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## **1. Free to Be the Jew in Me**

I can be a Jewish rock star, a Broadway dancer  
a Hebrew teacher, a Rabbi or a Cantor, a deep sea diver, a school bus driver,  
I can be the first Jewish president or a youth group advisor,  
I can be a big league baseball catcher, an antique car collector, a foot doctor,  
a college professor who lectures and lectures, a flight attendant who says "bye  
bye,"  
a philosopher who sighs and says "Hmm, interesting!"  
a daredevil who takes risks, a paleontologist

I'm Free to be the Jew in Me

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There are so many possibilities for me

I'm Free to be the Jew in Me!

I can be a tightrope walker, a politician big talker, a world championship  
wrestler, a Hollywood movie director, a finger painter, flower arranger, a  
policeman who keeps us from danger,

I can be a Jewish fireman and a hero in our nation, I can be a kosher food  
cooker, a CNN reporter, a lawyer, judge or computer fixer, a brick-layer who  
makes mortar (mmm! charoset!)

I can be a mommy or a daddy, raise a beautiful Jewish family, and make them  
eat lots and lots and lots and lots of vegetables!

(that's not a joke, you have to eat your vegetables!)

I can do anything I can be anyone I want to be

If I try hard I'm gonna make my parents proud

I'm gonna make this world a better place because of me

I'm free to be the Jew in me, I'm free to be the Jew in me and all my dreams  
can come true there's

nothing I can't do

I'm Free to Be Me!

## **2. Together We Can Do Anything**

My name is Rick and I'm proud to be me

Your name is \_\_\_\_\_ and you're different than me

I'll be nice to you, and I know you'll be nice to me

Together we can do anything. Oh Yeah!

Together we can do anything. Oh Yeah!  
Together we can do anything

If you're proud to be Jewish,  
Put your hands in the air, jump up and down and say yahoo!  
If you're proud to be you, tickle your tummy like crazy  
If you're proud to be different, make a funny face and a funny sound at the  
same time  
If you're havin' lot's of fun, everybody say 'Oh Yeah! Oh Yeah! Oh Yeah!'

If you like to sing in Hebrew, sing Shalom!  
If you like gefilte fish, everybody say 'mmmm g'filte!'  
If you're kind to all people, hug a friend and say something nice  
If you're havin' lot's of fun, everybody say 'Oh Yeah! Oh Yeah! Oh Yeah!'

### **3. Nukie Tree**

#### **4. Singin' In Hebrew**

Everybody say yad! (hand) – yad!  
Now put one yad in the air. Say yadayim! (hands) – yadayim! Put your  
yadayim in the air.  
Everybody say rosh! (head) – rosh! Put your yadayim on your rosh.  
Everybody say na na na na na na na hey! We're singin' in Hebrew today, na  
na na na na na hey!  
We're singin' in Hebrew today!  
Everybody say regel! (leg) – regel! Now put one yad on your regel.  
Everybody say ozen (ear) – ozen . Put your other yad on your ozen,  
everybody say huh? What? Huh?  
What?(now how do we say what in Hebrew?) We say Ma! What? Huh? Say  
na na na na na na na hey!  
We're singin' in Hebrew today, na na na na na na na hey! at my bet sefer  
(school) today!  
Everybody say peh! (mouth) – peh! Now put one yad on your peh. Everybody  
say peh! Peh! Put your other yad on your af (nose).  
Everybody say af! – af! Say na na na na na na na hey!  
We're singin' in Hebrew today, na na na na na na na hey!

We're singin' in Hebrew today! Everybody say lashon! (tongue) – lashon!  
Now stick out your lashon say lashon! Lashon! We're Singin' in Hebrew  
Today!

### **5. That's What You Do When You're a Jew**

That's what you do when you're a Jew,  
That's what you do when you're a Jew,  
That's what you do when you're a Jew,  
That's what you do when you're a Jew.

