



SANDY SCHUMAN
 Storyteller, Musician, Educator

Sandy Schuman is a storyteller, musician, and educator. He tells stories about songs and song-writers, personal adventures, historical sagas, folk tales, and stories in the Jewish storytelling tradition. His programs include:

Familiar Songs and their Unfamiliar Stories

Learn how some of the best-known American songs came to be written. This program features songs from the *Great American Songbook* and stories about the people who wrote them.

Singer, Songwriter, Murderer; “King of the 12-String Guitar”

Was Huddie “Lead Belly” Ledbetter justly sentenced to prison for murder? Twice? Was he exploited by the man who discovered him? Did he have to share credit for writing the #1 hit song of 1950!

New York Tales: Tall & True

Some of New York State’s folklore is truly unbelievable. Some of its history is even more so. “The Great American Hoax,” “The Goldarndest Liar,” “How New York State Got its Western Border,” “The Curse of Mamie O’Rourke,” ...

My Father Was a Storyteller

From help wanted ads to front page headlines, beaches to skyscrapers, my father’s longed for saxophone to my sister’s required piano, this personal and historical saga stretches across “the stories of a lifetime.”

Jewish Stories Every Person Should Know

A Rabbi, a Prophet, and a King Walk into a Bar – and other stories, old and new, that reveal Jewish humor, tradition, and values.

Welcome to Chelm’s Pond ...

... where the ridiculous stories of Chelm meet the preposterous tall tales of the Adirondacks, where “every acre is two acres, you can till the soil with a teaspoon, and there are not only four seasons, there are five.”

How to Tell a Story

A workshop for beginners – teenagers, educators, grandparents – who want to learn or sharpen their storytelling skills.

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Three Ways to Deal with Differences



The Bakery Bout, *That is Our Tradition!*, and *The Guy on the Bridge* provide three Jewish approaches to conflict resolution.



A Rabbi, a Prophet, and a King Walk into a Bar



Here are three folktales wrapped inside a joke. As a joke, it's not so great – but it will help you remember and retell these three great stories.

Honest Scales



Why would a pair of scales be so prominently displayed in a synagogue? Written by Asher Barash, this story appeared in the *World Over* children's magazine. It deserves wider notice.

A Bad Day



The students asked, “On a good day, we can easily say this psalm with *kavannah*, with sincere feeling. But, how can we do so on a bad day?”

What is a Jewish Story?



What makes a story distinctively *Jewish*? ... and why is this even a question! Let's learn about the nature of Jewish stories and how to tell them.

If Not Even Higher



“Our holy rabbi ascends to heaven,” they said, “to give thanks for our blessings, to redeem mankind, to repair the world.” Ascends to heaven? The *New Yorker* was skeptical.

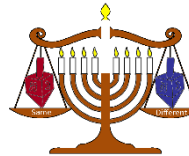
Lucky Numbers



My father revealed to me his unique method for selecting his lottery numbers. Years later I began to wonder about their significance.

Same & Different:

The Never-ending Story of Chanukah



My name is *Sandor*, which is derived from *Alexander*, and I am named after Alexander the Great! So begins this story, which explains the historical origins of Chanukah in a personal way.

When I was Small

Many songs tell a story, but it's rare that the story is about a song. This story is about a song that, in turn, tells a story about a song. It's a story you've never heard, about a song that every Jewish person knows.

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