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Sandy Schuman is a storyteller, musician, and educator. He tells stories about songs and song-writers, personal adventures, historical sagas, folk tales, and stories in the Jewish storytelling tradition. His programs include:

#### **Familiar Songs and their Unfamiliar Stories**

Learn how some of the best-known American songs came to be written. This program features songs from the *Great American Songbook* and stories about the people who wrote them.

#### **Singer, Songwriter, Murderer; "King of the 12-String Guitar"**

Was Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter justly sentenced to prison for murder? Twice? Was he exploited by the man who discovered him? Did he have to share credit for writing the #1 hit song of 1950!

#### **New York Tales: Tall & True**

Some of New York's folklore is truly unbelievable. Some of its history is even more so. "The Great American Hoax," "The Goldarndest Liar," "How New York State Got its Western Border," "The Curse of Mamie O'Rourke," ...

#### **My Father Was a Storyteller**

From help wanted ads to front page headlines, beaches to skyscrapers, my father's longed for saxophone to my sister's required piano, this personal and historical saga stretches across "the stories of a lifetime."

#### **Jewish Stories Every Person Should Know**

A Rabbi, a Prophet, and a King Walk into a Bar – and other stories, old and new, that reveal Jewish humor, tradition, and values.

#### **Welcome to Chelm's Pond ...**

... where the ridiculous stories of Chelm meet the preposterous tall tales of the Adirondacks, where "every acre is two acres, you can till the soil with a teaspoon, and there are not only four seasons, there are five."

#### **How to Tell a Story**

A workshop for beginners – teenagers, educators, grandparents – who want to learn or sharpen their storytelling skills.

*There is always  
another side to the  
story.*



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## Welcome to Chelm's Pond



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## Strings Attached

With this gift the community could rehabilitate its deteriorating *shul*. But there was a catch. Not to worry! Rabbi Chaim Tzvi was sure to find the solution.

## Diner Slang



In another community they might say of Bloomie that she was “as sharp as a bowling ball,” or they might say she was “a few colors short of a rainbow,” or “all foam and no beer.” But, in Chelm’s Pond they said ...



## The Rabbi's Hat

When a microburst blew the rabbi's hat off his head, Bloomie leapt into the air to catch it. Her reward, a few dollars spending money, mushroomed on her visit to the racetrack.



## The True Mother-in-Law

Bloomie and Channie were the only two of their age group who had not married, and all the eligible young men of Chelm were

already spoken for. With their daughters' interests at heart, their two mothers secretly conspired.

## The Broiled Beet

Bloomie took over management of her parents' eatery and called it “The Broiled Beet: Adirondack-Ashkenazick Fusion Cuisine – Meat-Free, Dairy Free, Gluten-Free, and Taste-Free Specialties. The Finest Dining in Chelm’s Pond.”



## The Fly-Fishing Contest



The renowned woodsman had plenty of adventures to share. To hear them, the Chelmites swarmed to The Broiled Beet like black flies to exposed flesh. “My name is Adirondack Mendel and I am here to enter the Fly-Fishing contest!” Business boomed.

## Castle Rock

Castle Rock could provide a fine view of Blue Mountain Lake. All Adirondack Mendel had to do was cut down all the trees obstructing the view. When the polar bear attacked, it was a good thing he jumped off the mountain. Otherwise, he might never have met Aufruf, the talking dog.



## Respect

Bloomie was desperate. Could Rabbi Chayim find a way for them to gain the respect of the community?