

# Choose One mitzvah for Bondi

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS



### One of the suggested Mitzvahs is 'Values at Bedtime'

Read your children bedtime stories that teach positive moral lessons, encourage good behaviour, build character and inspire integrity.

*Dedicated in honour of **Tania Tretiak**, a grandmother who loved her family.*



**This list supports emotional intelligence, kindness, resilience, empathy, faith, and positive character development.**

#### 👶 Babies, Toddlers & Preschool

##### **Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes – Mem Fox**

Celebrates the joy, wonder, and universality of new life.

##### **It's a Mitzvah! – Suzy Ultman**

Introduces everyday acts of kindness, peace, and good deeds.

##### **Little Blue Truck – Alice Schertle**

Shows the power of friendship, teamwork, and cooperation.

##### **Wrapping Things – Linda Burgess**

Explores welcoming a new baby and family bonding.

##### **Before You Close Your Eyes – Scott Stuart**

Encourages reflection, gratitude, and calm before bedtime.

##### **How Big Is Love? – Carl Merrison & Hakea Hustler**

Reassures children of the boundless depth of love.

##### **Shmoof – Heidi McKinnon**

Teaches responsibility, care, and compassion toward pets.

##### **World of Colour – Jess Racklyeft**

Encourages wonder, curiosity, and appreciation of nature.

##### **Peanut Butter and Cupcake – Terry Border**

Celebrates friendship, differences, and acceptance.

##### **I'm Not Just a Scribble – Diane Alber**

Builds self-confidence, creativity, and self-expression.

## *Babies, Toddlers & Preschool continued*

### **Stick and Stone – Beth Ferry & Tom Lichtenheld**

Highlights loyalty, bravery, and standing up for friends.

### **My Many Coloured Days – Dr Seuss**

Helps children understand and express a wide range of emotions.

### **In My Heart: A Book of Feelings – Jo Witek**

Encourages emotional awareness and acceptance of all feelings.

### **Why Is Baby Joe Crying, Papa? – Anna Mills**

Normalises emotions and builds empathy and understanding.

### **We're Going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury**

Teaches bravery, resilience, and perseverance through challenges.

### **When I'm Feeling... Collection – Trace Moroney**

Helps children identify, manage, and understand emotions.

### **Magic Beach – Alison Lester**

Celebrates imagination, play, and joy in nature.

### **Giraffes Can't Dance – Giles Andreae**

Encourages self-belief, confidence, and embracing uniqueness.

### **Alexander's Outing – Pamela Allen**

Highlights family protection, caution, and care.

## **Early Primary**

### **Another Year Around the Sun – Katrina Germein**

Appreciates family, nature, and the passing of time through the seasons.

### **A Thread of Kindness – Leah-Perl Shollar**

Shows how small acts of kindness connect us all.

### **The Invisible String – Patrice Karst**

Explains emotional connection and love even when apart.

### **The Giving Tree – Shel Silverstein**

Explores generosity, giving, and unconditional love.

### **Have You Filled a Bucket Today? – Carol McCloud**

Teaches kindness, empathy, and emotional wellbeing.

### **Not That Question Again – Belinda Blecher**

Encourages meaningful parent-child communication.

### **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge – Mem Fox**

Explores memory, ageing, and empathy.

### **Be Kind – Pat Zietlow Miller**

Shows how small acts of kindness make a big difference.

### **Kindness Makes Us Strong – Sophie Beer**

Encourages everyday kindness and empathy.

### **The Carrot Seed – Ruth Krauss**

Teaches patience, hope, and belief.

### **Prayer for a River – Andrew Kelly**

Encourages gratitude for water and environmental awareness.

 **Early Primary continued****Here Come the Cousins – Maggie Hutchins**

Celebrates extended family, togetherness, and belonging.

**The Friendship Book – Zanni Louise**

Explores how friendships grow through kindness and care.

**The Little Engine That Could – Watty Piper**

Inspires perseverance, optimism, and determination.

**The Good Deeds Dogs – Emma Chichester Clark**

Encourages kindness and helping others.

**Sundays Under the Lemon Tree – Julia Busuttil Nishimura**

Celebrates family tradition and togetherness.

**Ten Small Things I Can Do to Help My Planet – Melanie Walsh**

Builds environmental responsibility and awareness.

**A Hatful of Dreams – Bob Graham**

Celebrates grandparent-grandchild relationships and imagination.

**Giant Parsnip Soup – Daniela Sosa**

Shows cooperation, teamwork, and friendship.

**Between – Anna Walker**

Explores empathy, emotional connection, and belonging.

**Grandpa's Guide to Happiness – Andrew Daddo**

Shares wisdom, perspective, and life lessons.

**Where Would You Go? – Alison Lester & Jane Goodwin**

Encourages imagination, curiosity, and family connection.

**One Race – Gregg Dreiser**

Promotes unity, inclusion, and shared humanity.

 **Primary****How to Heal a Broken Wing – Bob Graham**

Teaches compassion and care for the vulnerable.

**The Humble Pie – Jory John**

Encourages humility, growth, and self-reflection.

**Noah and His Special Friend – Susan Sara Feiga Zimmerman**

Introduces moral responsibility and universal values.

**What Should Danny Do? – Adir Levy**

Shows how choices shape outcomes and character.

**I Wish You More – Amy Krouse Rosenthal**

Encourages reflection, gratitude, and life aspirations.

**All Kinds of Strong – Kris Wiltse**

Celebrates emotional, mental, and physical strength.

**Listen With Your Heart – Raizy Metzger & Esty Raskin**

Builds sensitivity, inclusion, and compassion for children with challenges.

**I Wish You Happiness – Michael Wong**

Shares heartfelt wishes for a meaningful, joyful, and kind life.