

# Hilltown Families

## HFVS Giveaway: Jewish Holiday Music and Cookbook

December 10, 2008 at 12:00 pm ([Contest](#), [Holidays](#))

### Jewish Events, Music & Cookbook, For the Holidays



This week's media giveaway: Jewish Holiday Music & Cookbook

### Upcoming Events

We are very fortunate here in Western Mass to have a variety of holiday traditions that are celebrated with and in our community. For instance, The PJ Library is sponsoring several free events, welcoming the community to celebrate and discover Hanukkah.

- On Tuesday, **December 16th**, 2008 from 4-5pm, children 4-8 years old can “Shake, Rattle & Read: Moving to the Rhythm of Hanukkah” at [Spirit of the Heart](#) in **Northampton**, MA. This is a free program that will be lead by Hilltown Families mother, Nancy Rothenberg. RSVP 413-585-1661
- There will be an open to all Family Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, **December 21st** from 3:30-5:30pm at [Beit Ahavah](#) in Florence, MA with a music program for all ages with Felicia Sloin, followed by latke factory, dreidl contests and other fun and games. It is a vegetarian, nut-free potluck. BYOM - bring your own menorah!
- The [Forbes Library](#) in **Northampton**, MA will be offering free Hanukkah stories, treats and crafts in the children’s department for children of all ages. On Monday, **December 22nd**, 2008 from 3:30-4pm, they will be reading *The Runaway Latkes*, and on Friday, **December 26th** from 10:30-11am, they will be reading *Where is Baby’s Dreidel?* More info call 413-587-1010

## What is the PJ Library?

The PJ Library™ program ([www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org)) sends Jewish-content books and music, free-of-charge on a monthly basis to children from age six months to ages five, six or seven years depending on the community. It was created by The Harold Grinspoon Foundation ([www.hgf.org](http://www.hgf.org)), which is the majority funder. The PJ Library is co-funded in partnership with local philanthropists in the over 120 American regions in which it operates. Contact The PJ Library for programming details [judi@hgf.org](mailto:judi@hgf.org) or call 413-439-1993.

## THIS WEEK'S GIVEAWAY: Jewish Music & Cook Book

**Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen** - I have an extra copy of Joan Nathan's *The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen* that I wanted to offer. This is a great recipe book for any family to have, including not only recipes but also activities and lessons. It is a great resource for families who wish to explore Jewish culture, folklore and history through cooking.

Nathan's book The back cover reads, "Seventy child-friendly recipes and cooking activities from around the world will draw the entire family into the spirit and fun of preparing Jewish holiday celebrations. Covering the ten major holidays, each of the activities has a different focus - such as Eastern Europe, biblical Israel, contemporary America - and together they present a vast array of foods, flavors, and ideas. The recipes are old and new, traditional and novel - everything from jamantashen to pretzel bagels, chicken soup with matzah balls to matzah pizza, fruit kugel to Persian pomegranate punch."

**ShirLaLa Chanukah!** - Shira Kline sent us a promotional CD that we wanted to feature, *ShirLaLa Chanukah!*, one of three in her ShirLaLa Holiday Series. We loved it!

She calls her music "Outrageously Hip Jewish Kiddie Rock." On *ShirLaLa Chanukah!* you can join Shira for a lively storytelling of Judah Maccabee and the Chanukah miracle, followed by spirited and dynamic holiday music in many styles: Traditional, Middle Eastern, Latino, Yiddish, Jazzy Lounge, Rock-n-roll, and Hip Hop! You'll find this CD interactive and engaging. The songs are fun with catchy lyrics. It's a great addition to holiday season music collection. [www.ShirLaLa.com](http://www.ShirLaLa.com)

**Get Wild & Crazy This Chanukah** - Doni Zasloff Thomas is Mama Doni, a talented and hip mother of two young children who has been immersed in Jewish life and music her whole life. In celebration of Chanukah, Mama Doni has released a debut CD, *I Love Herring (& other Fish Shticks for Kids)*. Like Shira's CD, this too includes many styles of songs, including reggae, folk, country, klezmer and bluegrass (she calls it 'Jewgrass'). She has a new EP, "I Love Chanukah," available as a free download this month at [www.mamadoni.com](http://www.mamadoni.com).

