

# JDAM Reads for Children!

Picture books create incredible opportunities for teachable moments. They can engage the mind, the emotions and moral core of a child simultaneously, all while entertaining.

**JDAM Reads for Children!** presents practical ideas for raising awareness of disabilities and encouraging *tikkun olam* using the picture book *Jumping Jenny* (Kar-Ben Publishing, 2011):

## A webinar featuring:

- Linda Zimmerman, the Executive Director of The Amit Program, a central Jewish agency providing direct and in-direct educational services to families of children with special needs ages birth to twenty-one.
- Shelly Christensen, Program Manager, Jewish Community Inclusion Program for People with Disabilities, JFCS Minneapolis.
- Ellen Bari, author, educator and creator of award-winning multimedia, exhibits and programs for children and adults for clients including Sesame Workshop, PBS, Nickelodeon, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Harper-Collins.

**JOIN US!** Wednesday, February 15, 2012 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

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## Why *Jumping Jenny*?



Jenny was born to jump. But she loses her buoyant bounce after her jumping gets her into trouble. When her school plans a fundraising fair for their annual mitzvah project, Jenny discovers that her skill can be used for a good cause. Jenny's life is changed forever when she channels her joy for jumping to help others.

In a story to which kids, teachers and parents can easily relate, a cute high-energy kid uses an unusual skill to do a good deed, and teaches a special Jewish value in a contemporary setting.

From author Ellen Bari:

“When I wrote the book I did not realize there were so many ways it would be received, from helping ADD kids think about focusing their energy in a good way, to empowering girls, to getting kids excited about moving: like *mannah* in the desert, different flavors for everyone.”

With approximately 20% of one in three Americans having a disability, the challenges of the story's plucky heroine provide a take-away for anyone who ever fought back tears, got teased, felt sad about how they were born, or called on their resilience.

In addition, an eSource guide with resources for teachers and students will be available for download. The guide includes vocabulary, questions, and activities.