



The Adventures of

Hershel of Ostropol

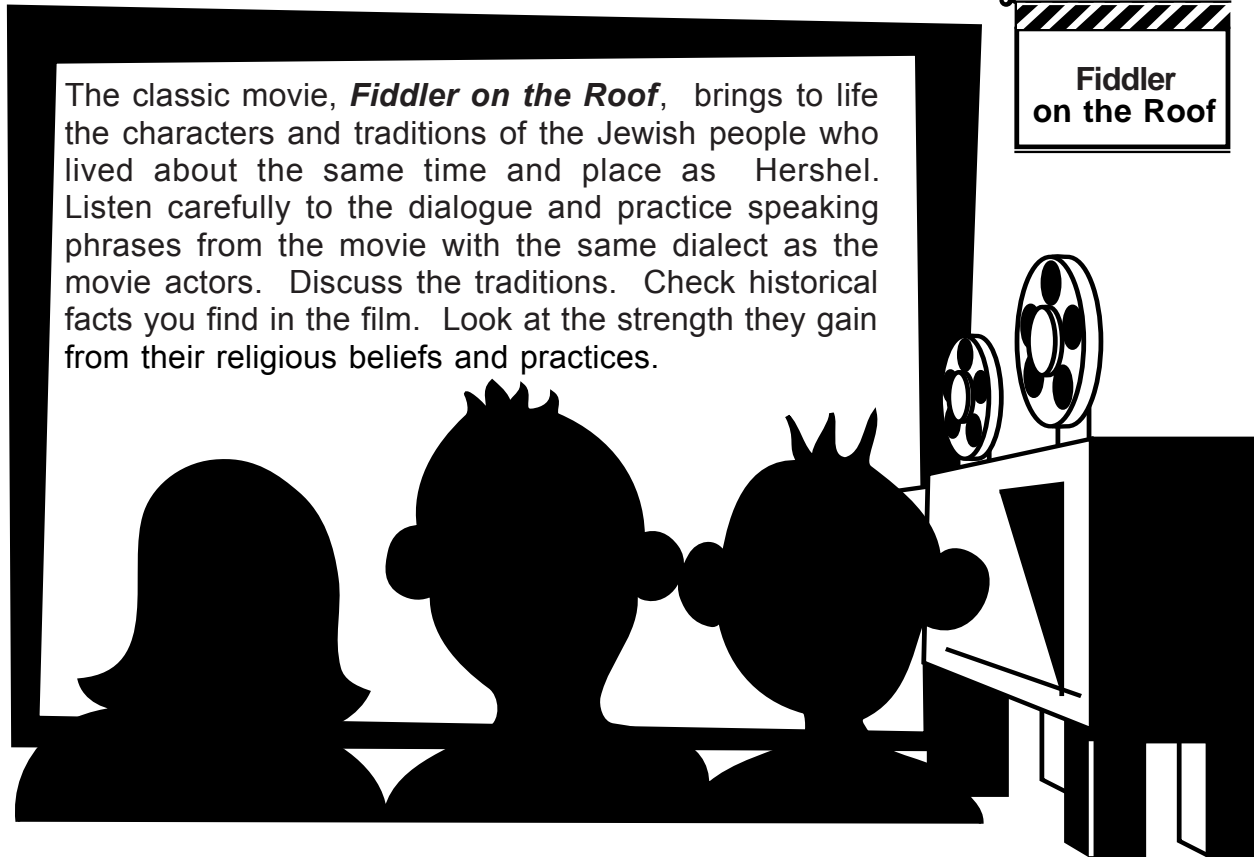


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Now Presenting: Jewish Folklore

Objectives: ...use dramatic forms to communicate ideas effectively
...interpret text ideas through such varied meaning through discussion, enactment, and media
...develop fluency and expression by repeated readings
...entertain others with stories and dramatic activities

Dramatic Film



The classic movie, *Fiddler on the Roof*, brings to life the characters and traditions of the Jewish people who lived about the same time and place as Hershel. Listen carefully to the dialogue and practice speaking phrases from the movie with the same dialect as the movie actors. Discuss the traditions. Check historical facts you find in the film. Look at the strength they gain from their religious beliefs and practices.

Readers' Theater

After reading and discussing each story aloud, get into groups of four, and reread the story. You will need a narrator, Hershel, and two other actors for each story. (You can find more about Readers' Theater on page 85 of [Heart of the Hero](#).)

Dramatic Theater

Divide your class into smaller groups to **act out** each of the stories in **The Adventures of Hershel of Ostropol**. Most of the stories can be adapted to just two actors. What props will be necessary? How can they be made quickly and simply? Could you make a cow from a chair with paper bags? Video tape your performances to preserve your dramatic film for others in your school to enjoy as they follow in your footsteps.

