

# Good News from SCBWI Israel

## June 2020



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### ★ BOOK CONTRACTS:

- Author **Tzivia MacLeod** (Assistant Regional Advisor, SCBWI Israel) signed with Apples & Honey Press for her PB *Pumpkin Pie for Sigd*.
- Author **Pam Moritz** signed with Kar-Ben Publishing for her PB *In Search of a Seder*, to be published in spring 2021.
- Author **Allison Ofanansky** signed with Apples & Honey Press for her PB *Esther Didn't Dream of Being Queen*, to be published in spring 2021.
- Author **Carol Ungar** signed with HaChai Press for her PB *The Surprise in the Desk*.

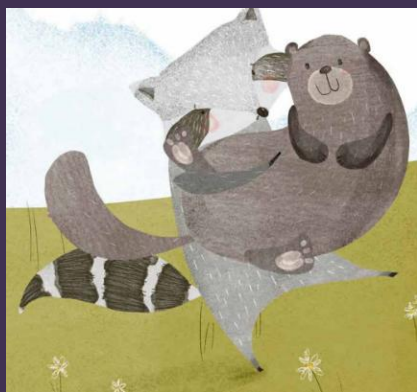


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From: *Clarence's Topsy-Turvy Shabbat*

### ★ OTHER GREAT NEWS:

- Author **Gila Green** read from her new YA novel *No Entry* at her alma mater, Carleton University, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- Author/illustrator **Miri Leshem-Pelly's** (Regional Advisor, SCBWI Israel) upcoming PB *Penny and the Plain Piece of Paper* (Philomel/Penguin Random House) received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews.
- Author **Anna Levine's** (Founding Regional Advisor, SCBWI Israel) MG novel *Scout's Honor and the Cave of Courage*, will be released as a podcast series audiobook by PJ Library.
- Author **Tzivia MacLeod's** PB *Clarence's Topsy-Turvy Shabbat* (2020, Kar-Ben) was a PJ Library selection for May 2020.
- Author **Allison Ofanansky's** nonfiction PB *Harvest of Light* (2008, Kar-Ben) was a PJ Library selection for December 2019.

### ★ BOOK LAUNCHES:

- Author **Tammy Brown Elkeles** celebrated the release of her PB *The Kingdom of Serious and the Kingdom of Silly* (Matar), illustrated by Shahar Kober.
- Author **Gila Green** celebrated the release of her YA novel *No Entry* (Stormbird), the first in a series.
- Author **Tzivia MacLeod** celebrated the release of her PB *Clarence's Topsy-Turvy Shabbat* (Kar-Ben), illustrated by Jennie Poh.
- Author **Maya Maytav** celebrated the release of her PB *Daddy, What Does It Do?* (Dani), illustrated by Aviel Basil.
- Author **Mirik Snir** celebrated the release of two books, *Egg for Shabbat* (Agam), and the newly re-released *A Rabbit and a Cat are going on a Trip* (Sifriyat Pijama), both illustrated by her daughter, Elior Snir.

### ★ PRIZE WINNERS:

- Author **Tzivia MacLeod** received a PJ Our Way Author Incentive Award for her MG novel *Halfon, Boy of the Sacred Letters*.
- Author **Allison Ofanansky's** PB *שק של מזל* (*Sack of Luck*) (2019, Kinneret-Zmora-Dvir) was chosen by the Israel Ministry of Education for their Book Parade of recommended books. She also received two Author Incentive Awards, one from PJ Library for her upcoming PB *Esther Didn't Dream of Being Queen* (Apples & Honey, 2021), and one from PJ Our Way for her MG novel, *A Frog in a Flock of Cranes*, along with a scholarship to the Highlights Whole Novel workshop.
- Author **Michelle Orrelle** has won a PJ Library scholarship to the Highlights Revision Retreat.

### ★ FOREIGN RIGHTS:

- Author/illustrator **Miri Leshem-Pelly** sold the Spanish and Italian translation rights for her PB *Scribble & Author*, which was published in English by Kane/Miller in 2016.
- Author **Allison Ofanansky** sold the English-language rights for her PB *Sack of Luck* (*שק של מזל*) to Groundwood Books for publication in Fall 2020.

### ★ GET CRITIQUED:

- SCBWI Israel offers several English-language critique opportunities: **The Red Pencil**, for picture books, and **Novel Ideas**, for middle-grade and young adult books. To join the wait list, or if you're interested in facilitating a Hebrew-language group, please contact [pxmoritz@gmail.com](mailto:pxmoritz@gmail.com).

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