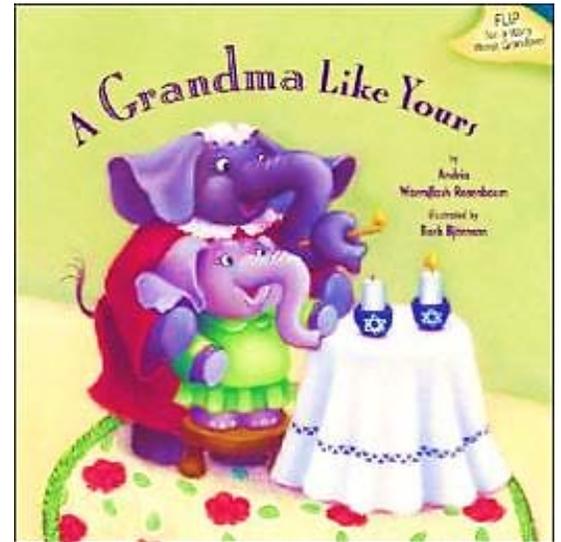


## A Grandma Like Yours/ A Grandpa Like Yours

By Andria Warmflash Rosenbaum

### Program Focus

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| Age group:     | Ages 2-4   |
| Time frame:    | 60 minutes   |
| Central value: | Honor ( <i>Kavod</i> ), Family Relationships/<br>Peace in the Home ( <i>Shalom Bayit</i> ) |



### Synopsis

For grandparents, sharing traditions with grandchildren and preparing for (and celebrating) Jewish holidays together is a window into creating lasting and meaningful Jewish relationships with their grandchildren. For children, knowing where their own parents come from and being introduced to the rituals and traditions of their extended family sends a powerful message of being cared for and loved. This book shares two rhyming, humorous stories of grandmas and grandpas, bubbes and zaydes, savtas and sabas – all of whom just happen to be adorable animals!

### Goals

- To elevate and reinforce the important role grandparents play in our lives by honoring the relationship between children and their grandparents.
- To demonstrate that children call their grandparents by several different names
- To show how grandparents can play a wonderful role in the celebration of holidays and the transmission of family traditions and values.

This program is intended to be a family program with children and grandparent/s together. If no grandparent can be present, parent and child can take this time to think about some of the special times that they have shared with the child's grandparents.

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# Plan in advance

## Prepare the Crown of Kavod

### Materials

- Pre-cut foam crowns (Oriental Trader-12 for \$6)
- Extra decorations- gems and stickers
- Pretty signs or posters with quotes from the book

### Advanced Preparations

1. Place signs or posters on the table or hang them on a nearby wall.



## Prepare Foam Door Hangers

### Materials

- Foam door hangers- Packages of 6 are usually between \$3.50 (makingfriends.com) and \$4.50 (craftsuppliesforless.com)
- Jewish holiday stickers, gems, and shapes
- Optional: Include a space for writing a little note of appreciation towards one's grandparents:  
"I love \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the name of an activity –reading books, swimming etc.) with my \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in child's name for grandparent)"

### Advanced preparations

1. Write "Grandparents Welcome" on each hanger.



# Introduce with an activity

## Make Crown of Kavod

### Intro Words

Welcome everyone to our very first National Grandparent's Day celebration. Today we give Kavod to all the Grandparents we have. Kavod means honor. Today, we want to let our grandparents know how much we love them and how thankful we are for all that they do for us. Whether you call your grandparent Grandma, Bubbe, Nana, Grammy, Safta... or Grandpa, Zayde, Papa, Poppy, Saba... we know how special they are to you. Today, we are going to make a special crown for our grandparents to let them know how much we love them. If your grandparents are with you today, you can give them their crown to wear as soon as you finish it. If your grandparents aren't here, you can bring the crown home and give it to your grandparents the next time you see them.

### Directions

1. Spread several pre-cut foam crowns on a table.
2. Spread several paper plates with various adornments and stickers (do the same for small dishes of glue with either paintbrushes or foam dabbers).
3. Allow grandparents and children to create their own designs.



