"Sammy Spider's New Friend" is a sweetly spun tale Sylvia Rouss Sep 28, 2012. In this addition to the Sammy Spider series, bright colors and an easy-to-follow plot work together to teach children the importance of the Jewish mitzvah of welcoming new neighbors. When an Israeli family moves in next door to the Shapiros, Sammy Spider and Josh learn about the Jewish mitzvah of welcoming guests. In the process, they become friends and learn about the vitality of the Jewish practice of hospitality.