**A Collection of Three** - Also included in this week's music give away is [Rabbi Joe Black's Everybody's Got a Little Music](#), [Judy & David's Rock n' Roll Matzah Ball](#), and the [Schneiderman Sisters and Friend's Oy Baby](#).

## HOW TO WIN

Your chance to win this new CD is as easy as 1-2-3 (4)! To win simply

1. **POST A COMMENT BELOW** and be sure to tell us your
2. **NAME** and where you
3. **LIVE (TOWN/STATE)** *PLEASE* include your town and state to be eligible.  
We'll randomly draw a winner(s) from those who leave a comment (along with their name and town/state) and post the results below.
4. **ACCURATE EMAIL** (we never share your email address).
5. The winner(s) must respond with their mailing address within one month.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE! — **Deadline is Wednesday, 12/17/08 @ 7pm (EST).**



### Post a Comment

Name (required)

E-mail (required)

URI

Submit Comment

•  Search

## • Welcome to HF

Welcome to Hilltown Families, a grassroots communication network for families living in Western Mass, established in 2005 by hilltown mother and long time activist Sienna Wildfield.

HF welcomes contributing writers to share their writings and welcomes artists and photographers to share their work too. [Click here to find out how to become a contributing writer/artists.](#)

Have something short, sweet or sassy to share? Post a comment and tell us what's on your mind.

If you know of an upcoming event that either families, kids or adults might find useful or entertaining, post it on our [Suggest an Event](#) page.

[Home](#)

[Contact](#)  
[About Us](#)  
[Suggest An Event](#)  
[Weekly List of Suggested Events](#)  
[Hilltown Family Variety Show](#)  
[Giveaways & Contests](#)  
[HF Facebook Fan Page](#)

## • [Subscribe to HF](#)

- [Newsfeed](#): Get updates posted to Hilltown Families sent to your email inbox or blog reader
- [Local Listserv](#): Families living in Western Mass are invited to join & participate in discussions on our local listserv.
- [Hilltown Family Variety Show Podcast](#): Subscribe to our podcast and enjoy our newest episodes of our weekly family radio show.



## • Hilltown Family Variety Show

The HFVS airs every Saturday mornings on [103.3FM WYOJ](#) from 9-10am. Listen via streaming audio!



- [Subscribe to Podcast](#)
- [Archived Shows](#)

Join us on [Facebook](#), a place for families, musicians and fans to interface.

## • Site Visitors

- 146,502

## • HF pages to peruse

- [About Hilltown Families](#)
- [Become a Contributing Writer](#)
- [Community Bulletin Board](#)

- [Contact Us](#)
- [Eco-Friendly Family Bulletin Board](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [School Closings and Delays](#)
- [Suggest a resource/link](#)
  - [Discover Animals On-Line](#)
  - [Discovering our world & environment](#)
  - [Educational Support & Local Resources](#)
  - [Family Centers](#)
  - [Family Friendly Music](#)
  - [Family Wellness Resouces](#)
  - [Father Resources](#)
  - [Girl Power](#)
  - [Mother resources](#)
  - [Things to Do, Places to See](#)
- [Suggest An Event](#)



## • Recent Posts

- [Free Puppet Show in Cummington this Sunday](#)
- [Suggested Events 01/03/09-01/09/09](#)
- [Kids Music: Spare the Rock's Best Picks for 2008!](#)
- [Could Handmade Toys Become Illegal?](#)
- [Suggested Events 12/27/08-01/02/09](#)

- [The History of Christmas Trees](#)
- [VIDEO: The Night Before Christmas \(1940's\)](#)
- [Cernunnos & the Winter Solstice](#)
- [Suggested Event 12/20/08-12/26/08](#)
- [Power to the \(hilltown\) People!](#)
- [If Your Power Goes Out](#)
- [Power Outages in the Hilltowns Continues After Ice Storm](#)
- [December Updates from CCFC](#)
- [Web Review: St. Nicholas & Sinterklaas Celebrations](#)
- [Web Review: The Snowman](#)

## • The Gallery




## • Most Read Posts

- [Make Your Own Natural Bug Repellent Using Essential Oils](#)
- [Suggest An Event](#)
- [Suggested Events 01/03/09-01/09/09](#)
- [Kids Reviewed, Parents Approved - The Results are IN!](#)
- [Free Puppet Show in Cummington this Sunday](#)

