



# HomeschoolNYC Newsletter

***Celebrating Child-led Learning***

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*My autumn days have been filled with workshops (theater games and bookmaking), and classes (folktales, playwriting, art history, and more). I have been so busy, that the November issue of this newsletter has merged with the December issue. In this season of giving thanks and celebrating with family, I extend my gratitude to all of the parents and students who share these learning experiences with me. Thank you!*

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*Laurie Block Spiegel*

## Honoring All Faiths

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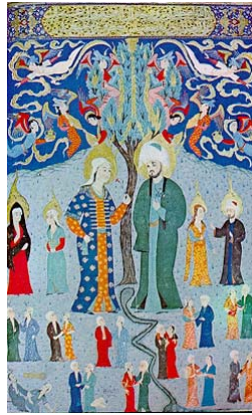
**Quote by Deborah Meier**

## Folktales Can Teach Global Understanding

Teaching folktales and creation stories from around the world has been a blissful experience for me this fall. Not only did I get to journey to all corners of the globe, experiencing a wide variety of different cultures through storytelling, but I also found wisdom, adventure and imagination in the stories of the common people. So often the subject of literature is limited to works by famous authors... [READ MORE](#)

[Recommended books of folktales for all ages can be found here.](#)

## Field Trips to Honor All Faiths



[Three Faiths](#) is an exhibition of rare, sacred texts and materials from Judaism, Christianity and Islam, with pages from the Hebrew Bible, the Christian Bible, and the Koran (or Qur' an)...

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For links to some very interesting and diverse houses of worship that you can visit in NYC, go [here](#).

## Suggested Books on World Faiths



Books on diverse religions and faiths, for all ages, can be found [here](#).

## Make Islamic Tile Art

You can make a tile or rubber stamp from many different kinds of materials, such as a potato (easy), a linoleum block (hard), or a block of wood (also hard). This tile was made from a soft,

easily carved block called Speedy-cut, material similar to an eraser. Sharp carving tools were used to carve out a pattern, and water-based ink was used to make the print. The tile was rotated in the print, and printed four times, to create a pattern with rotational symmetry, similar to the magically detailed patterns found in Islamic art. See more photos of handmade Islamic tiles in my [student photo gallery](#).

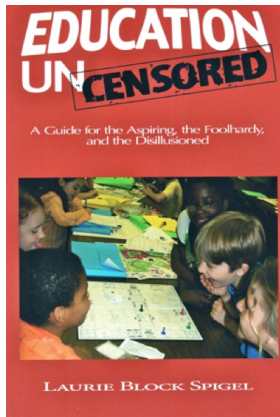


### Quote by Deborah Meier

"Good schools, like good societies and good families, celebrate and cherish diversity."

~[Deborah Meier](#), 1931 - present, educator, author, scholar, and founder of Central Park East

### *Education Uncensored*



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