

Hoopla teaches kids about Jewish wedding customs

Hoopla Under the Huppah by Dori Weinstein, Five Flames Press, 288pp, \$14.95 paperback October 2017

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This is the third in a *Ya Ya & Yo Yo* Series which included *Sliding into the New Year* and *Shaking in the Shack*. This book is geared for children ages eight and up.

Ya Ya (Yael or Ellie) and Yo Yo (Yoel) are 11-year-old twins who live in a traditional Jewish family and whose Aunt Rachel is getting married to soon-to-be Uncle David. They have been asked to participate, and as the plans develop, they are learning all of the rituals and traditions of a Jewish wedding. However, as the weeks

continue, there are all kinds of good and bad adventures which the twins and their 13-year-old older brother experience.

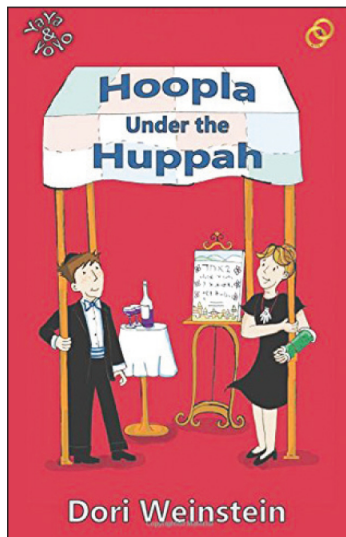
The *ketuba* (marriage contract) painted by the twins' mother, the actual wedding ceremony and more evolve while Ya Ya learns about "the evil eye."

The book offers opportunities for parents to discuss these Jewish traditions while enjoying the humor of this family.

As an adult, I re-

ally enjoyed this book.

Dori Weinstein grew up in New York, taught in public and Jewish schools, and now lives in St. Louis Park with her husband, Gary. The couple has three grown children. Weinstein teaches pre-school Hebrew.



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