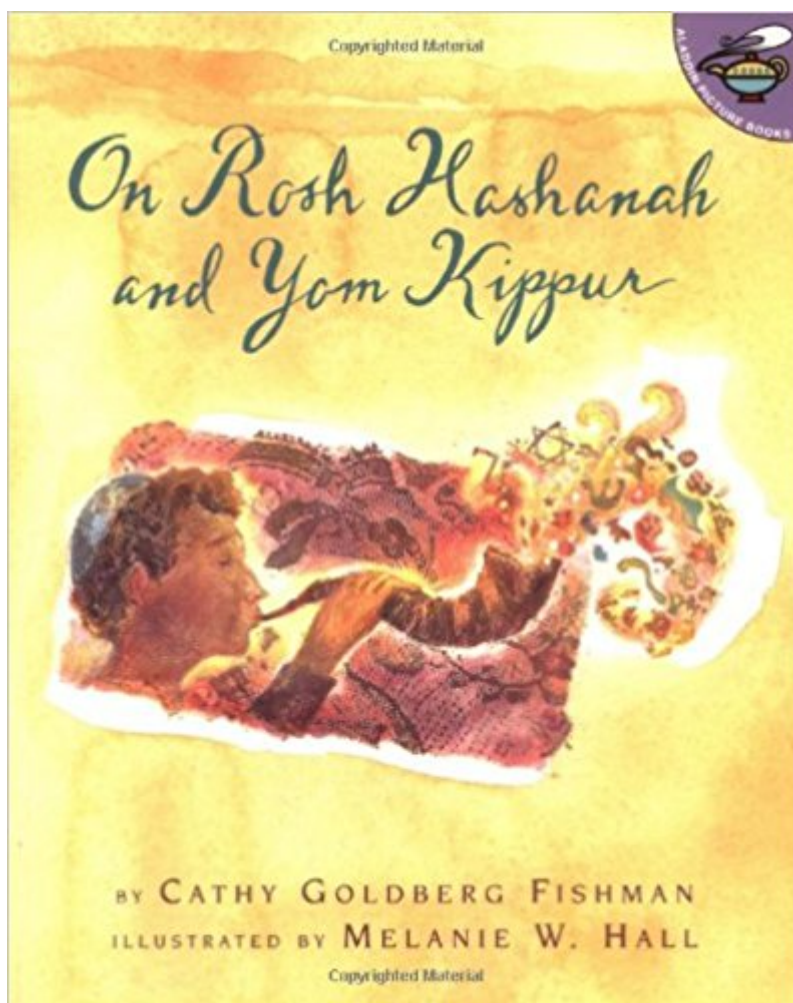


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On Rosh Hashanah And Yom Kippur (Aladdin Picture Books)



Synopsis

"Every year, people we know send cards to wish me and my family a happy and healthy New Year. La Shana Tova, they say in Hebrew." How can you tell when it is time for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? The young girl in this story can tell when her family receives cards wishing them a happy New Year. They gather together to light candles for the holiday meal and say blessings over apples and honey. They go to synagogue to pray and hear the shofar. From New Year cards and having a special holiday meal, to worshiping at temple and sending the year's sins away on the river, the young narrator of this story describes each activity of the High Holy Days as she experiences this special time with her family.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur describes the tradition and philosophy behind these Jewish holidays. Cathy Goldberg Fishman writes from a child's perspective, which frees the text from being preachy or didactic, and lends a warm feel to this quiet, lovely book. At no point does the young protagonist imply that her experience of the holidays is the best way to do things; she simply gives readers an unbiased, gentle narrative. Children rarely share the adult preoccupation with calendars, and accordingly, the young girl recognizes the holiday season in terms of tangible cues--she notices

an influx in mail, sees the leaves begin to change colors, and "feel[s] the air change from warm and stuffy to cool and crisp." The holiday foods are round and sweet, the shofar sounds like someone sobbing, and a day of fasting means books instead of snacks. When her grandmother says that Rosh Hashanah is "the day when God created the world," the girl and her brother make a quick, youthful interpretation--it's time to say happy birthday to the world. Melanie Hall's illustrations are enchanting; rich watercolors are at times painted over fabrics such as burlap and lace, at others piled on top of each other in a collage. The figures in the pictures appear peaceful and airy--so light it seems they may float off the pages at any moment. These evocative paintings, along with a helpful glossary and pronunciation guide, combine to charm children of all faiths. (Ages 5 and older)

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PreSchool-Grade 3. This companion volume to the author and illustrator's *On Passover* (Atheneum, 1997) offers a basic, but solid introduction to the customs and symbols of the Jewish New Year and Day of Repentance that can be understood by both Jewish and non-Jewish children. The young narrator describes her family's preparation for each holiday, succinctly explaining the meaning and use of each symbol in both home and synagogue. Italicized Hebrew words are identified in a one-page glossary. Hall's skillfully blended, autumn-toned, mixed-media illustrations show the young girl interacting with her family as they celebrate the two special days. Layers of paint and oil pastel or crayon add texture and depth, sometimes producing a scratchboard effect. Lace and woven materials are either printed or used as an underlay to the paint. The illustrations are tied together through the inclusion of small cards bearing traditional New Year's greetings. A clear, interesting, attractively illustrated introduction to these holidays. Susan Scheps, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great book, slow pace, quiet colors, good sequence and explanations. Several Hebrew terms are introduced, e.g., during the blowing of the shofar. This is a true gem and it also provides theological depth for a children book that is very welcome and well done. I really love it and it is done with great care and warmth.

This little book arrived in perfect condition and in a very timely manner. I will be happy and confident to purchase books from this vendor and highly recommend them.

This sweet book is best for very young children, who will enjoy the mild and simple text and its young siblings' observations of the "birthday of the world," and more. The beautiful and inventive mixed-media illustrations will speak to parents and kids alike. Definitely worth reading and admiring.

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