

Savta's Brag Book

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Pictures of the grandchildren are always welcome, and every grandparent loves to "show off". Here is an idea for a "Brag Book" which may be made for a *Savta* (grandmother) or *Saba* (grandfather).

Purchase a mini album in a stationery or book supply store. They are usually about 4¼ x 5½" and have twelve pages, each containing two plastic or acetate pockets. Use gold or silver foil to cut out letters for the cover saying "Grandma Anita's Brag Book" or "*Savta Hanah's* Brag Book". You may want to use the Hebrew letters for *Savta* (סבתא) or *Saba* (סבא).

Put the baby's English and Hebrew name and photo on the first page. You may choose to add the birth date in Hebrew and English as well. Set aside the other pages for various categories, each of which may be titled (in Hebrew, English or both) on a small 1" x 3" card or piece of paper. Some sample page captions follow.

As baby grows, you may choose to change photos or categories. Suggested categories include the following:

1. **Life Cycle:** *brit* or *simhat bat*, *pidyon haben*, first *Shabbat*, making *kiddush*, first tooth, first haircut, etc.
2. **Holidays and Festivals:** eating apples and honey on *Rosh HaShanah*, shaking the *lulav*, spinning the *dreidel*, in *Purim* costume, etc.
3. **The Family:** siblings, parents, grandparents, family outings, etc.
4. **One-Time Events:** entering religious school, *bar/bat mitzvah*, making *blintzes* with *Savta*, etc.

Sources for small illustrations include:

1. Women's League's **Calendar Diary**
2. Books and magazines
3. Hebrew text books used in religious school or day school.
4. Computer clip art.

Remember - do not cut up the books to get the illustrations. Use the copy machine, which has the advantage of enabling you to reduce or enlarge the picture as well as to use color. Alternatively, use computer scanning software which gives you even greater flexibility. Be color conscious in organizing the composition of the photos. Be sure, also, not to let the caption overpower the photo. Finally, try using paper cuts as captions or to enhance your Brag Book (see WL's *Shavuot and Sukkot Paper Cuts*).

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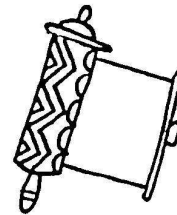
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