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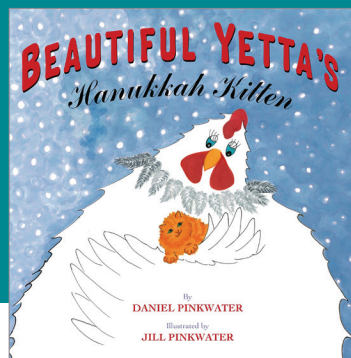
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Yetta, a courageous and nimble chicken, escapes from the poultry farm in which she was raised. She discovers the welcoming city of Brooklyn, where there are kind people and friendly creatures. She nestles on top of a city streetlight at night with her fellow fowl friends as winter quickly approaches. As the chill of the season falls upon them, they become a team, helping each other in times of need. One day, Yetta finds a tiny kitten amidst a snowdrift, hungry and astray. She wants to offer it security, but she and her colorful parrot friends know they can't do it on their own. With only a stark idea of how to properly care for a kitten, they realize that at this sacred season of Hanukkah, a visit to the old grandmother's house at this special time of love and celebration is precisely what they need.

Beautiful Yetta's Hanukkah Kitten is a sweet story that illuminates friendship and the power of community. This book is filled with beautiful, detailed illustrations that will catch the attention and admiration of young children. Though it's appropriate for children reading at the second grade level, the story line and the vivid imagery are likely to appeal to children ages five through nine. Something that may be of particular interest to the older students is that the text is narrated but includes open dialogue between the animals and the grandmother written in both English and Yiddish. The author thoughtfully includes the Hebrew alphabet with a pronunciation guide at the end of the book. That, along with lessons regarding the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, add to the dynamic and enriching dimensions of the text. This book is unquestionably well worth adding to any treasured collection.