- o [DIY: Christmas Spider Holiday Cards](#)
- o [Family Centers](#)
- o [Things to Do, Places to See](#)
- o [Thomas the Train May be Toxic](#)
- o [Strawberry Episode on HFVS \(June 19th, 2007\)](#)
- o [The Science of Blowing Milk Bubbles](#)
- o [Educational Support & Local Resources](#)

## • Previous Posts

Select Month 

## • Recent Comments

- o [Linda Scalise](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Lions Gait Martial Arts](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Village Center for Movement Arts](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Lui Collins](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Frank Grindrod](#) on [Suggested Events 01/03/09-01/09/09](#)
- o [Sienna Wildfield](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Derek Goodwin](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Mary B](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Marla BB](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [AFC](#) on [Family Centers](#)
- o [Bosco](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Tina Cornell](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Kim Perez](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [Dayna](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)
- o [pace](#) on [Suggest An Event](#)

## • Our Sponsors

[GRENDDEL BOOKS, ABAA/ILAB](#)

A big thank you to [GRENDDEL BOOKS, ABAA/ILAB](#) for sponsoring our weekly promotional giveaways. Grendel Books, ABAA/ILAB is based out of the hilltowns of Western Mass and is an on-line out-of-print and rare book store selling quality books for over 20 years. [www.GrendelBooks.com](http://www.GrendelBooks.com)

Hilltown Families welcomes individuals and businesses to become a sponsor. [Email hilltownfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:hilltownfamilies@gmail.com) to inquire how you can support the work of Hilltown Families by becoming a sponsor. There are many different and creative ways, both large and small, for you or your business to support the work of Hilltown Families.

## • [Links We Recommend](#)

- o [Study Finds Access to Nature Improves Health \(article\)](#)
- o [Report Ties Children's Use of Media to Their Health \(NY Times\)](#)
- o [Six Ways to Be a Media-Savvy Parent in 2009 \(Common Sense Media\)](#)
- o [Acorn Naturalists \(commercial site\)](#)
- o [Winter Holiday Stories](#)

- [LibriVox: Acoustical Liberation of Books in the Public Domain](#)
- [Outdoor Winter Fun](#)
- [Greenfield Ice Skating Rink Public Skate Schedule](#)
- [First Treks: Equipping Kids For Outdoor Adventures \(retail site\)](#)
- [Read WriteThink](#)
- [Pay It Forward Foundation](#)
- [Fun With Words: Collective Nouns](#)
- [TRUCE: Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment](#)
- [Raising Girls \(PBS guide\)](#)
- [Talking With Kids About Tough Issues](#)
- [So Sexy So Soon \(resources\)](#)
- [At the magical age of eight, belief synchs with behavior \(study\)](#)
- [How to make a Moravian Pensylvanian German 3-D star \(papercraft\)](#)
- [Report: Toxins Found In One-Third Of Toys Tested \(NPR story\)](#)
- [When Tough Times Weigh on the Kids \(Wall Street Journal article\)](#)
- [Bad Time Stories \(NY Times article\)](#)
- [10 Things Science Says Will Make You Happy \(article\)](#)
- [Great Joy by Kate DiCamillo \(Recommended Title\)](#)
- [No Name-Calling Week \(January 26-30, 2009\)](#)
- [In Defense of Teasing \(article\)](#)
- [LIFE photo archive](#)
- [University of Virginia Numismatic \(Coin\) Collection](#)
- [Lunar Atlases](#)
- [Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers](#)
- [All About Birds: Blue Jay](#)
- [New Year's Eve All Over the World](#)
- [How to Make Paper Snowflakes](#)
- [Winter Lesson Plans and Activities](#)
- [Folding Trees: Papercrafts](#)
- [Best Family Games \(list\)](#)
- [Best Holiday Movies for Kids \(list\)](#)
- [Classic Reads for Young Kids \(list\)](#)
- [Safe Toys \(blog\)](#)
- [Life of a Vertebrate Fossil](#)
- [African American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship](#)
- [Open Vault: Media Library \(videos\)](#)
- [Cascades Volcano Observatory: Educational Outreach](#)
- [PBS Nature Interactives](#)
- [National Sea Grant Library: Digital Libraries](#)
- [Recall: Woodstock Percussion Toy Drums](#)
- [How to Keep a Moon Journal](#)
- [The Night Before Christmas \(video\)](#)
- [Make a Creature Cafe](#)
- [Paper Toys](#)
- [Game: How to speed stack cups \(video\)](#)
- [Noho First Night 2009](#)
- [Nutcracker Museum \(virtual field trip\)](#)
- [Antique Christmas Lights \(virtual field trip\)](#)
- [Christmas Tree Farm \(virtual field trip\)](#)
- [The History of the Dreidel](#)