# Read the story

## Introduce the Story

When sufficient time has been given, cue the participants to join you at a comfortable space for the storytelling by playing music about grandparents or celebrating holidays:

- Official song for National Grandparents Day:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogzs4zKtNKQ>

*This is one of my very favorite stories. All you have to do is LISTEN and you'll know WHY.*

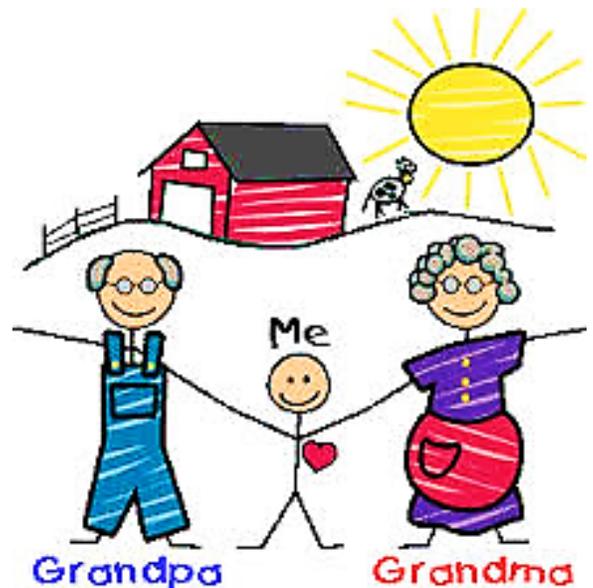
## Props

No preparation or props are necessary. If you feel you need something, create large sized pictures of each of the holidays mentioned and hold them up as you read. You can use the same pictures during your discussion of the book later. The holidays and Jewish traditions referenced are: Shabbat, Hanukkah, Purim, Passover, Rosh Hoshanah, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Tu B'Shevat, Mitzva Day (or any mitzvah), and spending time in Shul.

## Encourage Participation

Since this is a very quick story, you'll want to read the story all the way through, both sides. Once finished, revisit the story one page at a time pointing out the different holidays and what the grandparents are doing on each page. Gauging your audience, if most children have brought a special grandparent, you can allow time for interactions between the two. If it's a mixed audience, you may want to stick to questions about grandparents in general:

1. How do our grandparents make us feel? - Because they make us feel loved and cared for, we give them lots of Kavod. Kavod means that we honor them and that they are very special in our lives. What are some of the ways we can show our grandparents kavod, or show them that they are special to us and that we know they have lots to teach us?
2. Can you ask your grandma or grandpa which holiday is their favorite? (Give time for the personal interaction). Can you ask your grandma and grandpa what they love to do with you?
3. If your grandparents aren't with you today, can you tell your mom, dad, or the grown-up who brought you here today, what you like doing with your grandparents? What do you think your grandparents are especially good at?



# Follow Up activities and resources

## Make Welcome Hangers

### Intro Words

Now we're going to make a "Grandparents Welcome" door hanger. This way, grandma or grandpa will know how much you love to have them visit you and how much kavod you have for them. When you are finished decorating your door hanger, you can put it on your door at home.

### Directions

1. Decorate the door hangers using the stickers, gems, and shapes.

## Sing the Song for National Grandparents Day

Listen here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogzs4zKtNKQ>

### Chorus

Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you  
I love all those little things that you say and do  
A walk through the park, a trip to the zoo  
Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you

### Verse One

Going to a ball game, fishing on the lake  
Eating Grandma's cookies, boy they sure taste great  
Going to the circus when it comes to town  
Eating cotton candy and laughing at the clowns

### Chorus

Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you  
I love all those little things that you say and do  
A hug and a kiss, a ride home from school  
Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you

### Verse Two

Spending time together, talking on the phone  
Happy birthday presents, chocolate ice cream cones  
Photographs and memories, picnics and parades  
Saying that you love me in so many ways

### Chorus

Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you  
I love all those little things that you say and do  
The stories you tell, things I never knew  
Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you



# Resources for parents, teachers, families

## Nurturing the Family

One of the goals of the program is to empower grandparents and strengthen the role they play in their grandchild's life related to the transmission of Jewish values and holiday traditions. By spending time during this program to elevate the kavod shown by the child to their Jewish grandparent, the first steps are being taken to do just that. The materials provided help to bring the learning home.

### Suggested Support Documents

1. Article: "[Grandparents Vital to Religious Identity](#)" by Meredith Moss
2. Article: "[Jewish Grandparenting: Creating a lasting and meaningful relationship with your grandchildren](#)" by Kay Pomerantz

### Suggestions for Families to Try at Home

1. Invite grandparents over to read a PJ Library book. If grandparents live far away, take advantage of Skype
2. Ask children to draw a picture of them doing something special with grandma/grandpa.
3. Check out the [Summer Ideas for Grandparents](#) on the PJ Blog.
4. Explore other [PJ Library books featuring grandparents](#)