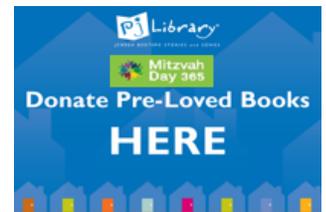


In partnership with Mitzvah Day, PJ Library has created a book-based event for young families. It includes:

1. **A book swap** for every community
2. **Mitzvah Day storytelling** and a **FREE PJ Library Mitzvah book**
  - **Mitzvah: *A Hat for Mrs Goldman***
  - **Interfaith / b'tzelem Elokim: *Yaffa and Fatima***
  - **Visiting the sick / bikkur cholim: *A Sick Day for Amos McGee***
  - **Planting for the future /Tikkun Olam: *The Forever Garden***

## A Book Swap in every community

Enjoy story time and a chance to trade books that children have loved and outgrown. This is a terrific way to give and receive new books. A book swap is a fun event for every age. Ask participants to bring along 2-3 books they don't read any more, and to write a note detailing why they liked it – then get them to swap! It's a social event that will introduce children to a new favourite read. PJ Library invite you to be a part of this opportunity to donate your preloved books books to tzedakah.



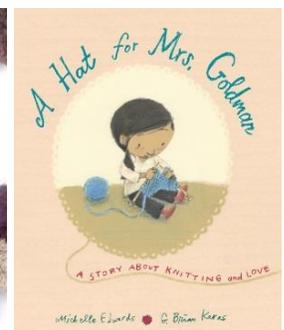
1. Register by emailing [info@pjlibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@pjlibrary.org.uk) and receive PJ Library book swap posters, balloons, stickers and flyers
2. Invite young families to the event and remind them to bring 2-3 gently used books to swap and give away
3. Children can look around the swap-shelf and choose a book they like. They can take it with them or simply enjoy it at the event
4. Leave behind at least one gently used books for someone else to discover
5. Children take home a 'new' book and leave the rest behind. All of the collected books can be donated to a local children's hospice
- 6.
7. Take photos of the book swap and send to PJ Library HQ so your event can inspire others!



## A celebration of winter mitzvahs: Tikkun Olam

**Recommended age: 5+**

- Consideration for the less fortunate is very important in Judaism. It falls under the general concept of *tikkun olam* 'repairing the world' or making the world a better place. In the story *A Hat for Mrs Goldman*, Sophia's worry about Mrs Goldman's cold head and her desire to make her a special hat embodies both the meaning and the spiritual concept of a mitzvah.
- Look at the back of book to find out how to make pom-poms, or click [here](#) for an easy way to make them.
- Make this pom pom scarf for someone in need. Perhaps your community could make a few to give to a homeless shelter.



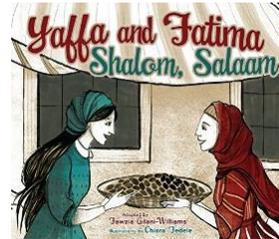
## Fostering interfaith friendships

Recommended age: 5+

We are thought to have been created *b'tzelem Elokim* – in the image of G-d.

There are many symbols of peace, one of the most famous being the ancient symbols of a dove with an olive branch.

Make dove bookmarks by downloading and decorating this [printable](#) dove with an olive branch, and cellotape it to a chopstick or lolly stick.



## Visiting the Sick – A Sick Day for Amos McGee

Recommended age: 2+

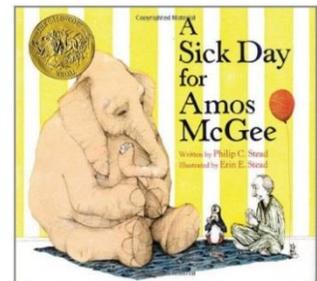
Bringing someone soup, reading a story to them, playing cards, or even just giving them a gentle hug are all ways to help people feel better. If your friends aren't well enough for a visit, sending a brightly decorated cards can cheer them up.

### Storytelling and discussion questions:

- Why do you think a visit from a friend helps a sick person feel better?
- All the animals in this story had different ways of showing Amos how they care. How do you show your friends and family that you care?
- What are other ways to show people you care, whether they are sick or healthy?

CRAFT: Making cards for the sick in hospital

Use plasters, googly eyes and felt tips to make fun cards to cheer up someone who is unwell. Give them to parents at your local hospital.



## The environment and intergenerational relationships

Recommended age: 3+

The Forever Garden is story that teaches us about planting for future generations. On Mitzvah Day, many communities focus on clearing up outdoors or planting new trees in communal areas such as hospitals gardens and children's playgrounds.

Create a break in the clearing activities by reading this short story and giving out a dried or fresh fruit as a snack.

