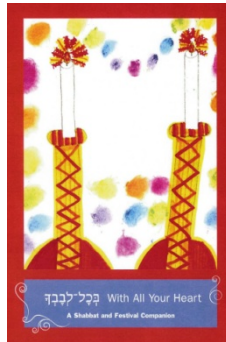


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MJDS's With All Your Heart: A Shabbat and Festival Companion



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Minneapolis Jewish Day School (MJDS) is pleased to announce that its hard cover book, *With All Your Heart: A Shabbat and Festival Companion*, released in Fall 2006, has been recognized as a 2007 Notable Book for Younger Readers by the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee of the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL).

Each year the Sydney Taylor Book Awards recognize the best in Jewish children's literature. Medals are awarded annually for outstanding books that authentically portray the Jewish experience. According to *With All Your Heart: A Shabbat and Festival Companion* writer Rabbi Julie K. Gordon, MJDS Spiritual Life Director, "Being selected as one of this year's thirteen honorees in the young readers category from a pool of more than 150 submissions is quite an honor. MJDS and I are greatly appreciative to all the publications contributors – parents, friends, students, community clergy, faculty and staff – without their hard work and commitment this publication would not have become a successful reality."

With All Your Heart: A Shabbat and Festival Companion is designed to make celebrations at home, school and synagogue more accessible and meaningful. It is a companion to the successful *With All Your Heart: A Weekday Prayer Book*. Examples of elements included in the publication are *Shabbat* and Festival blessings, a guide to *Torah* study, many *zemirot* (songs), *Birkat Hamazon* (Grace after Meals), *Havdalah* and *Shema Yisrael* at bedtime. The book also provides:

- **Easy to read Hebrew egalitarian text**
- **Reader friendly translations, background information, and transliteration**
- **Questions to spark discussion and add layers of meaning**
- **Thought-provoking student illustrations**

The Book Award was established in 1968. It is named in memory of Sydney Taylor, author of the classic All-of-a-Kind Family series. The Sydney Taylor Book Awards will be presented at the annual AJL Conference, slated for June 19 in Phoenix, Arizona.

For more information on MJDS's *Shabbat and Festival Companion*, or the first publication in the *With All Your Heart Series, A Weekday Prayer Book*, visit allyourheart.com or mjds.net. For more information on MJDS's K-8 community day school program, contact 952.381.3566. The school is currently enrolling at all grade levels for the 2007-08 school year and is open to students with little or no Hebrew experience.