Tzedakah is a mitzvah,  
giving food is a good deed, giving toys to girls and boys, making a visit to the  
elderly.

Everybody say yeehaw!

Now kick out a leg and say -That's What You Do!!!

Recycling, celebrating the earth and sea all  
living things, sharing, caring, thanking G-d for everything! Everybody say  
yeehaw! Kick out a leg and say –

That's What You Do!!!

Learning and loving, respecting our family,  
teaching, listening to others when they are in need. Everybody say yeehaw!

Kick out a leg and say,

That's What You Do When You're a Jew!

### **6. The Spice Merchant**

#### **7. Boker Tov**

Good morning, boker tov

Good morning, have a great day

Shalom chaverim

Hello all of my friends

Tov means good

Boker means morning

Tov means good

Boker means morning

Everybody clap your hands

Shalom means hello, chaverim means friends, shalom means hello,  
Chaverim means friends, everybody clap your hands Doot! Doot!  
AAAAEEEEIIIIIOOO Doot Doot!!!!  
Are you ready to rock 'n roll! Boker boker boker boker tov tov tov!  
Rise and shine it's morning time can't wait to wake it's gonna be a great day  
Boker Tov!!!

## **8. That's My Name**

I'm named after my grandmother who's named after her grandfather who's  
named after his great uncle  
Who's named after his great great great aunt  
I've got all these people in me, a great responsibility  
if they could only see me today, they'd be proud of me in so many ways, I feel  
so lucky I can say THAT'S MY NAME!!!  
I've got green eyes like grandma Minnie, I'm smart like grandpa Sam, my red  
hair comes from my Aunt Molly,  
I sing like Uncle Dan, these great people are a part of me and make me who I  
am and that is why my parents  
named me after them...

someday I'll have kids and my kids will have kids and my grandkids will have  
more kids, maybe two or three,  
someday I'll be remembered by a little boy or girl who will be very proud to be  
named after me. We've got all these  
people inside, we're named after them 'cause they lived their lives with  
laughter and love and passion and pride, they went above and beyond and  
that is why we're so proud and excited when we exclaim  
THAT'S MY NAME!

## **9. Mom You're A Star**

### **10. Star Song**

Give me an S Give me a T  
Give me an A  
Give me an R

what does it spell? STAR!  
what does it spell? STAR!  
Are you a star? 'YEA!!!"  
You've got to Stop  
take a deep breath, and relax!  
Stop, take a deep breath, and relax  
You've got to Stop,  
take a deep breath, and relax  
Stop, take a deep breath, and relax!  
If you're feeling kind of angry  
no matter where you are  
there's a way to feel better  
there's a way to be a  
with this one thing to remember  
you'll stop anger in its tracks  
just stop, take a deep breath, and relax!  
If you have a little problem or a friend has made you mad  
here is something that will keep you  
from feeling quite so sad  
it can really make a difference  
remembering these facts  
just stop, take a deep breath  
and relax!

## **11. Can You Believe That!**

## **12. Oseh Shalom**

Oseh Shalom, bimromav hu ya'aseh  
shalom aleinu  
v'al kol yisrael  
v'imru amen

## **13. Shabbat is Not**

Shabbat is not a lot like any other day of week  
when boys and girls and parents run and work hard on their feet

Shabbat is not a lot like all those crazy busy days  
with traffic horns honking, yelling and beeping, buzzing ringing phones ding  
ding dinging  
computer games banging popping screeching and ... well... you get the idea  
Shabbat IS G-d's way  
of saying 'hey!  
why don't you take a break!  
spend time with your family,  
take a bath!  
and eat for goodness sake!  
Shabbat is a time  
to realize time's passing  
a gift of time together  
sundown to sundown  
giving thanks for blessings  
we often find hard to remember  
No  
Shabbat is not a lot like any other day of week  
it's extraordinary, exemplary, and notably – pleasant  
it's really awfully unique  
so that is why I smile a lot  
when I talk about Shabbat  
on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to friends  
cause in two or three days  
I know it will be Friday  
my day to get ready again  
for Shabbat

#### **14. Shabbat Shalom**

Shabbat shalom  
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Light the candles  
pour the wine  
taste the challah

now it's time  
to give thanks  
to take a break  
to take a breath  
to celebrate  
We look ahead,  
we look behind, we have today,  
this special time with our family  
and our friends we celebrate  
as this week ends  
Shabbat Shalom!

