



Sandy Schuman presents



My Father was a Storyteller

An evening - or a weekend - of

Original
Jewish
Stories &
Songs

by the author of

A Rabbi, a Prophet, and a King Walk into a Bar
and *Welcome to Chelm's Pond*

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Sandy Schuman tells personal adventures, historical sagas, and tall tales in the Jewish storytelling tradition. He has captivated and moved audiences at synagogues, storytelling festivals, and interfaith events. Sandy weaves in Jewish-themed

songs written by his father, Samuel Schuman *z"l*, creating a performance not to be missed.

"A hilarious new Jewish book."

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"A new piece of Jewish folklore, a sheer delight."

~ The Philadelphia Jewish Voice

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ADIRONDACK MENDEL'S AUFRUF



Sandor Schuman
Illustrated by Kevin Kuhne

"Mendel's romp through the Adirondacks gave me a laugh a page. Bloomie is a doll. Aufruf – well, what do you say about a faithful, Yiddish-speaking dog?"

Sandy Schuman: An Example Weekend Program

Friday Evening: *Lucky Numbers*

My father had a uniquely Jewish method for selecting his lottery numbers. Years after he told me about his *lucky numbers* I began to wonder about their significance.



Saturday Morning: *When I Was Small*

It's the end of the service and everyone is eager for *Kiddush*. After all, we read *Torah*, heard a beautiful *Musaf* service, sang songs, and even heard the announcements. Anything more would be anticlimactic. And yet we insist on concluding the service with one more song: the old, familiar, *Adon Olam*. The only question is, which tune?



Sunday morning: *How to Tell a Jewish Story* In this workshop we use stories to illustrate what contributes to making a story *Jewish*. Next, we practice telling Jewish stories and learn what we can do to tell them better. This workshop is for beginners—teenagers, educators, grandparents—who want to learn or sharpen their storytelling skills and who have a particular interest in Jewish stories.

Saturday Evening: *Welcome to Chelm's Pond*

The legendary fools of Chelm have migrated to a new home where "every acre is two acres, you can till the soil with a teaspoon, and there are not only four seasons, there are five!"



Bloomie is the ambitious proprietor of The Broiled Beet—serving the finest in Adirondack-Ashkenazick fusion cuisine—and the kindest and sincerest *sheyne meydl* in all of Chelm's Pond.

Adirondack Mendel is the renowned Adirondack guide who always tells the truth even if he has to lie to do it. When they are brought together by **Aufruf**, the *Yiddishe* dog, they fall in love.



Guided by **Rabbi Chayim Shmayim**, the oldest and wisest *chokhem* in Chelm's Pond, the results raise serious questions about the nature of God and the meaning of prayer, but in a way that could happen only in Chelm's Pond.

