



A Barefoot
Discussion
Guide

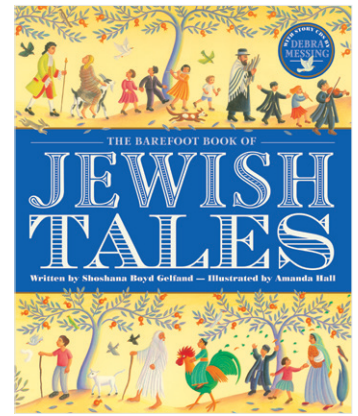
The Barefoot Book of Jewish Tales

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1. Why should we pass stories on?
2. How can stories help explain difficult things? Can you think of any stories that help us understand our lives and what happens to us?
3. In the first story, *The Power of Story*, God tells his prophets that he hasn't finished the job of creating the world and that we need to finish the task. What would you do to help finish creating the world?
4. If you were Natan in *The Boy Who Prayed the Alphabet*, what would you pray for?
5. Can you think of a situation where it would be good to be like Ezra in *The Prince Who Thought He Was A Rooster* – to share another person's experience and understand what their life is like?
6. In *Challah in the Ark*, Eliana bakes beautiful bread and Samuel sweeps the floors of the synagogue. What would you do to serve and support your family at home or your friends and teachers at school?
7. In *Heaven and Hell*, the people in Heaven feed each other and have fun despite being unable to bend their arms. Have you ever fed someone else? Share food with a friend! Carefully give them some bread without bending your arms.
8. In *Clever Rachel*, Rachel is very good at riddles. Do you know any good riddles? Work with a friend to make up some clever riddles.
9. The king and the princess in *The Perfect Mistake* learn something very important about cracks and flaws and what makes each person unique. What makes you special?



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