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## Harvest Blessings

PJ Library is excited to share this NEW resource for using PJ Library books and materials in your organization. Inside you'll find ideas for how to use this book to:



- **More deeply engage with families**
- **Explore your community**
- **Enhance your Shabbat experiences**
- **Connect with learners of all ages**





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Before we eat, it's traditional to take a moment to appreciate our food and express gratitude. This lovely flip book offers the Jewish blessings for all the harvests, whether from the earth or the vine.

**Dig In**

As the weather gets warmer, now is the perfect time to start a garden. Bring folks from across the ages and programs of your organization together to plan and plant. Use this book and its beautiful illustrations as a jumping off point to think about what you'd like to plant; and what you'll do with the fruits and vegetables that you harvest.

**Farm Share**

Many communities offer opportunities to buy in to "farm shares" or "community supported agriculture" as a way to buy produce directly from local farmers. If this is an option in your area, perhaps offer up your building as a pick up spot for the produce; build programming around the fresh fruits and vegetables that are being delivered; buy a few shares to share as a community or to donate to a food pantry- they are often in need of this type of produce.

A True "Field" Trip	Shavuot at school
Some of us are more closely connected to plants and agriculture than others. For those who'd like to learn more, put together a field trip to a local farm- where participants can get a real taste for what goes into getting their food to the table. Take pictures to share in an upcoming blog, on social media or at another event.	As <i>Shavuot</i> approaches, consider adopting one of the ways that the holiday is celebrated in Israel- by creating flower crowns to wear. Encourage students and their families to bring in flowers that are growing near their own homes or to take a trip to a local flower market or garden to gather some. Provide supplies like needles, thread and ribbons to complete the looks.

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