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Rabbi Rocketpower and the Mystery of the Missing Menorahs by Rabbi Susan Abramson

A great book for young children and their families is the just-published *Rabbi Rocketpower and the Mystery of the Missing Menorahs: A Hanukkah Humdinger*. This is a fun book that deals with Jewish themes and values. The story is basically about a family of loving and humorous individuals – including a mother who is a rabbi, a father who is a computer whiz, a son who is a super-boy-in-training, and a talking cat – who successfully attempt to find some missing menorahs.

The book is a slim paperback with colorful drawings that add to the appeal of the story for youngsters. As a bonus, there are Chanukah recipes, dreidel instructions, and a glossary of holiday terms at the back.

This is the first book written by Susan Abramson, a native of Newton and the long-time rabbi at Temple Shalom Emeth in Burlington. Rumor has it that she has other tales related to Jewish holidays in the works and, with the apparent success this book is achieving both locally and around the country, they may appear sooner rather than later. Co-author of the book is Rabbi Abramson's son, Aaron Dvorkin, and the illustrator is a talented local high school student, Ariel DiOrto.

It's traditional for many of us to give books on Chanukah, but there's no reason why they can't be fun, while being relevant (and dare I say educational?). If the Kids' Reviews on the official Rabbi Rocketpower web site are any indication, children will love this book and parents will be thrilled with this easy and inexpensive reading opportunity. The book costs \$9.95 and is available at Israel Book Shop, New England Mobile Book Fair, other local independent book stores and synagogue gift shops, as well as through the web site at www.rabbirocketpower.com.

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