- [The History of Gingerbread](#)
- [The History of Kwanzaa \(video\)](#)
- [The History of Hanukkah \(video\)](#)
- [The History of Christmas Tree \(lesson\)](#)
- [The History of Christmas \(video\)](#)
- [Save Handmade Toys From the CPSIA](#)
- [Let's Go Green Kids: Kids Corner](#)
- [DIY: Babywearing Coat](#)
- [Real-Life Makeover: Eco-Friendly Home](#)
- [DIY Alert \(crafts and more\)](#)
- [Western Massachusetts Electric Homepage](#)
- [Kids Craft Weekly: Gift ideas](#)
- [reGIFTTable.com \(funny site!\)](#)
- [Hanukkah Recipes](#)
- [12 Rules for Regifting Without Fear](#)
- [List All American States](#)
- [Surviving: The Body of Evidence](#)
- [Weird Science Experiments for Kids](#)
- [Waste-Free Lunches](#)
- [Green Schools](#)
- [ReStore Home Improvement Center](#)
- [Children's Environmental Health Network](#)
- [Protecting Children in Schools from Pests and Pesticides](#)
- [National magazine names Pittsfield top green city in U.S.](#)
- [Getting Rid of Junk, Staying Green](#)
- [The Case Against Homework](#)
- [Nature Table](#)
- [Christmas Bird Count](#)
- [The Physics of Santa Claus](#)
- [RECALL: Doll Clothing Sets Recalled by Manhattan Group Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard](#)
- [Kids Craft Weekly: Hannukah Crafts](#)
- [Creative Advent Calendars Photo Pool](#)
- [Advent Calendars \(craft idea\)](#)
- [Recycle Bin Advent Calendar \(craft idea\)](#)
- [Kids Craft Weekly: Christmas ornaments](#)
- [American Folklore \(story bank\)](#)
- [Common Good Bank \(local organization\)](#)
- [Local Greenie Pioneer Valley](#)
- [Totlol: On-line Videos for Kids](#)
- [Curing the Wrapping Paper Blues](#)
- [Eco-Friendly Kwanzaa](#)
- [Holiday Craft Ideas for the Kids](#)
- [Hilltown Families Gets Crafty with Kids Craft Weekly](#)
- [St. Nicholas Center: Discovering the Truth About Santa Claus](#)
- [Remember when Gustafer Yellowgold came to Florence?](#)

## • Find a Date

December 2008

S M T W T F S  
1 2 [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) 6  
7 8 9 [10](#) [11](#) [12](#) [13](#)  
[14](#) [15](#) 16 [17](#) [18](#) 19 20  
[21](#) 22 23 [24](#) 25 [26](#) 27  
28 29 [30](#) 31  
[« Nov](#)      [Jan »](#)

## • Cool Categories

Select Category 

## • Blogroll

- o [Berkshire Babies](#)
- o [Green Northampton](#)
- o [Herbal Way Blog \[Ashfield\]](#)
- o [Hilltown Families Facebook](#)
- o [Hilltown Sustainability Forum](#)
- o [Loveohmy's Weblog](#)
- o [Motherwear Breastfeeding Blog \[Northampton\]](#)
- o [NohoMom \[Northampton\]](#)
- o [Spare the Rock, Spoil the Child \[Florence\]](#)
- o [The School Bus Project \[Haydenville\]](#)

## • copyright notice

(c) 2006-2008 Hilltown Families. Reprint permission inquires may be sent to hilltownfamilies@gmail.com or the corresponding author.

[Blog at WordPress.com.](#) · Theme: Thirteen by [Beccary](#)