



It's Not Worth Making a Tzimmes Over!

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“Both a kitchen farce and a warm celebration of Yiddish, this uproarious picture book reverses the usual sweet grandma stereotype. Sara and Grandma make challah, and while they wait for the dough to rise, they watch a horror movie. But because Sara misunderstood Grandma’s directions, adding a whole box of yeast instead of two packets, the rising dough seeps out the kitchen door and down the street. Grandma is totally unperturbed . . . The title, a cool alternative (tzimmes is Yiddish) for “no big deal,” and suits Grandma to a T.”
 —Booklist

“I took a real life incident involving my youngest child and let it expand and take off, much like the challah in this book. My son inadvertently poured his orange juice into the challa dough ingredients and thus, the story was born.”
 —Betsy R. Rosenthal

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 Illustrated by Ruth Rivers

Sara and her grandma are going to make challah. What fun! But Sara gets distracted, and a glass of orange juice and fifty-four extra packets of yeast accidentally get added to the ingredients. Oy veh!

While the two cooks are watching Grandma’s favorite movie, *The Blob*, the challah dough grows and makes its way out into the street. Now it’s taking over the neighborhood! Grandma is worried, but Sara has an idea. She thinks there is a way they can clean up the dough and share the yummy challah with the whole neighborhood. Besides, as Grandma always says, “It’s not worth making a tzimmes over!”

Ruth Rivers’s lively illustrations are the perfect complement to Betsy R. Rosenthal’s delightful story of this spunky grandma and her granddaughter. The author lives in California. The illustrator lives in England. This is their first book for Albert Whitman. A recipe for Sara’s challah and a list of Yiddish expressions used are also included.

