

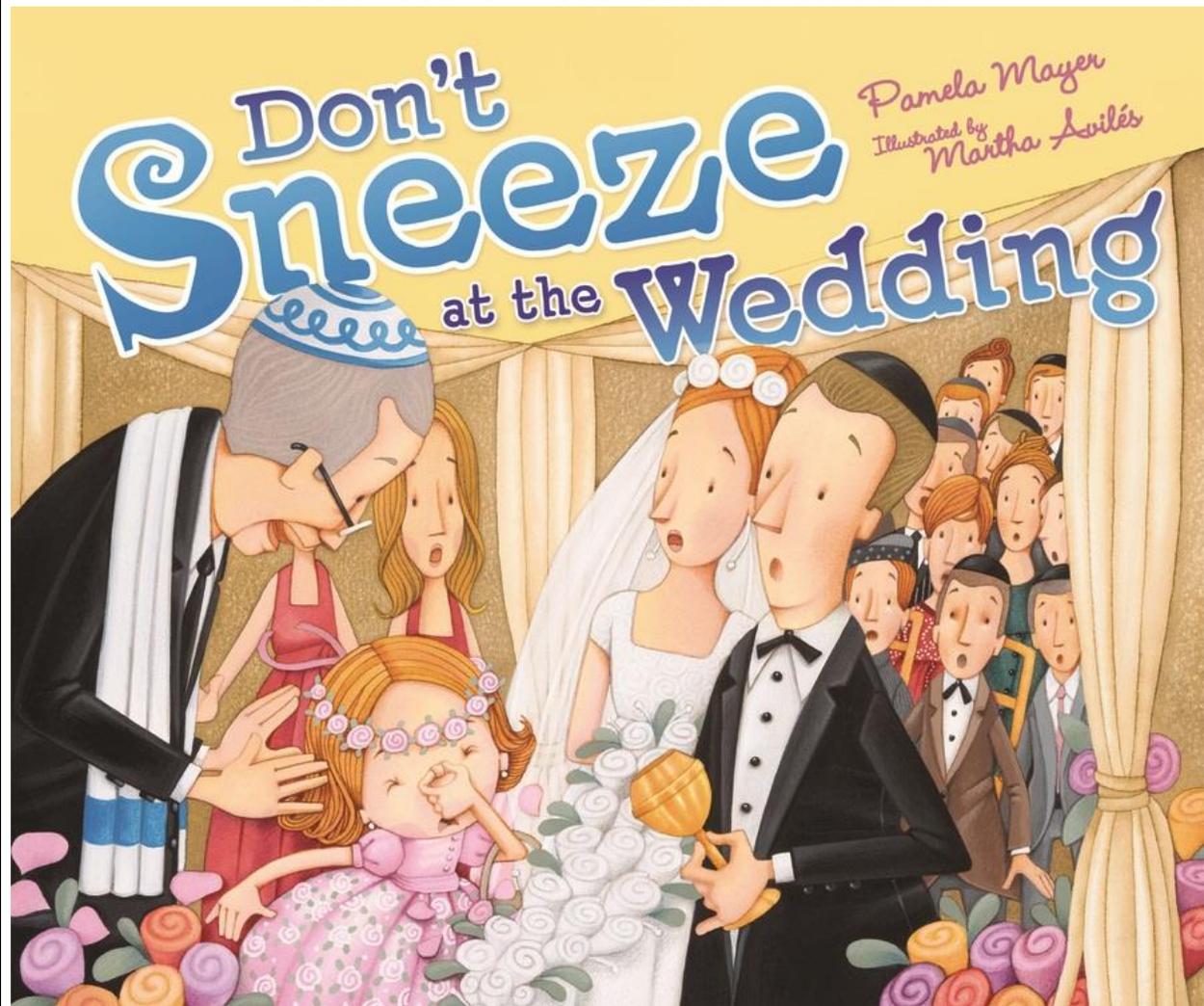
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How to Use This Reader's Theater

This is a reader's theater meant for teachers, parents, and students reading *Hannah's Way* together.

What is reader's theater? It's a way to involve students in reading aloud. In reader's theater, students "perform" by reading scripts created from grade-level books or stories. Usually they do so without costumes or props. Reader's theater is a strategy that combines reading practice and performing. Its goal is to enhance students' reading skills and confidence by having them practice reading with a purpose. Reader's theater gives students a real reason to read aloud.

About the Book

About the Author

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DON'T SNEEZE AT THE WEDDING

Reader's Theater Script

Characters: Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Anna, Dad , Mom, Grandma, Monsieur Phillippe the Hairdresser, Betty the Florist, Glenn the Photographer, Rabbi Bernstein, Aunt Rachel, Uncle Matt, Chorus (Group Part)

Narrator 1: On the morning of Aunt Rachel's wedding, Anna woke up with an –

Anna: Ah-choo!

Mom: Please don't sneeze at the wedding, little flower girl.

Dad: If you feel a sneeze coming on, press your finger to your upper lip.

Chorus: Press lip. Don't sneeze.

Narrator 2: Anna wore her pink flower girl dress to the temple. When she saw her grandma –

Anna: Ah-choo!

Mom: Please don't sneeze at the wedding.

Grandma: To stop a sneeze, wiggle your earlobe.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle ear lobe. Don't sneeze.

Narrator 1: Anna went to the room where Aunt Rachel and her bridesmaids were getting ready.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Aunt Rachel: Please don't sneeze at the wedding.

Monsieur Phillippe: If you think you are going to sneeze, just say "pineapple".

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say "pineapple". Don't sneeze.

Narrator 2: Next, the flowers were delivered.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Grandma: Please don't sneeze at the wedding.

Betty: To stop sneezing, tap your forehead between your eyes.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say "pineapple". Tap forehead. Don't sneeze.

Narrator 1: Glenn arrived to start the photographs.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Aunt Rachel: Please don't sneeze at the wedding.

Glenn: When you feel a sneeze, pinch your nose.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say "pineapple". Tap forehead. Pinch nose. Don't sneeze.

Narrator 2: Anna watched Aunt Rachel and Uncle Matt sign the ketubah.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Uncle Matt: Please don't sneeze at the wedding.

Rabbi Bernstein: To stop a sneeze, hold your breath for a moment.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say "pineapple". Tap forehead. Pinch nose. Hold breath. Don't sneeze.

Anna: The wedding is about to start. I'll practice all of my remedies.
(Anna silently shows each one, i.e., she presses lip, wiggles earlobe, mouths "pineapple", taps nose, pinches nose, holds breath).

Mom: Anna didn't sneeze when she walked down the aisle.

Dad: Anna didn't sneeze when Aunt Rachel joined Uncle Matt under the chuppah.

Grandma: Anna didn't sneeze when the bride and groom shared a glass of wine.

Anna: I didn't sneeze when they exchanged rings or when the rabbi sang the seven blessings.

Narrator 1: But just as Rabbi Bernstein placed a glass wrapped in cloth under Uncle Matt's foot, Anna felt a sneeze coming on.

Anna: Ah-ah-

Chorus: Press finger to lip, wiggle earlobe, say "pineapple", tap forehead, pinch nose, hold breath.

Narrator 2: Uncle Matt raised his foot over the glass.

Uncle Matt: I stomp on the glass.

(at the same time)

Anna: Ah-choo!

Chorus: Mazel Tov!

Chorus: Hurray! We were louder than the sound of Anna's sneeze.

Rabbi Bernstein: Gezundheit! To your health, Anna.

Anna: I sneezed at the wedding, but only the rabbi heard.