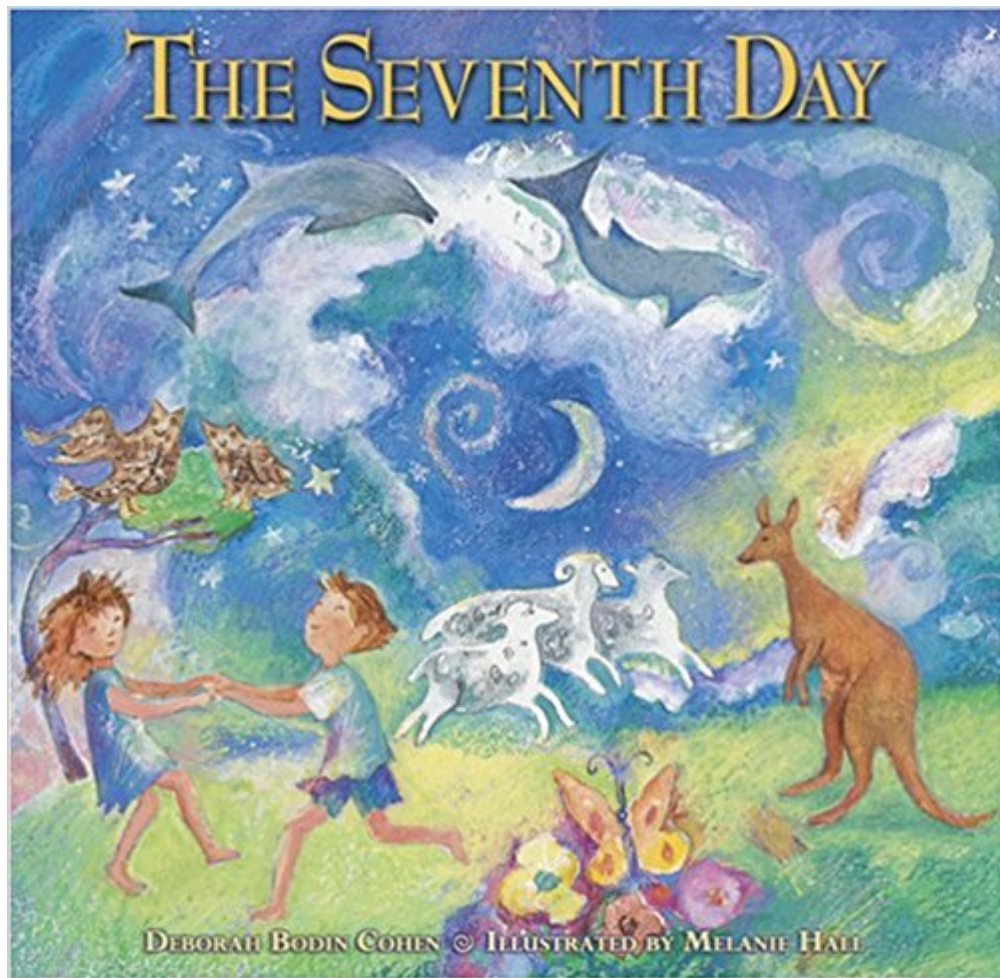




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The Seventh Day (General Jewish Interest)



Synopsis

Like a potter, a painter, and a musician, God creates the earth and what dwells there, then celebrates by sharing a cup of grape juice with the boy and girl he made in his image and resting on the first Shabbat.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1 -- This story is a combination of the traditional Jewish creation myth, which leads to the beginning of the Sabbath, and a prayer in which God is referred to as a potter, a painter, and, in this case, a musician. At times the parallels between the jobs and the actions of the Creator are strained, and the language occasionally becomes overly sweet. The mixed-media illustrations are quite lovely, with a Chagall-like feel. They flow nicely across the pages along with the story, but they, too, at times stray into saccharine. The addition of the Jewish prayer for the wine and for Shabbat seems to limit this title to a somewhat religious group, but the phraseology in places is fairly modern and will probably not be acceptable to the Orthodox community. Reform and Conservative Jewish communities may find this book useful, but it's unlikely to have a wider audience. -- Amy Lilien-Harper, The Ferguson Library, Stamford, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen, whom I have had the pleasure of meeting on several occasions over the past four years, has managed to bring a story of biblical proportions down to size for the young set. The Genesis story of creation is told in simple, yet energetic terms, which will hold the attention of any child old enough to show an interest in books. A must-have for any parent who wants to acquaint his or her child with the basic stories of the Bible.

This book covers the story of the creation beautifully. Showing God using talents like painting, singing, pottery, and music in the making of the earth, sky and all living things, I believe encourages youngsters to discover the talents that God has given them. The story flowed very well and even though the last 4 pages focuses on Shabbat, I believe this book would be a good addition to any home that believes Creationism. It would not interrupt the flow of the story if a Christian changed the word 'shabbat' to 'the sabbath', although I do not do that in my home. I love reading stories of other religions and cultures to my children and then (when they are old enough) we have discuss the similarities in our faiths.

As vice president of education for Temple Emanuel in Cherry Hill, NJ, it has been a real pleasure and honor for me to work closely with Rabbi Debbie Cohen, our director of lifelong learning as she leads our religious school and adult education activities. We are especially proud of the publication of her first book, The Seventh Day, and we hope that her joy and enthusiasm for teaching our children about Shabbat will reach many readers, young and old.

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