

# Resource Guide

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## Good Night, Wind

We understand that how we gather looks different these days. Whether you are coming together in person or online, PJ Library will continue to provide content to connect with your community. Inside you'll find ways to:



- **Use Jewish text in everyday occurrences**
- **Make meaningful connections to families through Jewish values**
- **Enrich learning experiences for all ages**



## Good Night, Wind

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In this Yiddish folktale, the wind is like a tired and cranky toddler. What does a tired and cranky toddler do? Throw a tantrum, of course. But some very understanding children are able to soothe the wind and provide what it needs to feel better.

### Empathy 101

The brother and sister in this book are able to help calm the wind because they can empathize with what it's experiencing. We are so much better equipped to support others when we understand and relate to what they're going through. How can you foster this trait in your community? Consider forming small-group cohorts of new members who can get to know each other well. Similarly, with colleagues in your institution, think about inviting someone to facilitate training around relational engagement; it will benefit your entire community.

### Big Feelings in the Torah

The wind goes through a whole range of emotions in the course of this book. For your next Torah study session, explore the big feelings that some of the familiar biblical characters experience, and try to see if those experiences are echoed in this book. Where could Isaac, Miriam, Rebecca, or Moses relate to the wind? Which of the illustrations match what they're feeling? Find pieces of Torah text to pair with those pictures, and keep asking questions.

#### 21st Century Yiddish

As we read in the author's note, this book is based on the Yiddish folktale "*Der Vint, Vos Is Geven In Kas*" ("The Wind Who Got Angry") by Moyshe Kulbak. Take a look at the original story here: [www.pjfor.me/yiddish-wind](http://www.pjfor.me/yiddish-wind). If you're interested in digging deeper into Yiddish literature, the Yiddish Book Center ([yiddishbookcenter.org](http://yiddishbookcenter.org)) has many wonderful resources, and Duolingo ([duolingo.com](http://duolingo.com)) recently launched a program in Yiddish. Does your community have folks that speak Yiddish? Bring them in to learn together, and compare the source text and this retelling.

#### Art Studio

This beautiful book really comes alive with its paper-cut collage illustrations. Take a deep dive into one of the pages with a school group, and then have the students explore the emotions they see through found art materials, either at home for virtual learning or in the classroom. Each participant can choose a feeling to depict using recyclable materials, paper, and other everyday objects. Host an online or in-person art show, and have each artist create a short description of their work similar to one you'd find at a museum or gallery.

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