Sammy Spider's First Simchat Torah
(Sammy Spider's First Books)
Synopsis
Sammy Spider crawls down his web to inspect the candy apple Josh has attached to his Simchat Torah flag. When Josh leaves for synagogue he doesn't notice the spider stuck to his apple! Atop Josh's flag, Sammy joins the parade, dances with the Torah, and learns about this very special holiday in the Jewish year.

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Customer Reviews
Up above the couch Mrs. Spider was gently rocking Sammy in their web before he went to bed. Below the web, Mrs. Shapiro was nestled up with her son Josh. It was time for him to prepare for bed as well, but he asked her to read him a story. Sammy wanted his mother to read him a story, but she hugged him and said, "Spiders don't read books. Spiders spin webs," and said he could lower himself from the web and quietly listen. Sshhhh, it's time to listen. Sammy marveled as he listened to the story of creation and looked at the pictures, especially when he saw a colorful spider than looked like him. Again, again . . . both Josh and Sammy wanted to hear the story again! After school Josh rushed in with a "small torah scroll" he made for Simchat Torah, but didn't know what is was all about. His mother told him all about the Torah and what would happen at the synagogue service. Sammy's mother began to tell him all about the story of the scroll and the story of the Jewish people. Of course spiders didn't celebrate Simchat Torah, but that didn't mean they weren't
interested. The next day Josh brought home a Simchat Torah flag. Soon preparations were underway and they were making candy apples "to remind us how sweet it is to learn Torah." Sammy accidentally slipped from his web onto an apple. Soon they would head to the celebration, but what would they see there? This is a charming story that will teach young children about a very special Jewish holiday, Simchat Torah. As Josh and the colorful young spider, Sammy, learn about the holiday so will the young child who peers into the pages of this book with a parent or caretaker. Books such as this one are an excellent way to begin a child’s Jewish education.

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