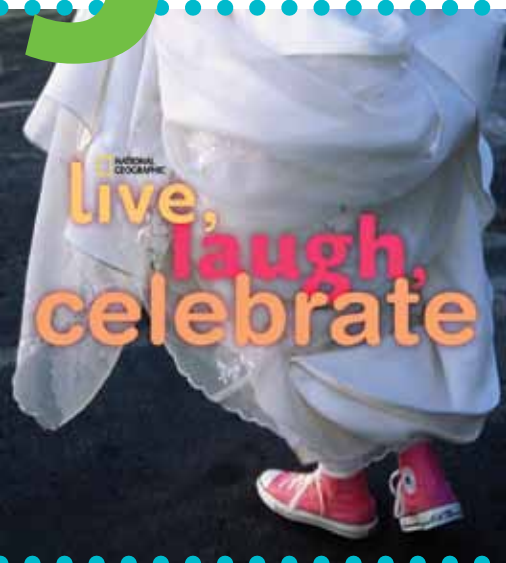


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A Visual Celebration of the Human Spirit

What better holiday gift for your whole family than a celebration of celebration? National Geographic's *LIVE, LAUGH, CELEBRATE* by Ferdinand Protzman captures the excitement and emotion in a lavish collection of photographs with accompanying essays. Whether it's a festival like Rio's Carnival, a high-spirited sporting event, ceremonial dancing at a Native American powwow, decorating a bride with henna in Kashmir, graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, watching fireworks in New York or a parade in Nice, you'll love poring over these pages with your kids.

Vaccinate Against Meningitis



A Meningococcal Disease Prevention Campaign from the National Association of School Nurses
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Amy Garcia, RN, MSN, a local nurse and executive director of the National Association of School Nurses (located in Silver Spring) has joined the Voices of Meningitis campaign to

encourage parents to vaccinate their preteen and teenage children against meningococcal meningitis, a rare, but often devastating disease that can take the life of a child in just a single day. Anyone can get the disease, but preteens and teens are at greater risk and five times more likely to die compared to other age groups. Peak season is December through January. Vaccination is recommended for preteens and teens, ages 11 to 18 and college freshmen living in dormitories. voicesofmeningitis.org



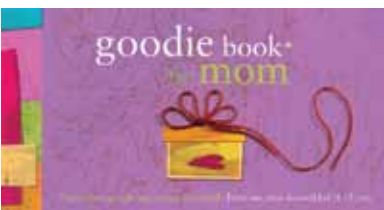
Hope for Children of War

Hope.MD is a nonprofit foundation connecting specialty physicians with children in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now entering its third year, the organization has evacuated or treated dozens of children who needed advanced surgical help for their conditions. Hope.MD was founded by two dads while they were serving in Baghdad: Capt. Jonathan Heavey, a surgeon at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Capt. John Knight, a physician's assistant. To find out how you can help, visit Hope.MD.

"I Say Chanukah (You Say Hanukkah!)"

Mama Doni & the Mama Doni Band will be performing funky indie music for kids with a Jewish twist from their new "Chanukah Fever" release, along with favorites from their "I Love Herring (& Other Fish Shticks for Kids)" during a family show 4:30 p.m., Sunday, December 13 at Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Rd., Rockville. There'll be surprises, including giveaways of chocolate gelt, dreidels, CDs and T-shirts, and opportunities for kids to boogie like a dreidel, air guitar with the band ("Latke Man" style), join in an applesauce vs. sour cream rock-along and chime in on the eternal question of "Chanukah" or "Hanukkah." 301-762-7338, tikvatisrael.org

"One Goodie Turn Deserves Another"



Goodie Books are the perfect family gift for the holidays. Each one in the humorous series contains 10 price-less gifts (things you can do for others that don't cost a penny but will make someone you love very happy) and 10 price-less goodie ideas (things the gift

recipient can do for someone else to pay the love forward). There are Goodie Books for kids to give parents and parents to give each other, written by Claire Hartman and illustrated by Italian artist, Anna Godeassi. Goodiebook.biz



A New Spin on Yuletide Songs



Putumayo Kids' latest addition to Christmas music you can listen to together is *A Family Christmas*. No matter your favorite musical genre, there's something for everyone, like the Christmas Jug Band with Maria Muldaur, country music star Deana Carter, a New Orleans group of musical revelers, an acoustic rendition of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," Leon Redbone's "Let It Snow" and a retro-swing version of Louis Armstrong's "Is Zat You Santa Claus?"

