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Music: Holiday Gift Guide

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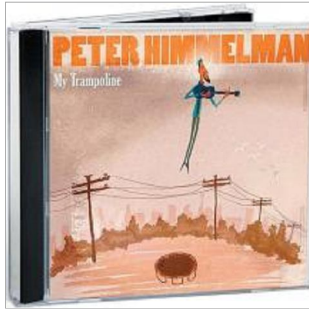


Gemma Samuel, 34; Fin Samuel, 2

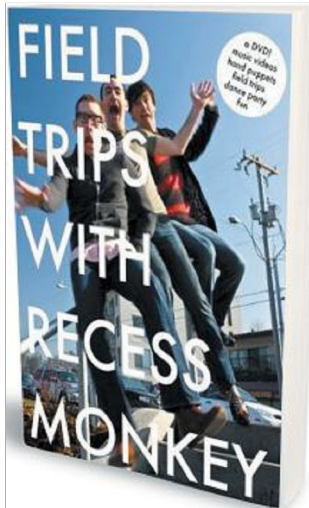
Chanukah Fever Mama Doni (\$15.99, cdbaby.com, available Nov 24) Doni Zasloff Thomas has been called part Weird Al Yankovic and part (G-rated) Sarah Silverman, and true to form, the Jewish mom combines humor with funky rhythms here. Ten original tracks are added to four from last year's *I Love Chanukah EP*, including the hip-hop *Funky Gold Menorah*.



My Trampoline Peter Himmelman (\$13.99, amazon.com) We always felt it was a very lucky coincidence that folksy, quirky Himmelman launched his children's music career around the same time we became parents. His latest release is true to superfun form, mixing the simple joys of being a kid (*Florie Loves Flowers*) with insights into young self-doubt (*Main Dish*) and nod-your-head truths (*Are There Any Kids Named Steve Anymore*).



Field Trips with Recess Monkey (\$19.95, amazon.com) This companion DVD to the Seattle-based kiddie pop band's *Field Trip* CD features four visits to favorite spots in their hometown inspired by elementary-school field trips. The music-video-meets-walk-down-memory-lane experience provides 90 minutes worth of toe-tapping, feel-good fun for kids and their parents.



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Winter drawings

Youngsters capture the spirit of the holidays and Chicago winter.



Summer hangouts

Where do local kids like to kick it when school's out?

Child artists showed us how their idea of winter fun for our latest issue. Send your child's best birthday party drawings to TOC at 247 S State St., Chicago, IL 60604, and it could appear in our February issue.



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