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Oy Vey! Life in a Shoe
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This is a retelling of a well-known folktale in which a man seeks advice about overcrowded home. They all learn to appreciate one another’s quirks.

DISCUSS

The Green Speech movement: This is a challenge to choose words carefully when we talk to one another. Ask your child what they think of the old adage: “Sticks and stones …”

Jewish Values
Peaceful home – Compromise, respect, and a willingness to work through differences are integral to creating a calm, loving home.
Happy with what you have – Happiness depends on feeling satisfied with what you have, and training yourself to look for the good.

DO

Family happy hour: This is a fun way to practice compromise and turn-taking. Set a timer. Each member of the family gets 5-10 minutes to be in charge of a family activity, and everyone else has to agree to participate wholeheartedly.

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