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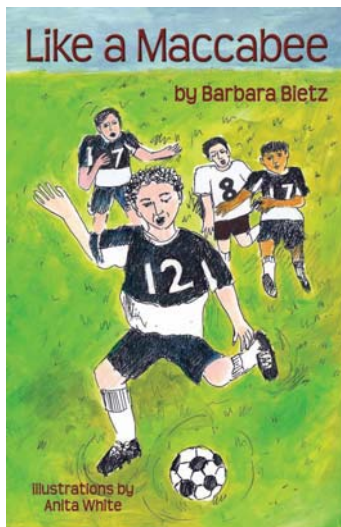
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# Like a Maccabee

by Barbara Bietz

illustrated by Anita White



Days before Hanukkah, ten-year-old Ben's soccer team makes the league championships. Only one thing stands between Ben and victory: the rival team's best defender, a school bully whose favorite sport, other than soccer, is tormenting Ben. No one at home seems to understand. And now he has to share his bedroom with his grandfather, a man he barely knows! Facing humiliation at school and misunderstood by those who love him most, Ben finds an unexpected friend in his grandfather, learning ancient wisdom and steadfast strength, enough for the big game... and beyond. Includes latke recipe and dreidel game instructions.

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## **About the Author:**

Barbara Bietz was born and raised in Southern California. She received both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in education from the University of Arizona. Her work for adults and children has appeared in numerous magazines, including a monthly column for FamiliesOnlineMagazine.com and children's book reviews for Jewish Book World. She lives in Oak Park, California with her husband, two children, and three dogs.

**About the Illustrator:**

Anita White is an award-winning artist and a native of Minnesota. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts with honors from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and has been an elementary school art teacher for 25 years. She lives in south Minneapolis with her artist husband and her cat, Malcolm, who are a never-ending source of inspiration.

**Advance Praise for *Like a Maccabee*:**

*Like a Maccabee* is a refreshingly proud Jewish story. Barbara Bietz has given the miracles of Hanukkah new meaning for today's 'goal'-oriented children. She has bridged the generation gap in a warm true-sounding story of a boy, his grandfather and the special way they share a holiday. Highly recommended.

Mindy Aber Barad  
author of *Jewish Humor Stories for Kids*  
Judaica Librarians' Choice Award Nominee

"Recommended! *Like A Maccabee* brings the spirit of Hanukkah into a contemporary story that every elementary student will relate to. Barbara Bietz creates memorable, likable characters that will be easy for parents and teachers—as well as their children—to recognize."

Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer  
author of *The Magic Tanach and Other Short Plays*

"Barbara Bietz has crafted a story that will resonate with all ages and make their hearts smile! Her multi-generational characters are refreshing and recognizable. Their voices make you laugh, pique your curiosity and feel compassion for others. Ben and Grandpa hit home runs when they develop the strength and courage to meet the challenges of change, a bully, and disappointment in their lives. This book is a 'love' gift for Hanukkah and for sharing a 'championship' life with those you love."

Sheila N. Glazov  
author of *Princess Shayna's Invisible Visible Gift*

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