

Free to Be the Jew in Me - Lyrics

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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

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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