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Mendel's Hanukkah Mess Up

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Mendel loves Hanukkah festivities, but his preparations represent one misstep after another. He switches sparklers for candles; his latkes are onion-laden. Just when he's decided to get out of Hanukkah's away, his rabbi asks him to drive the Mitvah Mobile around town. One crash later, Mendel is a television spectacle—and then he realizes that he can use the attention to share the story of the Maccabees with all. Expressive artwork emphasizes this celebratory book's message of cheer and community sharing.

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