

# Resource Guide

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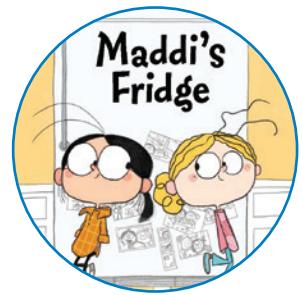


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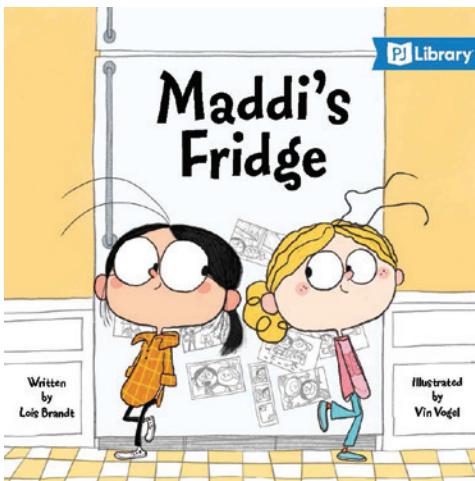
PJ Library is excited to share this NEW resource for using PJ Library books and materials in your organization. Inside you'll find ideas for how to use this book to:

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



## Maddi's Fridge

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When Sofia learns that her best friend, Maddi, doesn't have enough food in her fridge, she wants to help — but Maddi has asked Sofia not to tell anyone. This beautiful story of friendship mixes the right dash of humor with warm storytelling to help introduce kids to big questions about feeding the hungry and what it means to be a friend.

## Shabbat

The images from *Maddi's Fridge* help to tell us a deeper story. During a Torah Study with teens or adults, use Visual Thinking Strategies to delve deeper into these picture by asking participants:

- What's going on [in this picture]?
- What do you see that makes you say that?
- What more can we find?

Those same questions can be used to investigate other pieces of text and artwork to explore the themes of the book.

## Tikkun Olam

Sofia wants to help Maddi, but bringing fish in her backpack isn't the solution. Similarly, when we are compelled to volunteer and give back, we don't always fully assess the feasibility of a plan and the real demands in our communities. Partner with local agencies to learn more about what your congregation can do to help to make sure that your tikkun olam efforts match the needs. Invite staff members or volunteers from organizations that work on feeding the hungry to present to your board or committee that addresses these issues about the true needs where you are.

### Family Programming

Consider partnering with Canstruction – an organization that leads communities in building structures out of donated canned goods – to create an experiential learning opportunity for families. You could construct a prominent building from the Jewish tradition or something specific to your community. When you're finished, all of the donations go to help those in need.

### Classrooms

Books are a perfect way to introduce challenging topics. Read the book and then ask: What can we do when friends trust us with information that might be too big for us alone? Or use *Maddi's Fridge* in your youth programming to pair with learning around Maimonides' Tzedakah Ladder (see the books flaps for more).

### For more on the Jewish value of Feeding the Hungry:

[www.pjlibrary.org/hunger-resources](http://www.pjlibrary.org/hunger-resources)  
[www.amazon.org](http://www.amazon.org)

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**Visual Thinking Strategies:** [www.vtshome.org](http://www.vtshome.org)  
**Canstruction:** [www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org)