

Welcome to Sipureinu – The ENJC Kid’s Book Club!

Sipureinu, which means “our stories” in Hebrew, is our new interactive program to create community and promote Jewish values (*middot*) with our elementary age children. We’ll come together about once a month to explore a particular value through songs, games, and other activities.

BEFORE each meeting, we’ll provide a list of relevant book suggestions that our children and families can read together. When we meet, everyone will have the chance to be an “expert presenter”, reporting to the group about what he/she/they read and learned together.

DO WE NEED TO READ A WHOLE BOOK? No. You can read anything. A song. A poem. A story. Something you already had to read for school. Maybe there’s a YouTube video or Minecraft challenge that captures your attention and makes you think AHA! that’s exactly like this value that we’re talking about. The most important thing is that we want to hear YOUR voice and have YOU share what YOU LEARNED.

BUT I DON’T HAVE TIME TO READ A BOOK/SUPERVISE EXTRA HOMEWORK. Amen. Join us for Sipureinu meetings anyway.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE MEETING? Just come as you are. If you want to be super-prepared, you can bring a project to share as part of your “presentation” – stick figure drawings, a short written paragraph, an original song... anything goes! Only please remember that we are meeting on Shabbat, so you won’t be able to share anything on an electronic device at that time. (If you do create something that needs to be shared electronically, we’ll make sure you get to do that on a different day).

WHO is invited to meetings? The activities will be geared to elementary aged children (K-5). Caregivers and siblings of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The first gathering of Sipureinu will take place on Saturday November 16th at 10:30am. The value for this month’s meeting is “*hakarat ha-tov*” – *Thanksgiving!*

Book Suggestions:

~ *The Tale of Meshka The Kvetch* by Carol Chapman, Illustrated by Arnold Lobel

~ *Bagels from Benny* by Aubrey Davis, Illustrated by Dusan Petricic

~ *Rivka’s First Thanksgiving* by Elsa Okon Rael, Illustrated by Maryann Kovalski

~ *There is a Flower at the Tip of My Nose Smelling Me* by Alice Walker

~ *Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky I Was* by Dr. Seuss

~ *Gratitude Soup* by Olivia Rosewood

~ *Thanks A Million* by Nikki Grimes

~ *The Most Thankful Thing* by Lisa McCourt