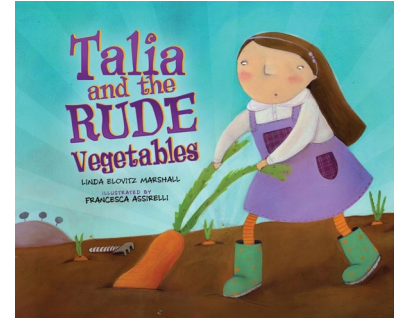


# Talia and the Rude Vegetable

by Linda Elovitz Marshall

GRADES: PreK-3

SYNOPSIS: How can a vegetable be rude? This is what Talia wonders when she misunderstands her grandmother when she is asked to gather root vegetables for a Rosh Hashanah stew. Talia searches the garden for twisted turnips, peculiar parsnips, and ornery onions and gives the perfect vegetables to the less fortunate.



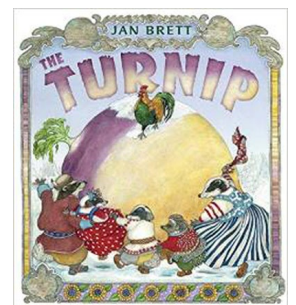
ACTIVITIES:

- Investigate roots. What do they do for a plant?
- Plant roots. Root vegetables are great fall crops. They can be planted in September and harvested very late in the fall. Plant some parsnips and turnips. Have your students ever seen, let alone eaten, these vegetables?
- An increasing number of schools are observing the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. Find out why and how is this holiday celebrated.
- Make a Rosh Hashanah stew using the recipe in the back of the book.
- Explore alliterations. Talia finds garish garlic, crooked carrots, ornery onions, and twisted turnips. Why are these words fun to read? Explore using alliterations to describe other favorite fruits and vegetables.

*Pair this book with:*

The Turnip, by Jan Brett

SYNOPSIS: In this rollicking rendition of a classic folk tale, a badger family and their friends struggle to pull up a giant turnip. A cocky rooster steps in, pulls out the turnip, and flies through the air. No one knows that a mother bear in her underground den has kicked the turnip up through the soil to give the family room to sleep through the winter.



ACTIVITIES:

- Act out the story.
- Research different recipes for turnips.
- Plant, harvest and eat turnips.

New Jersey Learning Standards

English Language Arts: PreK: RL.PK.1-6    K:RL.K.1-10    1:RL.1.1-4,6    2:RL.2.1-7  
3:RL.3.1-7

Science: PreK:5.1.1-5, 5.3.1-4    K:LS1.C    1:LS1.A    2:LS2.A    3:LS1.B

*Social Studies: PreK: 6.4 K-2: 6.1.2.CivicsCM.3*