



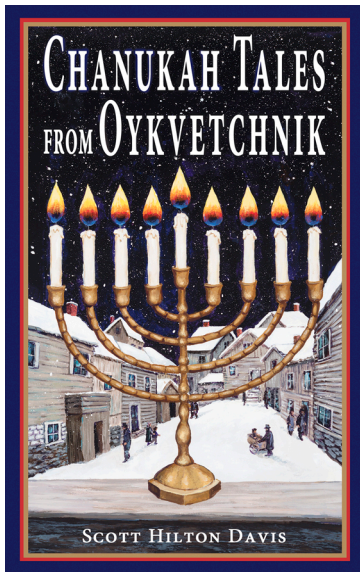
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NEW CHANUKAH TALES FROM THE OLD COUNTRY

Raleigh, NC — Jewish storyteller Scott Hilton Davis adapts his art to the printed page in *CHANUKAH TALES FROM OYKVETCHNIK*, a charming collection of eight short stories inspired by the beloved 19th century Yiddish author, Sholem Aleichem, whose works were turned into the Broadway musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Setting his tales in the fictional little town of Oykvetchnik before the 20th century, Davis blends a sense of nostalgia for the Eastern European “old country” of his grandparents with the real-life challenges that still face us today: fighting for religious freedom, struggling to make a living, striving to be a person of integrity, performing good deeds, and having faith in life’s miracles—large and small.

From Myzele the little mouse who helps an orphan boy discover his true calling to the old synagogue caretaker who has misplaced the town’s big menorah, Davis’s tales blend fantasy, humor, and heart to remind us that Chanukah is a time for celebration and surprises.

With a story for each night of the holiday, *CHANUKAH TALES FROM OYKVETCHNIK* is intended as a gift for the whole family to read together year after year—perhaps adding a new tradition to the lighting of the menorah, the spinning of dreidels, and the eating of latkes.

CHANUKAH TALES FROM OYKVETCHNIK is a heartwarming and soulful journey to the roots of Eastern European Jewish heritage and culture. Davis’s sweet and captivating stories gently remind us of the joys and inspiration reflected in the Festival of Lights.

Scott Hilton Davis is a lifelong storyteller, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, and collector of Jewish short stories from 19th century Eastern Europe. He is the author of *Souls Are Flying! A Celebration of Jewish Stories* and the editor of the first English translation of Jacob Dinezon’s Yiddish story collection, *Memories and Scenes: Shtetl, Childhood, Writers*. He lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Amy F. Levine, illustrator, has been doing art for as long as she can remember. She has studied in Tours, France and at the Art Students League in NYC. Her work has been shown in galleries along the east coast from Maine to Florida. She now teaches art in North Carolina.

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