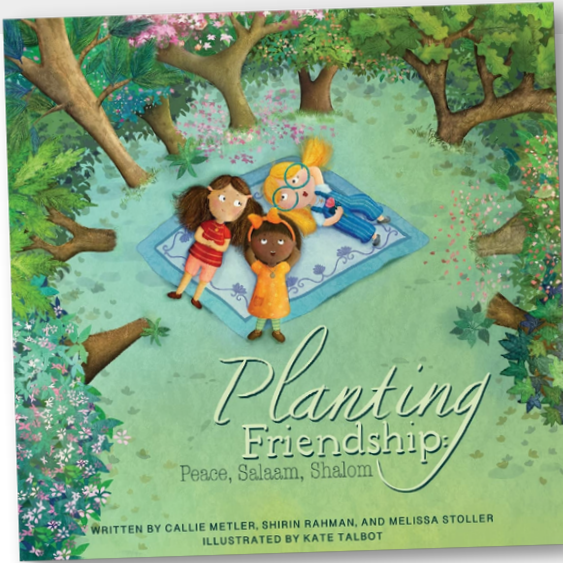


A CCSS-aligned Text Set Companion for PLANTING FRIENDSHIP: PEACE, SALAAM, SHALOM



PLANTING FRIENDSHIP: PEACE, SALAAM, SHALOM, is an interfaith friendship story about three girls - Molly is Christian, Savera is Muslim, and Hannah is Jewish - who meet on the first day of school. Through a class planting project, they realize they can celebrate their similarities and differences. And as their plants grow, their friendship blossoms. We wrote this book as three women of the same faith traditions as the girls, hoping to help bring kindness and peace to the world. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

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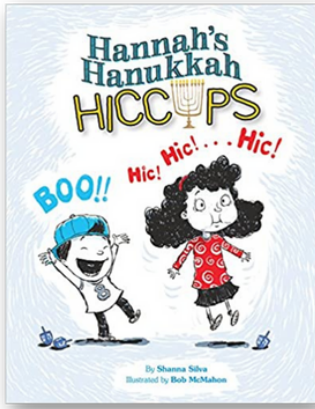
THEMATIC OVERVIEW

Faith || Friendship || Community || Cooperation || Compassion || Understanding
Diversity || Christian || Muslim || Judaism || Tradition || Interfaith || Inclusion
Intergenerational || Hope || Religious Symbols || Discrimination || Culture

COMPREHENSION CONVERSATION

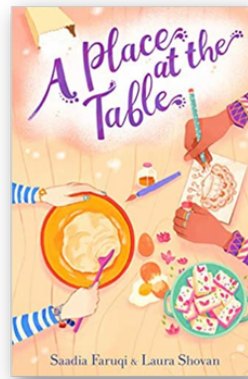
- In the story, three girls practice their *faith* in very different ways. The word *faith* means belief, creed, and religious persuasion. What does the term *faith* mean to you?
- All three girls experience the first day of school jitters and rely on religious ritual objects to help calm their anxiety. Consider the similarities and differences of their responses to a similar difficult situation.
- The girls participate in an assigned planting project. As their plants bloom their friendship blossoms. Predict how their shared focus and care for a plant brought them together, despite cultural and religious differences.

Fiction Pairing for PLANTING FRIENDSHIP: PEACE, SALAAM, SHALOM



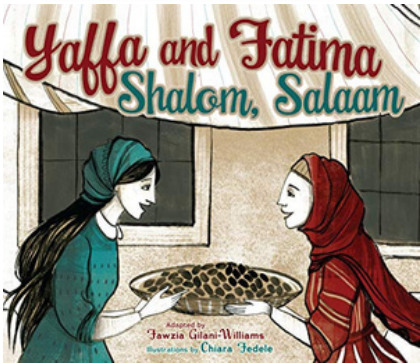
Hannah's Hanukkah Hiccups by Shanna Silva

When Hannah's hiccups threaten her performance for the school's Hanukkah program, her neighbors draw on their multicultural backgrounds to offer an intriguing range of folk remedies.



A Place at the Table by Saadia Faruqi

A timely, accessible, and beautifully written story exploring themes of food, friendship, family and what it means to belong.



Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam by Fawzia Gilani-Williams

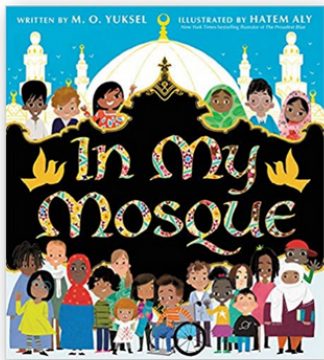
Two neighbors—one Jewish, one Muslim—have always been best friends. When they both fall on hard times, can they find a way to help each other?



A Sweet Meeting on Mimouna Night by Allison Ofanansky

It's Mimouna — the Moroccan Jewish holiday that marks the end of Passover, and when blessings are given for a year of prosperity and good luck. Miriam wants to help her mother make the sweet moufleta pancakes they always eat at their Mimouna party.

Non-fiction Pairing for PLANTING FRIENDSHIP: PEACE, SALAAM, SHALOM



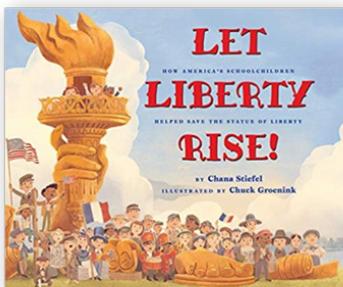
In My Mosque by M. O. Yuksel

Step in and discover all the rituals and wonder of the mosque. From grandmothers reading lines of the Qur'an and the imam telling stories of living as one, to meeting new friends and learning to help others, mosques are centers for friendship, community, and love.



Let's Eat! Mealtime Around the World by Lynne Marie

Dig in to this fun and informational book that explores foods from 13 countries around the world. Be inspired to try something new and learn about other cultures. Let's eat!



Let Liberty Rise! How America's Schoolchildren Helped Save the Statue of Liberty by Chana Stiefel

How did 121,000 Americans save their most beloved icon? Here is an inspiring story about the power we have when we all work together!



Martin & Anne: The Kindred Spirits of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Anne Frank by Nancy Churnin

Anne Frank and Martin Luther King Jr. were born the same year a world apart. This is the story of their parallel journeys to find hope in darkness and to follow their dreams.