### **15. Goin' to Israel**

We're goin' to Israel – Yea!□Yea!  
We're going today – Yea! Yea!  
So get your passports ready- Yea! Yea! We're gonna have a good time – Yea!  
Yea! Yea!  
gonna ride a camel whoa boy!  
gonna eat a big falafel, yum yum  
gonna plant a cyprus tree, dig dig  
gonna float in the Dead Sea, float float  
We're gonna climb Masada, climb climb, gonna shop on Ben Jehudah, shop  
shop  
gonna work on a kibbutz, work work, gonna milk a Jewish cow, squirt squirt  
gonna swim in the Kinneret, splash splash  
gonna hike the Negev desert, shfitz shfitz  
gonna worship at the Wall, pray pray gonna bargain at the Shuk, 10 shekels,  
No! 2 shekels (deal!)  
We're Goin' to Israel Yea!□Yea!

### **16. Ki Va Moed**

Ki va moed

### **17. Eyewareness**



## 18. William Weinstein

When you're different what do you say? Hey! I'm different and I'm proud that way, it's pretty cool I'm not you 'cause then we'd have nothing to do 'cause you'd be me and I'd be you!

Why don't we just say, why don't we just say you and me are different and that's ok!

Why don't we just say, why don't we just say you and me are different and that's ok!

There once was a boy named

William Weinstein

William had red hair just like me

William was smart, William was sweet

but the kids made fun 'cause he had big feet!

So the kids made fun of William Weinstein

the tall redhead with great big feet

'till one day one kid kicked a ball into a tree and no one was tall enough to reach that ball at all

so the kids tried and tried to stretch and reach and jump up high

then out of nowhere came William Weinstein

walking tall and proud up to that tree

and on the tipee toes of his great big feet

William stretched and he reached and he stretched

and he jumped up and down

... Go William Go! Go William Go! and on the

tipee toes of his great big beautiful feet,

William stretched up so high that his fingers could barely, just barely reach...

WAIT! He

got the ball! He got the ball!!!

When you're different what do you say? Hey!

I'm different and I'm proud that way, it's

pretty cool I'm not you 'cause then we'd have nothing to do 'cause you'd be me and I'd be you!

Why don't we just say, why don't we just say

you and me are different and that's ok!

you and me are different and that's ok!

you and me are different and I like you that way!

## **19. Shalom Chaverim**

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Goodbye my friends!

Goodbye my friends!

Goodbye my friends!

Goodbye, see ya later, farewell, adios, hasta la pasta, arrivederci, see ya, later  
dude, rock & roll, shalom!

## **20. Kobi's Lullaby**

Before I close my eyes at night and sleep

before I drift into my dreams

I give thanks for the blessings in my life

for the people who care for me

thank you G-d for my family

thank you G-d for my friends

thank you G-d for the earth and sea

thank you G-d for the trees

and the air I breathe

and thank you G-d for me

When I open my eyes

to the new daylight

before I rise and start my day

I give thanks for the music

and love in my life

for the freedom I have to say

thank you G-d for my family

thank you G-d for my friends

thank you G-d for the earth and sea

thank you G-d for the trees

and the air I breathe

and thank you G-d for me

thank you G-d for my hope

thank you G-d for my heart

thank you G-d for the strength to know wrong from right  
thank you G-d for the faith I have in myself  
and thank you G-d for me  
Sh'ma Yisrael Ad-nai  
El-heinu Ad-nai Echad