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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 repertoire includes:

New York Tales: Tall and True

Some of New York's folklore is truly unbelievable. Some of its history is even more so.

Familiar Songs and their Unfamiliar Stories

Some of the best-known songs from the *Great American Songbook* and the little-known stories of how they came to be written.

Jewish Stories Every Person Should Know

Stories old and new that reveal Jewish humor, tradition, and values.

My Father was a Storyteller

Life's experiences – personal and historical, poignant and humorous. The stories of a lifetime.



There is always another side to the story.

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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.

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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!

Hershel's Kosher Bakery: Dealing with Differences



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

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

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Zeh Hayom
This 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?"

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.

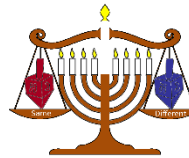
Lucky Numbers



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.

Welcome to Chelm's Pond



... where Chelm stories meet Adirondack tall tales, where "every acre is two acres, you can till the soil with a teaspoon, and there are not only four seasons, there are five."