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Storytelling And Spirituality In Judaism



Synopsis

'The purpose of this book is to elevate stories and storytelling in people's esteem, so they will understand their holiness and appreciate them at their full worth. There are those who enjoy stories and storytelling but in the back of their minds think, 'After all, they're only stories.' But in the same way that the Western Wall of the Temple is not just a wall, a mere pile of stones, neither are the stories of the Torah or of the tzaddikim 'just stories.' Holy stories are the light of the world. When we understand that, when both tellers and listeners know they are engaged in sacred activity, we will hold stories and storytelling more dear. The teller will tell with the tongue of faith, the listeners will hear with ears of faith, and the circle of holiness will be closed.' -from the Introduction

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Yitzhak Buxbaum proves himself both as an accomplished teller of stories and an entertaining educator with his publishing of "Storytelling and Spirituality in Judiasm." This book builds upon the Chasidic foundation established by the beloved Rabbi, Yisrael Baal Shem Tov, an original teller of sacred and spiritual tales. Dr. Buxbaum retells many familiar "old" stories, and also includes examples of respected contemporary storyteller's work.. Martin Buber and Elie Weisel among them. We are all potential tellers of spiritually significant tales. Style and technique can be augmented by insight. Yitzhak Buxbaum masterfully supplies all of these qualities, and allows us, with his engaging presentation, to learn and appreciate.

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