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The Alphabet of Creation

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McCullough, K.E. *The Alphabet of Creation*. Smith and Kraus Inc., 2001. ISBN 1575252538. \$15.95. 13 pp.

Reviewer: Lena Wagner

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Plays; Folklore;

Subject: Creation--Juvenile drama; Hebrew language--Juvenile drama;

Theme: How God created the world

Production Requirements: minimal set and easy costumes

Acts: 1

Run Time: 10 min

Characters: 25 m/f

Cast: children

Time Period: Creation

The Alphabet of Creation tells how God chose the Jewish letter to start the world by logically going through each letter and reasoning why it should and why it should not be given the great honor.

The play is very short and could be a good learning tool for children in elementary school who are learning about Jewish culture and religion. The costumes are all very simple, robes with letters and sandals. Sets would take very little work since the script suggests using a stage that is bare except for posters of the Jewish letters posted in various places to make it more interesting. There is very little acting in the show, as each character only has about two lines. I would not suggest this as a good performance piece—it works better as a learning experience for the actors.