



Introducing the PJ Goes to School Orientation Video Series

Welcome to PJ Goes to School (PJGtS)! We've made a video series to help your staff make the best use of the PJGtS books you are receiving. These four short videos - each less than 10 minutes - are designed to be used as individual trigger films over time or watched in one session. Each video teaches one facet of our simple approach to using PJ Library books to enrich the teaching of Jewish values in the early childhood classroom.

We suggest watching the orientation video modules yourself first so that you can make the best plan for your teachers.

Should your teachers watch together or individually?

- Ideally your entire faculty will watch the video modules as a team. (It will be more fun to do the actions together and brainstorm ideas for your school.) This will take about 45 minutes, allowing for conversation in between. If that is not possible, consider trying to watch the introduction and first module together.
- If you cannot convene the entire faculty, provide time for co-teachers or age-level teaching groups to watch the video modules together.
- If you direct teachers to watch on their own, consider how you will encourage them to follow through. You might ask them to come to school 15 minutes early to watch a module with you. Serve breakfast! Save a few minutes to try the action items together. Send the message that this will be fun. What would your teachers enjoy?

Should your teachers watch the video modules all at once or at separate times?

- Use the [introduction and three video modules](#) as the core of an in-service program. The series uses *Bubbe Isabella and the Sukkot Cake* as an example. You can mix it up by doing the action steps using several different PJ Library books.
- Prefer to break it up? You can watch each 5-7-minute module as a trigger film during a staff meeting and do the action steps together.
- If you ask your teachers to watch on their own, try setting up a schedule so everyone is on the same page and can share what they've learned.

What materials do you need when you watch?

- *Bubbe Isabella and the Sukkot Cake* (or another PJ Goes to School book)
- Resource guide for your book (click [here](#) for the Bubbe Isabella guide)
- Module-specific handouts ([Jewish Values List](#) and [Imagine Planning](#))

All materials can be found in our Educators' Center: <https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/educators-center>

Why should your teachers do the PJGtS orientation quiz?

- The quiz is a chance to reflect on using PJGtS books into their classrooms.
- Teachers who complete the quiz will get a PJ Goes to School “Using Children’s Literature to Teach Jewish Values” Professional Learning Certificate.
- When your teachers have all completed the quiz you will receive a free bookshelf with PJ Library books for your school.

Please send this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJGtS-Orientation>) to your teachers and encourage them to complete the short quiz when they complete all three orientation modules. The link to the quiz can also be found in the PJGtS Educators’ Center on the PJ Library website.

How will teachers get their PJGtS “Using Children’s Literature to Teach Jewish Values” Professional Learning Certificate?

You did it! At the end of the online quiz teachers will be directed to download their [certificate](#). When your teachers ask you to sign their certificates, be ready to congratulate them with a big *yasher koach* (congratulations and way to go)!

How do you get a FREE PJGtS bookshelf for your school?

- Confirm your 3’s and 4’s teachers watched the three modules. (You will know they have watched the modules when they come to ask for your signature on their certificates.)
- Request a PJ Library Bookshelf for your school using this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018-bookrack>
- We send you the bookshelf and books to put in it!

Be sure to place the bookshelf where families will see it.

What else can you do to make PJGtS a big success at your school?

Get families engaged!

1. Once your teachers start reading PJGtS books, **edit** and send home our [Family Letter](#).
2. Encourage your teachers to send home the family activity tear-off on the resources guides for each book.
3. Share the great news that parents can get free books every month by [signing up for PJ Library](#).
4. Check out our [Making the Most of PJGtS](#) for more ideas.