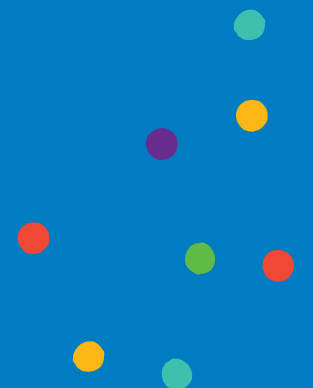


Resource Guide



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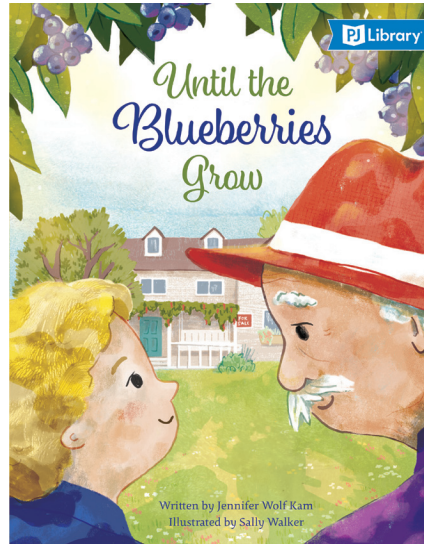
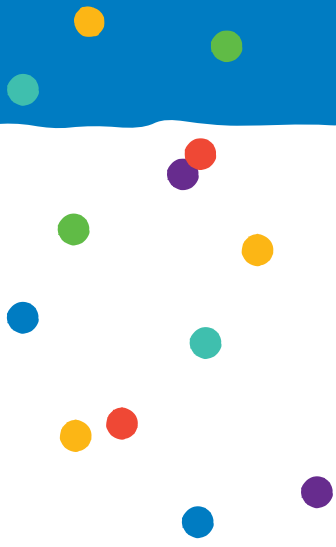
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We understand that how we gather looks different these days. Whether you are coming together in person or online, PJ Library will continue to provide content to connect with your community. Inside you'll find ways to:



- Use Jewish text in everyday occurrences
- Make meaningful connections to families through Jewish values
- Enrich learning experiences for all ages





Until the Blueberries Grow

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Ben tries to keep his *Zayde* (Yiddish for grandfather) from moving away by coaxing him to stay for just one more milestone in each season. Throughout the year they sit in a *sukkah*, munch on *latkes*, and celebrate Passover. When Zayde finally moves, he encourages Ben to think of him in every season, remembering all the fun things they’ve done together. Ben’s family visits Zayde in his new home, bringing him a basket of blueberries – now it’s Zayde’s turn to ask Ben to stay a little longer.

Long Distance

There is a lot of love and familiarity between Ben and his Zayde. Both cherish and value the time they spend together and want to keep those experiences alive even when they are apart. How might you help the kids in your community stay connected to family members who don’t live around the corner? What virtual strategies have worked well to connect people with each other during the pandemic, and how might they continue to connect families who are unable to join your in-person activities?

The Family Room

The memories Zayde created with Ben were everyday life experiences woven together with Jewish experiences – just like the everyday experience of reading a bedtime story can be transformed into a Jewish experience with PJ Library books. Grandparents can find many more ideas for activities to share with their grandchildren in the Jewish Grandparents Network Family Room. jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org/the-family-room

Values First

Throughout the story, Zayde tries to help Ben understand why he needs to move into a new home. Zayde is gently teaching Ben about the value of *kibud zekaynim*, honoring elders, as well as other Jewish values. Shaboom videos can be a great tool for kids and their grownups to start having a conversation about Jewish values. www.pjfor.me/values-videos

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