

A Note from PJ Goes to School

Your child's exploration of Jewish values through PJ Library books



Featured book and Jewish values

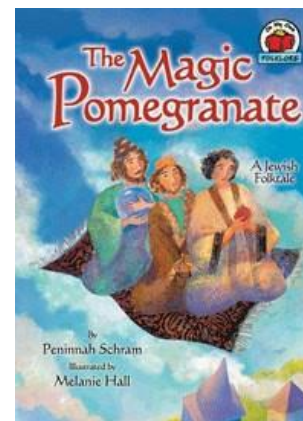
The Magic Pomegranate

by Peninnah Schram

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Three brothers travel to different countries to find unusual gifts. With the oldest brother's gift of a crystal ball they catch sight of a princess who is gravely ill. The second brother's gift, a flying carpet, carries them to the princess. The third brother feeds the princess his magic pomegranate seeds to cure her illness. The princess declares that she will marry the brother who has sacrificed the most to save her. Which one will she choose?



Values

Generosity - *Nedivut* - נְדִיבוּת - the art of thinking of others' needs and giving graciously

Cooperation - *Shi-tuf pe'ulah* - שְׂתוּף פְּעוּלָה - working together to achieve a common goal

What to talk about at home

- Ask your child to tell you who the princess marries and why.
- If you owned a magical fruit that could grant you wishes, what might you wish for?
- How would you use a magical fruit to help others?
- How can we help others without magic?



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What else you can do

- Raise money for a charitable cause by adding coins to a clear jar each time you notice someone doing a generous or kind act. When the jar is full, decide where to send your money.
- Work together on a family jigsaw puzzle. When it is complete, glue it together and hang it in a room for all to enjoy.

More PJ library books about magical journeys, generosity, and cooperation:

[Joha Makes a Wish](#) by Eric Kimmel

[Jumping Jenny](#) by Ellen Bari

[A Mountain of Blintzes](#) by Barbara Diamond Goldin

[All Kinds of Strong](#) by Sharon Reiss Baker