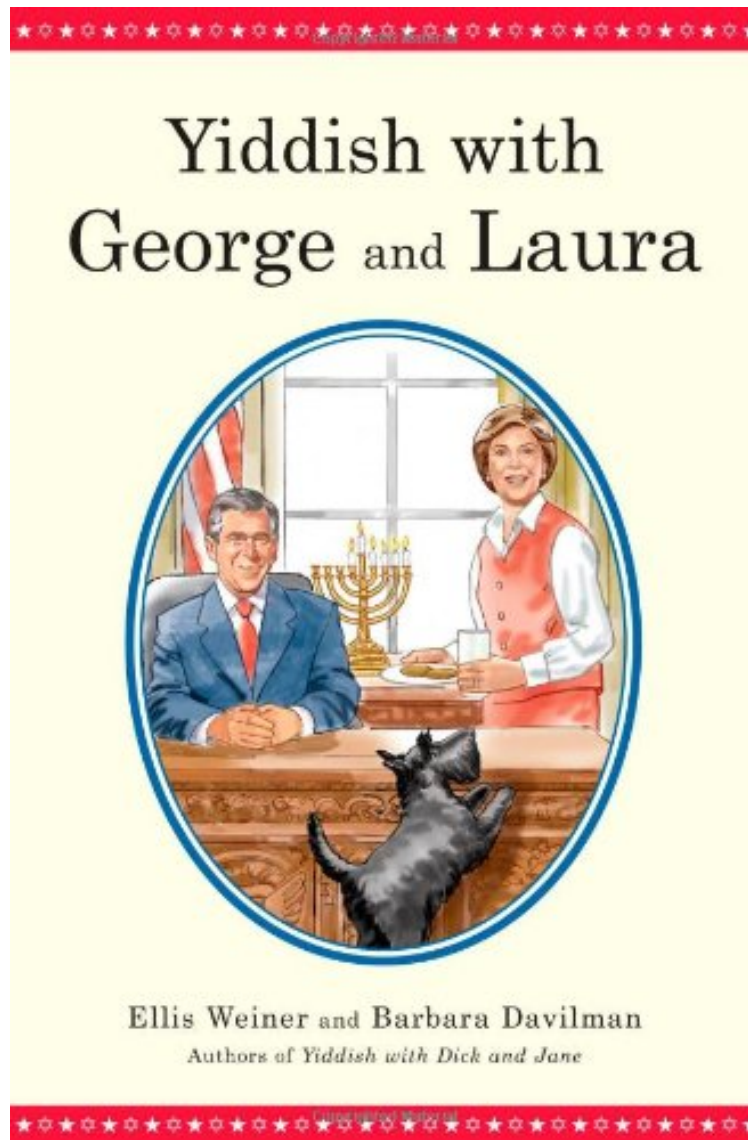


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Bush and his wife Laura. It features the President's mother Barbara, as well as various Washington dignitaries. In one place, the President says, "I'm going upstairs. I'm going to take a 'shluf' (or nap)." Yiddish has been considered to be a dead language, but words have crept into popular usage, chutzpah, finagler, goyim (gentile), and schlamazel. This is a fun book. It's better than memorizing vocabulary lists. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of the best cheap gifts for a yiddishe friend. By michael davidson I've bought this book many times as an amazing and cheap gift. The politicians references are a little dated, but the Yiddish, the political views, and the humor are still perfect. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. You've Gotta be a "Leftie...." By MADELEINE N. TIKTINEven tho' George and Laura are no longer in the White House, one day i needed a good laugh, so i bought this. I had gotten "Yiddish with Dick and Jane" and was curious what the authors would do w/"W" and Wifey. Enjoyed the humor, and the dictionary in the back of the book was worth the ENTIRE book it was so funny!!!! Buy it, and if you are a Left Winger, add a sixth star.

What do George and Laura Bush have in common with Dick and Jane? Well, both hail from prototypical WASP families. And, perhaps more to the point, both exhibit a natural resistance to moral complexity (i.e., reality). That's the premise of this hilarious new primer-style book in which George, Laura, and the entire Bush family communicate with uncharacteristic expressiveness, conveying shades of feeling and nuances of meaning that plain old English can't deliver--by peppering their conversatuon with Yiddishisms. See George's mother. Her name is Bar. She wears a lot of pearls and is a farbisseneh. "You are late, George," Bar says. "Of course I am late," George says. "I am the President of the United States. I am a big macher." Like all good primers, YIDDISH WITH GEORGE AND LAURA tells a simple story--and, in the end, important life lessons are imparted.

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