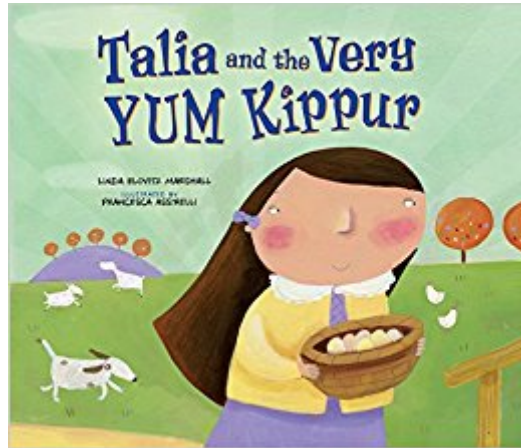




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# Talia And The Very Yum Kippur



## Synopsis

Talia of Talia and the Rude Vegetables is back! When grandma talks about preparing for breaking the Yom Kippur fast, Talia instead hears the words as 'breakfast' and 'Yum' Kippur, setting a funny series of events into motion.

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## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 **•** The heroine of Talia and the Rude Vegetables (Kar-Ben, 2012) is back, and she still seems to have a hearing problem. This time she mistakes the Yom Kippur break-fast (when Jews break their fast at the end of the Day of Atonement) for a YUM Kippur breakfast. She helps Grandma make a yummy kugel (recipe included at the back) and is surprised when everyone skips breakfast; she wonders why a "fast day" passes so slowly with most of her family away at synagogue. Grandma finally notices her confusion and explains that it's a holiday of reflection and apology. Talia experiences the deliciousness of forgiveness and concludes that it really was a "YUM" Kippur. This title works better than its predecessor because its pun makes more sense. In the earlier volume, the rudeness of the root vegetables was all in Talia's imagination; here the yum factor of Yom Kippur turns out to be real. Grandma's explanation of the holiday is age-appropriate, and it's a nice touch that Talia not only apologizes and receives forgiveness for having broken a lamp and lied about it, she also looks for more ways to be a better person by offering to set the

table. The acrylic illustrations are rounded, childlike and friendly, creating a cozy atmosphere in which Talia can feel safe to admit her misdeeds. VERDICT This pleasant and gentle introduction to the holiday of Yom Kippur includes a brief definition at the back of the book and a kugel recipe. — Heidi Estrin, Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, FL --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

A great story to teach students about Yom Kippur!

Great

Talia is at her grandparents house and her grandmother invites her to help make a break-fast meal for Yom Kippur. Talia thinks they are making a breakfast meal for Yom Kippur, and not a break-the-fast meal. When Yom Kippur approaches, she is saddened that there is not a big breakfast meal that morning. Her grandmother explains to her why they didn't eat the big break-fast meal they prepared the day before and what Jewish people do on Yom Kippur. As an adult, I liked reading/seeing how Talia and her grandmother prepared the Yom Kippur break-fast meal the day before, since Yom Kippur is a day Israelite people aren't supposed to prepare food on, from what I have learned. This story showed me that we have to be more specific sometimes when explaining things to children because they might not understand our meaning because they have learned other meanings about words/phrases that sound the same/similar to them. I wish that Talia and her grandmother could've gone to synagogue with the rest of her family during Yom Kippur but I think it's great that Talia was there to help her grandmother to do something important when the break-fast time arrived!! I think this book will give children an introduction or a refreshment in their learning about what Israelite people do on Yom Kippur. I received this book free from the publisher in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, comes ten days after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Adults and children over the age of bar/bat Mitzvah fast, pray in the Synagogue, and ask for forgiveness for things they have said or done in the previous year that may have hurt others. Family and friends gather to "break the fast" with a festival meal after sundown. Talia loves to visit her grandparents in the fall. Their home is filled with wonderful smells and tastes. Talia will be helping prepare food for Yom Kippur. She seems to be a little confused with the words. She thinks Yom is yummy for food and that fast for atonement is

really breakfast. During her visit Talia asks her grandmother to tell her more about Yom Kippur. Once again the family sits together to celebrate. What do you think they will eat? Author Linda Elovitz Marshall teaches young readers about family traditions and how to celebrate Yom Kippur. Round shapes and warm fall colors add an interesting appeal to the illustrations. Simple sentences make for a great beginner read. Readers will find a tasty recipe in the back. Parents and teachers can use this as a tool to teach Jewish culture and tradition.

I'm clearly in the minority here, but I didn't like this book. The punning didn't provide humor so much as confusion about a spiritually deep and sacred observance, Yom Kippur, that is generally beyond the understanding of young children. For that reason, other children's books about the holiday stress re-thinking one's behavior and understanding the value of apologizing -- very reasonable and age-appropriate concepts. This felt like it was written for the adults in the room, not the children.

This book explains Yom Kippur just fine; however, it is not interesting in a household that celebrates and discusses the holidays regularly. The kids found it boring and frustrating that the main character did not know anything at all about one of the two holiest days of the year. Back to the library it goes!

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